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The child with her penny savings bank, The small boy with his small change, The lady with her pig money savings, The small man with his small roll, The big man with his big roll, The big man who applies for a big loan, The man who applies for a big loan, The lady with her church subscription, The small boy with school entertainment tickets, The child with society entertainment tickets.

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Song of the City. I said to the poet, 'You who have sung of force, Of love and battle, a man's song, Of the glad fertility of league wide fields, Of brown rangers with herds of this, that cattle, Where is your song of the city? Where is your song of the forces of the city? Stronger than brass of brass, Whose with the knowledge of million conning brains? Let me hear your song of the city! And the poet, Here on the topmost gridler, stand for a moment and listen, Close your eyes, look on a nation To look on a nation's warning, A swift death-stroke upon you, Close your eyes to the workers, on this and narrow planting, Nonchalant, tossing and catching, The vibrant red banners, Above the heads of the city; I see them, Valiant and true, Above the clouds, whirl, Play Pitch-and-toss with comets, I watch their play, explain their, But you, close your eyes and listen.

BRYAN'S ELECTION STATEMENT

William J. Bryan has issued the following statement, on the election result: 'The election has gone against us by a decisive majority. The returns are not all in, and it is impossible at the present time to analyze them or to say what causes contributed most to the republican victory. We made our fight upon a platform which embodied what we believed to be good for the American people, but it is for the people themselves to decide what laws they desire and what method of government they prefer. I have faith that the publicity which we asked for will commend itself to the American people that the election of senators by the people will be secured, that the inequities of the trust will arouse an opposition that will result in the elimination of the principle of private monopoly. I am confident that the people will see the necessity for the labor legislation and the tariff reduction which our platform demanded. I am confident, too, that the educational work done in this campaign will result in securing greater protection to bank depositors. Still Hopes for Reform. These are the most prominent reforms for which we labored and I believe that these reforms will yet come, together with more effective regulation of railroads and independence for the Philippines. I desire to commend the work of our national committee. I am entirely satisfied with Mr. Mack as the chairman and with the members of the committee. I do not see what they could have done more than they did, and as for myself I put forth every effort in my power to secure victory for our cause. The nomination came from the hands of the voters; I have obeyed their command and have led as best I could. Words will not express my gratitude for the devotion which has been shown by millions of democrats during the last twelve years. Neither am I able to adequately express my appreciation for the kind words which have been spoken since the election. Wants Not Office Only. If I could regard the defeat as purely a personal one, I would consider it a blessing rather than a misfortune, for I am relieved of the burdens and responsibilities of an office that is attractive only in proportion as it gives an opportunity to render a larger public service. But I shall serve as willingly in a private capacity as in a public one. God does not require great things of us; he only requires that we improve the opportunities for service presented by private life. In this hour of national defeat I find some consolation in the cordial support given by my neighbors, by the citizens of Lincoln, and by the people of the state of Nebraska. With a democratic governor and a democratic legislature we shall be able to put into practice so much of the Denver platform as relates to state legislation, and I trust that our state will set an example that will be an influence for good in the nation. GOV BOIES OFFERS SOLUTION OF FARM HAND PROPOSITION. Former Governor Horace Boies has written the following letter to a Waterloo paper: In a recent issue of Wallace's Farmer I read an article entitled: 'The Farm Labor Problem.' The writer clearly recognizes the grave importance of the subject he discusses and asks: 'What then, shall we do to increase the number of farm laborers?' and his answer is: 'Frankly, we don't know.' Mr. Wallace has here suggested the gravest practical problem with which the people of Iowa have to deal. His answer to his own question is the only answer that can be made to it under present conditions. To my mind, however, it suggests another, equally important. What would be the effect upon Iowa farms, if by legislation or otherwise, we could rid the state of its foreign population? There has been much in my own experience and that of others with which I am familiar to suggest this question. I may be excused for referring to some of them in connection with the fact that for more than a decade the population of our state has been steadily declining. What I have in mind is a tract of twenty-five hundred acres of agricultural land located in Grundy county, this state. For forty years this land has occupied much of my attention. For many years I tried to cultivate some of it with hired help. During that time much of my most efficient help was foreign born. The time came, when, by reason of the scarcity of competent help I could not afford to cultivate my own land. I then divided the tract into ten different farms, and for many years have rented these to tenants. The situation on these farms at present does not vary largely from what it has been for many years. There are now occupied by ten different and distinct families. Of these, six are foreign born Germans, one of German descent but born in this country, one of English and one American. On these farms there are now employed, by the season six farm hands and one hired girl. Of the men, five are foreign born Germans and one is an American. The girl is a very recent German immigrant. To show something of the situation, so far as female help on the farms is concerned, I refer to her experience since she reached here as it is related to me. A short time since, a farmer living eighteen miles from where the girl is now employed came to see her, and offered her four dollars a week to go to his home and work for him. This she declined, because she could neither speak nor understand his language. A few days later, another, from ten miles away in a different direction, sought her services and offered her four and a half dollars a week to go with him. This she declined for the same reason, and accepted service in the family of a German farmer at three dollars a week for the winter and four the remainder of the season. It was my privilege to be present at the annual picnic of the Iowa Society in Los Angeles, California, last winter. At that gathering more than fifteen thousand people from Iowa registered their names with the county from which they came. A few of them, like myself, were tourists who came back to Iowa in the spring, but the great bulk of the immense throng of sturdy men, women and children had left Iowa for a permanent residence there. And this was a single point in a state nearly one thousand miles in length, sprinkled all over with Iowa people who had left our state never to return to live. A few weeks since, I had occasion to visit a sparsely settled district in western Canada. In the year that had passed since my last previous visit, four families from Iowa had moved to that neighborhood, three of them to become permanent settlers, and a fourth to improve wild land and rent it and return to this state. Each one of the three permanent settlers was a German farmer, with his wife and children. In my own and nearby neighboring cities there are four different land companies, whose business it is to purchase large tracts of cheap agricultural lands in Canada and western states of our own, and then solicit homeseekers from Iowa and speculators to go with them and settle on these cheap lands or buy the same and hold them for sale at a higher price. In this business each company makes semi-annual trips with private cars filled with Iowa farmers and Iowa investors in search of homes or a place to invest their money, and through this source a constant stream of Iowa people and Iowa capital is pouring over the borders of our state never to return to it again. Is it possible for any thoughtful man, loyal to the best interests of our state, to contemplate the situation as it is, without feeling that something is necessary to stem the fearful tide that is depleting her population, scattering her wealth to the four corners of the world? And to accomplish this, what is needed most? Is this a hard problem to solve? If anyone is in doubt let him go to her naked fields, stripped of the bone and and brawn that is necessary to make them blossom like the rose, and fill her granaries with food for a hungry world. It is men we need. Men, whose hands are hard with toil. Men and women who will go to the country and stay on the farm. Where are we to find them? Stop and think. Is it American boys or American girls who will do this? We know better. There is one source, and one alone, from which manual laborers in the house and out of it must come to us. It they come at all, and that is the overcrowded districts of the Old World. It is there we must find the muscles that work our mines, build and repairs our railroads, and drives the plows to till our soil. Take away that we now have of this and Iowa would become a desert in a year; her mines would close, her railroads dwindle to decay, and her farms be overgrown with weeds instead of grain. What, then, does prudence suggest should be done to insure the future prosperity of our state? Do we need laws to encourage or laws to retard immigration to our state? So far as our farmers are concerned, there are few countries in the old world from which efficient help can come. Among these Germany is the first, Sweden Norway and Denmark the others from which we can expect much help of this kind of either sex. The immigrants from these coun-

