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THE BALTIMORE "SUN" SHINES WITH EQUAL FERVOR UPON THE JUST AND THE UNJUST

Speech of Hon. Lloyd Wilkinson at
Odd Fellows Hall

Mr. President—I want to thank you, and through you the members of the club, for your invitation to address the citizens of Westminster. I have spoken in other parts of Carroll, but this is the first time I have had the pleasure of meeting the people at your county seat. I have always endeavored to express the very highest opinion of the Democrats of Carroll county. Nowhere in the state are they so true to party ties. With a voting population of nearly 6,000, and a majority of between the two parties, there is never a difference of more than a few hundred votes in any campaign. Other counties may go from largely Democratic to Republican majorities, or the reverse, by the changeableness or fickleness of the voters. Your county swings from one party to the other, but it is due entirely to the closeness of the party vote. Every fight is a battle royal, and under the leadership of one of the ablest political captains in this state, the Hon. B. F. Crouse, you have usually succeeded in gaining a victory. My information from the county leads me to expect a similar result this time.

You have been very fortunate in having the national candidate for Vice President, Mr. Kern, and your governor, Austin L. Crothers, at your previous meetings, and it is difficult to follow such speakers and say anything new or interesting. It is a pleasure to talk to you at this time on the power and influence of the public press. Some years ago the campaign speaker was the medium by which the voter was reached and newspapers played but little part. Today the newspaper goes into every home and reaches all classes. The public press has become an influence more potent than all other means combined. They are daily visitors into the homes and offices throughout the land. They can build up or they can destroy. The Czar of Russia, the King of England, the President of the United States, have not the power or influence of those who control great public journals.

The press should be, and usually are, the leaders to whom we look for guidance on all the great public questions of the day. This being the case, we can readily see the absolute necessity of having the control of these papers in the hands of the nation's ablest and most patriotic men whose sole motive is the public good. If they are controlled by those who desire to mislead instead of enlightening the people; who are interested in private or party matters and opposed to the interest of the people, you can readily see what a great evil it would be. To a very large extent the future of this country depends upon the newspapers. A newspaper in itself is nothing. It is necessary that the publisher or editor shall put life in it and make its pages speak to the mind and heart of the reader. They should be allowed to write for the people and to advise them from the path of duty, if from mercenary or malicious reason they stray from the straight path it will not be long before their influence with the people will be nothing. No one has more respect for the press against itself than I do, but if there is anything contemptible, with its immense opportunities for good, lending itself to the advancement of personal interests. One thing that is absolutely necessary, if a newspaper desires to retain its influence with its readers, is that it should be constantly shifting from one thing to another, or from one party to another, advocating a principle at one time and afterward the reverse, how can its readers have any confidence in it.

Now, my friends, we are rather unfortunately situated in this campaign as far as any aid from the press is concerned. It is true, the assistance of the Democratic editors of the county papers, and no men could be more faithful than they. Week after week, year after year, they give column after column of their papers in support of our party candidates without reward or hope of reward. They do it in the face of the well-known fact that traitors to our party are often rewarded while they have been ignored. They have done, and are doing, a great work in this state, and our party in many a hotly contested fight has had to rely upon them to bring victory to our ticket. The same conditions confront us in the present campaign, for, while having two daily papers claiming sympathy with the Democratic party, on all occasions whenever there is a question of public patronage, they are usually found, as we have seen, advocating the election of the Republican ticket.

The Baltimore Sun has been heralded in the public press of our large cities as a Democratic paper now fighting for the election of the Republican ticket. The Sun has taken some pride in publishing interviews from Republicans claiming that Maryland would go Republican in this contest because the Sun was favorable to the election of their ticket, and the Sun was to be the great factor in swinging this state into the Republican column. They succeeded in defeating John E. Hurst, one of the ablest and cleanest men in our state in 1895, when they opposed the Democratic ticket, and were the most malicious and personal motives. With their assistance a majority of some 32,000 was cast against William J. Bryan in 1896. In 1897 it made its first fight against Senator Gorman and succeeded in electing a Republican legislature. In 1898 the Democratic ticket was elected without assistance from the Sun. In 1900 it advocated the election of William J. Bryan, but failed to carry the state by over 20,000. In 1903 the Democratic state ticket was elected in spite of the opposition of the Sun to its nominee for governor. It has been shifting from one side to the other to such an extent that it is not a factor in favor of either, because of the

