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George Fred Williams on Bryan.
Our Democratic contemporary in this city quotes approvingly a tribute from George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, in which he declares that Bryan is the "only logical leader of the Democracy." It will be remembered that George Fred Williams is the same individual who, in the Chicago convention, pledged himself that the old Bay State would give its electoral vote to Bryan in 1896. George Fred wanted to be on the ticket for vice president.

But the point about George Fred Williams regarding Bryan as the ideal leader is hardly in harmony with the Register's exclusive special from New York on the day previous, announcing that Andrew Carnegie, O. H. P. Belmont and other gold men and "eastern millionaires" are going to back up Bryan with their millions on condition that he would abandon the paramount feature of the Chicago platform. George Fred is a rank free silverite, though, unlike some of those who are trying to find an "anti-expansion" candidate for the presidency, is not inconsistent. He is "anti-expansion" and free silver. Like Bryan, especially is he for free silver. The others are "gold bugs," whom Mr. Bryan hates, but "anti-expansionists," strange to say, cannot find a leader for President without going into the free silver ranks.

George Fred isn't wise in the article which the Register commends, however. If he were wise he would tell the real truth and not make such remarks as the following, which the Register includes in what it calls a "graceful tribute":

"When the war was declared he (Bryan) offered his life to his country; denied opportunity for active service by the administration, he did not complain. With rare judgment he has allowed others to condemn the administration for its faults in the conduct of the war. He supported the administration in its negotiations with a foreign foe; a smaller nation would not have resisted the temptation to embarrass his political opponent. He stands now as a presidential candidate, pledged to give independence to the nation, which have been rescued from Spain's oppression. With him not another drop of blood would be spilled on foreign soil and our flag would mean liberty and not conquest."

This is indeed "graceful," gracefully idiotic. First, in the absurd statement that the administration denied him opportunity for active service in the war. Bryan was in active service as much as thousands of other patriotic volunteers, whom the shortness of the war prevented from taking active part in the fighting. West Virginia furnished two splendid regiments, as good as Mr. Bryan's, according to records; neither saw active fighting. It was true of many regiments from other states. George Fred simply imagines what he says.

Second, Colonel Bryan did no more than his patriotic duty in supporting the Chief Executive in negotiating a treaty of peace with the foe—no more than millions of other citizens did. There is nothing great about that, simply a citizen's duty.

Third, in Bryan's pledge to "grant independence" to the "nations rescued from Spanish rule." Should Mr. Bryan be the next President, it would be two years from now, a long while after these questions are finally settled and peace and contentment is universal. A President cannot "grant independence" to nations that do not exist. The purpose of the present Executive is, with the aid of Congress, to grant liberty and free government to peoples at present without any government that would be recognized by any civilized nation on earth.

So much for George Fred Williams' "graceful tribute," which is done to boom Mr. Bryan, whose free silver theory that would discredit the nation's financial honor is more important than his patriotic sympathy for the treacherous Aguinaldo, whose people this country is about to set free, and present them with peace and a civilized government, in spite of George Fred, Mr. Atkinson and Colonel Bryan.

What Carnegie Tells the British.
Andrew Carnegie has contradicted the report that he was afraid of the trust craze injuring the Carnegie company, and says that was not the reason for his retirement. He tells a London correspondent that he always intended to devote his old age to distributing the money which he has made, and is content to rest in retirement. His fortune is more than a hundred million, and he has already made public gifts in this country aggregating \$10,000,000. He remarks to the correspondent: "I believe in developing a dignified and unselfish life after sixty." He does not like to be called a "philanthropist," as the term is usually applied to a man "with a great deal of money and little sense." Carnegie's public gifts have always been for good and wise purposes.

Mr. Carnegie also told the newspapers in his native land, Great Britain, that

business is more prosperous in the United States than for years, and that he warned them years ago that the great American foreign trade now competing with England in her own markets was coming. It will continue, he declares, because the American manufacturer has the advantage. It is that minerals are being worked out in the old country, while in America they are just being opened. Mr. Carnegie was frank enough to impress on the foreign competitors the pertinent fact that "the American is the most alert and versatile man in the world, and that the American workman is more skillful than any other." No man in America is better qualified to know that this is true.

Fruits of Bad Laws.

Arkansas Democracy, as applied to legislation in that state, is bearing fruit, making the commonwealth debtor to the many populist laws that have been enacted. The Bryan Democracy has 128 majority in the Arkansas legislature, and it has passed some new laws. One of the results may be noted in a dispatch sent by the Helena, Ark., cotton exchange to the Houston, Texas, cotton exchange, which appears in the Galveston News. The telegram is suggestive and says:

"Six hundred bales of cotton shipped from here to Memphis last week, and 1,000 going to-day, in order to obtain fire insurance; to compress deprived of considerable profit thereby. Building and loan association risks on which policies are expiring are to be foreclosed and no new loans are being made. Plant of Missouri Hop company burned Sunday morning, without a dollar of insurance, entailing a loss of \$15,000. Was a new concern just under way, and had applied for insurance the same week the anti-trust bill went into effect; will not be rebuilt, and the community loses benefit of \$400 weekly pay roll and \$20 timber bill. Business men badly demoralized."