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tries come to us with habits of their own that have been the growth of centuries in the fatherland. Among these is the almost universal use in a moderate way, of the mildest and least harmful intoxicants, such as wine and beer. To many of our own people such use seems harmful, but to these people it is an innocent and harmless as the use of tea or coffee among ourselves. How have we met this habit of theirs, innocent as it seems to them, if not indulged in to excess? At first we made it a penal offense for anyone to manufacture or sell to one of them, or to anyone else a single drop of alcoholic liquor of any kind to be used as a beverage. Not a man in Iowa who believed a natural right of his own was affected respected that law. The result was its open and flagrant violation in the chief centers of our population, and its secret and almost as constant violation in every other locality of the state. In time the law worked badly in a political way against the party that enacted it, and then the same party, without repealing the first, enacted another by which certain persons may with impunity violate the first law, provided they do so in a certain specified way, particularly pointed out by the second law. Among others it is provided that the party who is to be protected against violations of our arbitrary law shall immune himself in a single room, with one line of ingress and egress, without furniture of any kind to adorn its interior, with unshaded windows looking out upon a public street, and then he must see that the accessory of the crime he is about to commit stands straight up and down while he swallows the prohibited draught. If he does all this and much more without swerving a hair's breadth from the plan provided by the Act, he can appeal to one law to safeguard him against unlimited violations of another equally solemn statute of the same state. We could have made this last law a little more ridiculous in the eyes of foreign residents if we had provided that they should stand on their heads instead of their feet while they sipped their wine and beer. Now what is the harvest of these laws? If we search for good they have produced do we find it? If there is less intemperance in Iowa than there was before their enactment? If, so, how is it shown? Is it shown by their turn to the other side; what are their evils? In the first place, a deep-seated contempt for all their provisions by every man who feels that his own manhood his own inalienable rights, and his own sense of justice include almost every foreigner in the state and a vast number of our own people as well. The result is a willingness on every hand in many communities of this state to see their laws treated with contempt and protest even to the verge of purging in our courts known violators of the same. Their attempted enforcement often arrays neighbor against neighbor, class against class, race against race. And still the unfortunate wrong goes on. On one side, from pulpit, press and rostrum the appeal is heard Give us a state constabulary. Hit the bulls-eye by impeachment of the judge that will not jump to the front in efforts to enforce these laws. Remove the prosecuting attorney that does not do the same. Indict the police officer that lags in his duty here whatever the cause. Hiss on the sleuth that trails the foreigner for the money that's in the law. And on the other, a cold determined defiance of the law. A great and growing beheading of the boot-legger to come and ply his hideous traffic in the dark. The drug store often converted into a menace worse than the saloon. Is it surprising under such conditions that Iowa's population is diminishing, that her capital is hunting other fields for investment, that her farm-

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