case with which you can go to its columns and find editorials that answer completely those you may read today. The Sun says that Bryan has changed his views on public questions. This is a queer criticism from that source. We consider that the Democratic paper has been constantly changing from side to side, to such an extent that the average Marylander does not know where to find it, it is any wonder that it has lost its influence with its readers. It is amusing to look through its files since 1895. If the Sun is supporting the Democratic ticket, you will find column after column of clippings from editorials in the same paper in previous campaigns in which they say exactly the reverse of what they are contending for now. If it is with the opposition, the Democrats resort to clipping to show its power on former occasions.

As illustrating the ease with which past campaigns the Sun was used to answer the Sun, I came across a very amusing controversy between it and the celebrated John K. Cowan during the campaign of 1900. In 1896 they were both in favor of the election of the Republican ticket. In 1900 Mr. Cowan was supporting Mr. McKinley, the Sun Mr. Bryan. During the course of the campaign Mr. Cowan made a speech at Music Hall in which he charged the B. & O. railroad made a contract for four thousand cars with the provision that it should be sold provided that Bryan was elected. The Sun took exception to this mode of campaigning, and proceeded to lambast Mr. Cowan in the severest terms. Mr. Cowan simply turned to the Sun's files in 1896 and showed where similar statements in that year received the hearty approval of the Sun. In the course of his letter Mr. Cowan charged the Sun with having wandered from its position in 1896 and said:

"We will be glad to welcome you, the Sun, back from your populist spree, but you must go through the old leivertical rite, 'wash in running water and be unclean until the even tide.'"

The Sun comments on this part of Mr. Cowan's letter as follows:

"We thank Mr. Cowan for his proposed hospitality, but we rather imagine that he will never have the opportunity of doing the honors in a Democratic wigwag and we are not likely to ask his good offices as a Democrat under the Republican Empire. As to washing, we are afraid there are some diseases that all the waters of oceans cannot cure. The gold itch strikes through the skin and into the heart. Four years of Bryan and liberty may cure Mr. Cowan of this disease. Four more years of McKinley will put him under the water."

This is another instance where it was not safe to prophesy. Had Mr. Cowan lived and retained his position in the Republican party, he would have had the satisfaction of doing this year what he said he would be pleased to do and what the Sun declared would be a welcome back into the ranks of the Republican party.

Some days after the Sun had announced its intention of supporting the Republican candidates, and opposing the Democratic candidate William J. Bryan whom they so ably supported in 1900, they thought it necessary to state in their editorial of October 4, that they had changed their position in the paper. It is possible that very few people in Maryland thought it was. We have become so accustomed to the Sun's political tumbings that we do not think of accounting for them in that way. The following morning, Sunday, October 4, appearing in both black type, placed in the very center of three columns of political matter all written with the view of helping Taft carry this state, throws considerable light upon the motive.

"The Sun Selected by the Navy Department."

"The Sun is in receipt of a letter stating that the United States Navy Department has selected the Sun as the medium by which to advertise for recruits in Baltimore. The letter in part follows:

case of Guffey, of Pennsylvania, came before that body that Haskell led the fight against him. The fight was made against Guffey on account of his supposed connection with the Standard Oil, and yet you have the spectacle of Governor Haskell doing everything on earth against him, and in the course of his speech crying out to Guffey to go back to his oil wells. Isn't it laughable to think that a man could at one and the same time put himself in the position of fighting, with the greatest bitterness, the chief representative of the Standard Oil, and yet be his subservient tool. What earthly reason had Mr. Bryan to believe, in the face of such action, that Governor Haskell was friendly to this great corporation.

