

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

Expressions of Coast Newspapers in Brief.

On All Shades of Political Belief and Upon Leading Topics of the Day.

Oroville Register: It is a wise prophet that can come within 100,000 of what McKinley's plurality in New York will be. The Democrats there not only know that they are beaten, but are glad of it.

Placerville Nugget: There is not much difference of opinion respecting the combination which is endeavoring to put the Democrats in the United States Senate. He is objectionable to half of the populists and to all the Democrats and Republicans, and by this time Democrats must realize that it is useless for them to vote for fusion candidates for the Legislature in the idea that it may lead to the choice of a Democrat for United States Senator, since that is impossible; if all the Democrats who are running should be elected their party would be powerless.

Los Angeles Express: McKinley will be elected by the Legislature in what was ever cast for a President. Now let the people set about assuring the election of a Republican Congress that will be in harmony with McKinley. Work for McLachlan and the Republican members of the Legislature. It won't do to mar the glorious victory by any oversight.

Calaveras Chronicle: After all the vital issue in this campaign is neither free silver or a protective tariff. These issues are important, but there is another which overshadows both. The vital issue is: Whether or not the form of this Government shall be perpetuated upon lines as originally laid down.

Fresno Republican: Mark Hanna is the name of the monster with which Populists and Democrats now scare their children to sleep, and he is also the person who recently shut down work at his mines in order to give the miners an opportunity to hear Mr. Bryan speak when he visited that locality. They were not asked to shout for McKinley, either, or wear Republican badges. It will not be denied, of course, that Hanna is a direct descendant of a certain class of men, but we must admit that we have not heard of any silver millionaire showing a similar courtesy to speakers advocating McKinley's election who have "invaded" their territory.

Contra Costa Gazette: Archbishop Ireland's letter upon the political situation denounces the Chicago platform as "the secession of 1861, which our soldiers believed they had assigned to eternal oblivion." Appomattox, which demands again recognition by the American people." This, he asserts, is a "notice served upon the flag of Columbia it is without power of self-assertion or self-defense." This patriotic declaration of the prelate is as patriotic as it is manly and courageous, and his bold stand for the right is a sad blow to Bryanism, which is and the disruption of the Republic.

Alameda Telegram: It is a significant fact that since Bryan has been on his canvassing tour he has made no allusion to the tariff, except perhaps to say that it was not now an issue. Bryan has been unwilling to call up his free trade record in Congress, and his supporters in California have been especially shy in making any references to it.

Ukiah Press: Do you believe it advantageous for you to be enabled to sell his obligations at par and above? Do you know of any country on a silver basis that can sell its obligations at par?

Visalia Delta: The campaign of two years ago was fought out on tariff lines and the Democratic party won it. The Congress then elected to enact both of tariff legislation that now the Democratic press and orators will not discuss or even refer to that which was with them the leading issue for a generation. Their candidate for President, William J. Bryan, who has made the tariff through a long-distance telephone.

same table, sat William Jennings Bryan, engaged in a similar capacity. He had then no more thought of being nominated by his party as its candidate for the Presidency than Mr. Ingraham had of being nominated by his party as its candidate for the Presidency. William Jennings Bryan was a barrister without a brief, an attorney without a client; he was so poor that it was said that if suits of ready-made clothing were selling at one cent apiece he could not have bought the attire that he wore during his waistcoat on time. "And yet," concludes Mr. Ingraham, "William Jennings Bryan, of all others, is the man who is to-day preaching to American citizens the doctrine that opportunities have been foreclosed to the young and poor."

AN INSULTING THING. Tulare Register: And even the Boy Orator of the United States for the Second Congressional District. Also, a Senator from the Thirtieth Senatorial District. This alleged coercion as the deception carried out in the retirement of the Australian booth. His own words convict him of insincerity, as he recognizes the weak place in any system of intimidation. This emboldment of lung power knows that he is raising a false issue which has no excuse for being left for the masses to decide, and his harangues are as mischievous as they are insincere.

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SLANDERS THE CLERGY. Redlands Citrongraph: In the course of his speech at Wilmington, Del., Mr. Bryan said: "The ministers are in league with the monopolists; they live in ease, opulence and luxury; they are in their work for what they get out of it. I have often wondered where they got the religion they are preaching." It really seems as if Mr. Bryan has taken to the habit of making a profession of speech-making have wrought a wonderful change in him. One year ago he would not have dreamed of making so bitter and vile an attack on a body of men distinguished for honesty, purity of character, self-denial and poor living. Such attacks lose, not gain, votes.

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