The Galveston News remarks, concerning this state of affairs, that "even the most ardent advocate of the Arkansas plan must find in this something to stop and think over." The laws enacted under the Bryanite government of Arkansas were mainly aimed at corporations. There were no discriminations. Insurance companies have under the law been practically driven from the state, and there is no encouragement for the investment of capital in any line by any body of men representing a corporation. The particular trouble referred to above is the inability of any manufacturing or any other sort of concern having valuable stocks and buildings to obtain fire insurance policies from reliable companies, but Arkansas has even worse laws than this, bad as it is.

Incidentally, it will be well for West Virginia legislators and prospective legislators, and those who are aspiring for such honors, to bear in mind the example of Arkansas and one or two other states that have permitted themselves to be carried away by the clamor for extreme legislation aimed at enterprise, which tends to discourage investments and embarrass business already established.

The public is already feeling the bad effects of the passage of the valued policy insurance bill last winter, a measure which if it were just a little more extreme, might bring similar results to those in Arkansas. The fact that the bill passed the house of delegates practically by the unanimous vote of those present, and passed the senate by a vote of 14 to 11, divides the political responsibility about equally, and the effects that are bound to be felt should be a warning to both parties. The tendency in the legislature among a certain element was in the direction of some unwise legislation. Fortunately discreet heads, combined with lack of time, prevented it all from going through.

Governor Thomas, of Colorado, denies emphatically the report that he would take steps to get the Colorado volunteers home from Manila, in spite of the government, and says he never made the statements in a published interview. In response the war department accepts his denial, and states that no effort is being spared to effect the speedy return of all the volunteers. It is natural that the long distance and the matter of transportation should make the work appear slow to the friends of the troops, but it is progressing. The purpose is to replace the volunteers with regulars as quickly as possible.

The peach-loving public may as well make up its mind now that peaches will be scarce this season. The peach crop is a failure throughout the country, with the exception of California, which can only supply a small percentage of the demand. This is not a pleasant outlook. The remarkable cold wave in February, which swept over the whole country, is responsible for the situation. The peach buds were killed and we will have to make the best of the situation. There is compensation, however, in the knowledge that other domestic fruits show great promise.

An important decision by the state court of appeals last Saturday determines judicially the powers of the state auditor, a question which has been a matter of discussion for some time. It is to the effect that the auditor's powers are executive as well as judicial, and that a payment of a certified claim from state courts for services rendered in the courts are at his discretion. The remedy is to appeal to the legislature for the allowance, if the auditor holds that it is excessive. The decision is said to be important, as it affects claims for stenographers employed by the courts.

All is quiet in Samoa pending the arrival of the commissioners to settle the governmental question. But a more remarkable feature of the news from Apla is that some of the belligerent natives died merely from the shock of bursting shells, without being wounded or struck.

The first circus day of the season brought a large number of people to the city from outside communities. A noticeable feature of the day was that the outside visitors seemed to have im-

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bibbed the general tendency of Wheelingites not to use the street car service to the exhibition grounds. Many of them, however, being from the country, are used to walking long distances.

AMERICAN WORKMEN.

Their Superiority to the Laborer of Other Nations Acknowledged—The Qualities of Success.

Louisville Courier Journal: The superiority of the American workman to the laborer of other nations has long been conceded by intelligent foreign observers. The qualities which gave our arms such complete and speedy success in the war with Spain, elevating the nation at once to the highest plane of foreign estimation, were no new acquisitions. They were the same characteristics that have been displayed in the practical walks of life. The American workman long ago stamped himself as being the most intelligent, industrious and zealous artisan in the world. American commerce and industry are bottomed upon such sturdy characteristics of the labor they employ that it is no wonder the nation is such a leader in the trade and manufacturing of the world.

The superiority of the American mechanic has long been understood by manufacturers and political economists as more than enough to make up for what advantages other nations derive from low rates of wages. The highest priced labor in the world is the cheapest producer, as is easily proved in the manufacture of steel and machinery. This is so plain that no thinker ever regards it necessary to protect our industries by tariffs.

Mr. Walter Dixon, one of the best-known engineers of Glasgow, has been traveling in America, and recently gave some impressions of American industry in a paper read before the west of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute. In it he paid the following tribute to the American workman:

"I have been intimately connected with large numbers of our workmen for the past twenty years or more, and I talked labor questions over with many classes in America, and I must come to the conclusion that, just as our own men, generally speaking, are bent on doing as little as possible in a given time, the American workman is bent on doing as much as possible. While individually outside work and often at his work the British workman is all that we could wish, and such as was bound to place our country in the forefront of the industrial countries of the world, he has from many causes, (which we know of and which he knows of) for many years past come to consider that the main question in his life is—how much is he going to get for the time he spends at his work or at the workshop, with little regard as to what he is going to give in return.