They publish a forged letter purporting to come from Grover Cleveland, and have taken but little pains to correct the wrong done. They published cartoons representing Mr. Bryan with the head of a skeleton in his hand representing the issue of free silver, which, according to editorials from their own files, eight of the last four years, although a part of the Democratic platform, and certainly cannot be now. I mention these things to show you on what a low plane they are running their present campaign. Mr. Bryan they now claim is a demagogue, is unsafe, and you should not vote for him, shall not attempt to answer them myself. Out of their own mouths you shall judge them. I shall appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober from a paper influenced by mercenary motives to one fighting for principle with no Navy Department contracts for printing in the balance.

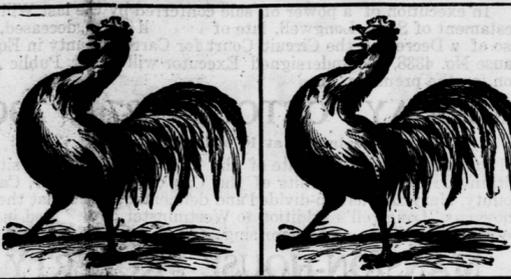
Sun Editorial October 24, 1900.

"Some of Mr. Bryan's critics assert that because he is peculiarly the champion of the plain people, the defender of the rights of the masses, he is therefore a 'demagogue,' a man of rude speech and one who does not respect or practice the amenities of good society. Such criticism is unfounded and is largely the outgrowth of the prejudice inculcated by what may aptly be described as our modern 'snobocracy.' Mr. Bryan does not base his claim to popular favor upon his accepted as an honest and well-meaning man in public life surpasses him in courtesy of debate, even when he is making his keenest and most telling thrusts. No man shows greater patience when interrupted, and none more ready to return a courteous answer to those who ply him with questions while he is speaking. In this respect he far surpasses the Republican candidate for Vice-President."

Editorial October 24, 1900.

"The reception given Mr. Bryan last night was the most magnificent popular demonstration ever witnessed in this city. The rain could not chill the enthusiasm of the immense multitude which waited patiently for hours in the vicinity of the depot, and in the Music Hall and the vicinity to hear his addresses. There can be no mistaking the meaning of such a popular outpouring as that of last night. It seems that the people of this city are with and for the cause which Mr. Bryan represents, and that the popular heart is ready to respond to the earnest appeals to its patriotism and its love of liberty. It means that the people understand the true issues of this campaign and are not deceived by the shallow sophistry of selfish interests. It means that they do not regard Mr. Bryan as a demagogue or a demagogue, but as an honest and earnest patriot, who is fighting for the cause of popular government against dangers which threaten its existence. It means that they recognize this as a struggle between greed and gold on the one side and popular rights and free institutions on the other. It means, last but not least, that Maryland will cast its electoral vote for Bryan. It is the handwriting on the wall, as far as Maryland is concerned, whatever the Republicans and their allies may profess to believe. The only hope the Republicans have of carrying the country is by purchase and coercion. In connection with their 'honest money' association in Maryland, their only argument is the dollar. The Republicans and their allies know as well as they know anything that if the issues of this campaign were left to the unflinching decision of the country, to its reason and its conscience, along with the free silver, foot and draughts. Their only hope of success rests on the dollar, which is the god of their idolatry, and in which they live and move and have their being. They are straining every nerve to compass Mr. Bryan's defeat by coercing their employees and by raising an immense corruption fund to tempt the desperate and venal voter. These are the men, forsooth, who have the effrontery to denounce Mr. Bryan as a demagogue and a dangerous man. The dangerous men are those who are deliberately attempting to subvert the country with their 'honest money' and intimidate it through the powers of their financial combinations. We do not believe they can succeed. We believe they will receive a deserved and memorable rebuke on the 6th of November and that the manhood, the honor and the patriotism of these United States will assert themselves overwhelmingly against the tyranny and corruption that for their own selfish ends are recklessly endangering free institutions. In Maryland their game is surely up. They are beaten—beaten in spite of all their money bags and their tons of campaign literature, in spite of the solid phalanx of ignorant and prejudiced black voters who form the large majority of their supporters in this state, and who have recently been inflamed to dangerous frenzy by incendiary appeals from colored ministers and bishops. Thousands of intelligent patriotic white Republicans have declined to follow the lead of these false prophets and will be found on election day voting for government of the people and by the people and against government of plutocrats and by plutocrats. Mr. Bryan is a dangerous man—dangerous to the plutocrats, but not to the people. He represents the people's cause, and the reception they gave him in this city last night shows that they regard him as a leader worthy of that cause, and that in Maryland they will carry its banner to victory."

BRYAN, KERN AND TALBOTT CLUB, OF WESTMINSTER, MD.



Notice! Notice! Notice!

The regular weekly meeting of the Club will be held at
ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
WESTMINSTER, MD., ON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, at 7.30 P. M.,

And thereafter on each Tuesday night until after the election in November next. The meeting on Tuesday, October 27, will be addressed by

HON. ISAAC LOBE STRAUS,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, AND
Thomas O'Neal Baumgartner, Esq.,
OF WESTMINSTER.

All members are expected to be present, and in addition the public is invited to attend and hear the issues of this important campaign discussed. Bring your wives.

MUSIC. :-: MUSIC.

By order,
GUY W. STEELE, PRESIDENT.
HARRY B. HOFFACKER, SECRETARY.

Editorial, September 25, 1900.

"Mr. Bryan is worth only a few thousand dollars, which he has made by his pen and his oratorical talent. An office-seeker does not have so many opportunities to make money as an officeholder like Dr. Hanna, but we fear Mr. Bryan would not be a success in this direction even if he were an officeholder, because he has so little Hanna-sense as to refuse several remunerative offers during the last four years which might have put him in Hanna's financial class. This is perhaps the reason that the Ohio magnate calls him an ass. Nothing can seem more assinine to him than a man who, on more conscientious scruples refuses to make money. It is true that in one sense Mr. Bryan has no visible means of support, inasmuch as his brains, patriotism and his character are the things which support and give him standing with the American public. These things are not visible, and in Hanna's eyes are doubtless worthless as assets, compared with the latter's visible means of support—factories, mills and underpaid workingmen. But still a man is not necessarily a tramp because he does not carry around half a dozen trust and subsidy schemes in his vest pocket.

"To sneer at a man because he is poor and like him to a tramp because he makes a modest living by the honest exercise of his intellect instead of by collaring factories and industrial establishments and making other people work for him will appeal with great force to American sympathies. In the six million ballots or so cast for him four years ago Mr. Bryan had very tangible and visible means of support, and the wildness of Dr. Hanna's recent utterances suggest a fear on his part that these visible means of support will be largely increased at the approaching election."

Editorial October 4, 1900.

"The haste with which Mr. Hanna and the Republican organs have dropped the charge of allowing Mr. Croker to name two of the members of his cabinet, is in itself a fine compliment to Mr. Bryan. It is an admission on the part of his bitterest political enemies that his word cannot be profitably challenged. They practically confess that when he says positively that his position is that of a free, independent, unpledged candidate, whose administration, if he is to have one, is not mortgaged to any boss or syndicate of bosses, it is useless to try to throw doubt upon his statement. Whatever tactical mistakes Mr. Bryan may have made, and he has made many, men who mean to vote for him differ from his financial theories, the integrity, the honesty, and the perfect sincerity of his character are recognized by candid men of all parties. One of the most attractive aspects of Mr. Bryan's candidacy is the personal freedom and independence with which the people should elect him, who would enter the White House. He has given the country positive assurance that no boss or association of bosses holds his promissory notes, payable on demand after his inauguration. And the whole character of the man makes his administration sure."

"Already syndicated to the political league of patriots for plunder who talk loyalty and mean loot, who really around the flag for what there is in it, who prate of glory and are intent on gain, and whose whole purpose is to control and use the Government in all its branches for 'business only.'"

Editorial October 3, 1900.