"The American artisan earns more wages than our own, but he does more work and thus often produces at a cheaper cost, and it must be obvious that if we are to maintain our position one of the greatest needs of this country is that it shall be able to get an honest day's labor for an honest day's pay. If our labor leaders would put their energies in this direction they would find ample scope, and if they could induce their well drilled battalions to fall into line they would not find the wage question such a serious one as it is now. It must be obvious that a spell of prosperity to the country which can't possibly be maintained indefinitely under the present artificial, iniquitous, demoralized and demoralizing system."

Such commendation as this and coming from such a high source, is to be appreciated even more greatly than the praises lavished upon our army and navy. Wars are for a day, while the struggle for bread goes on forever. If we have brought to this contest the qualities which insure success, it is a matter worthy of more pride than that we have smitten the Spaniards hip and thigh and have demonstrated our valor and military skill on land and water for a hundred years.

HIGH LIGHTS.

About the time people have learned how to live it is time to die.

The bigger a man gets the more he seems to feel "just like a boy."

The meanest kind of curiosity is that which pretends to be mere, friendly interest.

When the first strawberry shortcake appears, a solemn hush pervades the family circle.

No woman is genuinely hopeless until she quits caring how her frocks fit in the back.

More married women would receive bouquets if husbands didn't feel so silly carrying flowers.

It is rank folly to believe that marriage is a failure just because you happened to have had luck.

The girl who can trim hats like a milliner has too much neighborhood popularity for her own good.

There is no such thing as an old newspaper; the oldest one in print contains something you haven't read.

Adam pretended to love Eve, but if he had been glued to her side the snake wouldn't have got a chance.—Chicago Daily News.

THERE is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials. Address, P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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It is easy to see through people who make spectacles of themselves.

Some things go without saying and some people say without going.

Don't get too swift; you can walk farther in a day than you can run.

Lives of great men oft remind us how easy it is not to achieve greatness.

Time heals all wounds, but the trouble is that our time on earth is limited.

The chef may not be a sharpshooter, but he is able to hold his own at the range.

No one ever heard a pretty girl say anything about her beauty being only skin deep.

The man who thinks he knows it all is compelled to take water oftener than the man who has doubts.

Nothing—Something the rich man wants, the poor man has, the miser spends and the spendthrift saves.

The knowledge that you are unable to do a thing at all is next in importance to being able to do it well.

The meek may eventually inherit the earth, but the chances are that when they do there will be very little demand for real estate.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Death probably changes most of us a lot less than life does.

A person's character can best be read in the mouth, especially by the dentist.

A man is naturally weaker than a woman, but stronger because he knows it.

No man deserves any credit for going without a dissipation that he doesn't enjoy.—New York Press.

PASSING PLEASANTIES.

Investigation Postponed.—"Do you know just where Samoa is?" "Not yet. I intend to look it up if the controversy gets any hotter."—Puck.

Repartee.—The Lawyer—Take your case to somebody else. You are too thin-skinned. The Client—Hardly pay you to skin me, eh?—Detroit Journal.

Filling a Deficiency.—"The literary life is not a path of roses." "I don't know; lots of authors are eternally throwing bouquets at themselves."—Chicago Record.

Just Girls.—Juliet (yawning)—Dear me! I feel thirty years old to-day. Angelica—Why, what have you been taking to rejuvenate yourself?—Chicago News.

Surprising.—Mr. Gotham—Here, sir, is some whiskey which I have had in my cellar for twenty years. Colonel Kaintuck—Well! Well! How did it get lost?—New York Weekly.

Ghosts and Society Ghosts.—"Aren't your Psychical Research Club meetings very dull, Miss Priscilla?" "No; you see, we always wind up with a pillow-case masquerade and dance."—Detroit Free Press.

His Memory.—"Did you ever find that when you stood up to talk before an assemblage you forgot everything you ever knew?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I never was investigated."—Washington Star.

Not Too Confident.—"M. Muraviev," asked the czar, "what luck are we going to have with this peace conference?" "Can't say," replied the statesman. "If we could whip all the other nations, we might make them accept our benevolent propositions; but, as it is—" He shook his head dubiously.—Brooklyn Life.

A Long-needed Work.—Hibber—What are you writing now? Scribber—A volume of bright sayings for infants. Hibber—But how on earth can it be of any use to infants? Scribber—It can't. It's intended to be of use to parents in saving the wear and tear on their imaginations.—Brooklyn Life.

Once upon a time a farmer, setting out for the market-place, shaved off the whiskers on his neck. "For," explained he, "I shall probably blow out the gas, and I would rather it be thought I intended to commit suicide than that I didn't know any better."

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