"If the present opposition to the use of the process of injunction to effect the ends of government be opposition to the rightful authority of a

derstand by this time that the predictions of panic emanate from interests which enjoy special privileges under Republican rule. These interests place their own prosperity above the welfare of the country. They 'have a good thing,' to use the vernacular, and they are determined to hold on to the advantages which they possess by throwing dust into the eyes of the voters and by making them blind to the situation. They cry calamity and shout disaster in the hope that they may cover up their own tracks. If these interests could have their way, there would never be a change in the administration, however injurious the latter might be to the nation, as long as they are to prosper. They are willing, it appears, to produce a condition bordering upon panic in order that they may carry out their selfish designs. The time has come for the American people to free themselves from such tyranny, and they can do business of the country will not be interrupted if those who prosper by special privileges are forced to surrender advantages which are not enjoyed by the masses of the people. There is an abundance of capital in the United States to carry on its industries even if the panic-breeder retire from business. No political party has a mortgage on the prosperity of the nation."

Editorial October 13, 1900.

"The trusts are bound, if they are not soon restrained, to transform our government into a plutocracy completely controlled by commercial interests. It is a monarchy of Mammon that the trusts are setting up, with a Congress filled with Senators and Representatives no longer representing sovereign States, but representing only the sovereign Trusts for whose benefit all laws are to be interpreted by complacent courts and enforced or not enforced by subservient Attorneys-General."

Editorial October 17, 1900.

"The Republican party is itself a political trust, a combination of all the capitalistic interests which have grown rich and seek to grow richer by levying tribute on the common people under high tariffs that give them monopolies and by special privileges granted to them by Republican administrations and Congresses. It is quite in vain, therefore, to expect that the party which is nothing more or less than the political trustee of all the trusts will seriously set about the task of destroying or limiting the powers and privileges of monopoly. A fountain can rise no higher than its source. The source of a second term of McKinley, if we are doomed to have one, will be the corruption funds contributed by the favored monopolies and privileges classes. And the creature will not dare to attack its creator. Relief for the people from the grinding greed of the trusts and monopolies can only come through the election of Mr. Bryan and a Democratic Congress. Honest enforcement of all the laws that now exist against unjust and oppressive monopolies would immediately follow the inauguration of a Democratic President. And the needed and practicable for the purpose of putting rings in the noses of these commercial and industrial hogs would as surely follow the election of a Democratic Congress."

"If I had the time I could read you column after column from this paper showing the necessity of electing William J. Bryan and a Democratic Congress. I have given you the views of the Sun when it was making a clean, honest fight in the interests of the people. I must think you would rather be guided by what it said than by now. That the protective tariff is a great evil they make perfectly plain. That the great trusts, the result of this tariff, are threatening the very existence of our freedom and liberty as American citizens is evident to any thinking man. That every man, woman and child in this audience is paying tribute to them, and helping to make millionsaires of their members, cannot be denied. The tariff is a tax that the consumer pays it. Mr. Bryan, a Democratic Congress, and you will get relief."

"The Republican speakers consume most of their time in ridiculing Mr. Bryan's plans for correcting what they must acknowledge are existing evils. Mr. Bryan says trusts are a great evil and he wants to curb them. The bank deposits of poor people should be carefully concealed. The free silver bugaboo was adopted as an effective campaign cry, and it has fallen flat. Mr. Gage, the Secretary of the Treasury, gave it the quietus in July. It is true that since then he has recanted and tried to contradict himself. But his first argument was his honest opinion, and was too well fortified by facts to be lightly put aside."

Editorial October 9, 1900.

"For their own protection the American people should call a halt upon the methods of coercion and intimidation which are now alleged to be practiced in nearly every state of the Union. They cannot permit, with safety to the Republic, the enforcement of what virtually amounts to a boycott on the part of favored interests against those who vote as their conscience and reason dictate. The trusts corporations and other employees of labor which say to their employees 'Vote as we vote or there will be no work for you in our establishment' institute thereby the most tyrannical and wicked of boycotts. They tolerate no one who does not slavishly adopt their views and support the policies which they advocate. They punish the man who exercises the freedom of opinion and action which is the birthright of every American citizen, whether he was born with a powder spoon or a silver spoon in his mouth. They blacklist the man who has principles in conflict with the selfish interests of his employer, and they set up an oligarchy which they would maintain by suppressing liberty of thought and the free exercise of the suffrage. The American people should not tolerate such tyranny if they would preserve not only their self-respect, but their independence. If they submit to such despotism they will not long enjoy the blessings of self-government. They will be compelled to do their voting as their would-be masters dictate or else go penniless and homeless. That is the logical result of the policy of coercion."

Editorial October 10, 1900.

"The American people ought to understand by this time that the predictions of panic emanate from interests which enjoy special privileges under Republican rule. These interests place their own prosperity above the welfare of the country. They 'have a good thing,' to use the vernacular, and they are determined to hold on to the advantages which they possess by throwing dust into the eyes of the voters and by making them blind to the situation. They cry calamity and shout disaster in the hope that they may cover up their own tracks. If these interests could have their way, there would never be a change in the administration, however injurious the latter might be to the nation, as long as they are to prosper. They are willing, it appears, to produce a condition bordering upon panic in order that they may carry out their selfish designs. The time has come for the American people to free themselves from such tyranny, and they can do business of the country will not be interrupted if those who prosper by special privileges are forced to surrender advantages which are not enjoyed by the masses of the people. There is an abundance of capital in the United States to carry on its industries even if the panic-breeder retire from business. No political party has a mortgage on the prosperity of the nation."

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS

FINE AUDIENCE TO HEAR BLAIR LEE AND LLOYD WILKINSON

Enthusiastic Gatherings in Other Sections of the County

Members of the Bryan, Kern and Talbott Club of Westminster were more than satisfied with the large audience which gathered in its rooms Tuesday evening. Some apprehension was felt that after the great crowd of the week before the attendance this week would show an unfavorable comparison, but it was one of the largest and most enthusiastic of the campaign. At its close both of the speakers said it was the most earnest and spirited club meeting they had ever addressed, and expressed a wish that some Carroll county enthusiasm might be infused into other sections of the State. The glee club of young men, led by the Messrs. Powers, sang a number of inspiring campaign songs, in which a greater part of the audience joined. Practice, of course, has made the young men more familiar with these ballads, and Tuesday evening they were rendered in fine style. Miss Josephine Baust, who happened to be present, played the accompaniments upon request, and also played several of the national airs while the audience was gathered. Mr. Power and Walter Zepp each sang a song. Mr. Power, a Lloyd Wilkinson was the first speaker. Instead of making the regulation campaign speech and discussing the issues between the two parties he said he would take up the present course of the Baltimore Sun and compare it with its attitude 3 years ago, when it was supporting Mr. Bryan for the presidency. Mr. Wilkinson's remarks, with accompanying extracts from the Sun editorials of 1900, will be found in another column.

After the singing of a campaign ballad, Senator Blair Lee was introduced. The Senator at once put himself on good terms with his audience by declaring it to be his great desire that the people of his own county of Montgomery and those of Carroll may soon be linked together by the Lincoln highway, and Talbott, said he, is the man to bring about that result. He said it had always seemed a little peculiar to him that the memorial to Washington should take the form of Cleopatra's needle, that lady being rather a dissolute character and possessing nothing in common with the father of our country.

The Senator went at some length into our form of government, and said that two great evils were essential to its proper administration, one as a check upon the other. Where either of these parties held office too long corruption was apt to result and its overthrow was necessary in order that these abuses might be corrected. The party under which evil comes is not apt to provide a remedy. A man cannot be trusted to amputate his own leg or arm, no matter how much the poison may have invaded these members.

Senator Lee spoke of the railroads as the backbone of the country, and told how they would be benefited by a law tariff on raw material, which would enable our factories to turn out larger quantities of manufactured articles, thus increasing the traffic over the various lines. He said the railroads were probably the largest consumers of steel and iron, and a reduction in the tariff would mean thousands of dollars which would go toward the payment of employees and stockholders.

Although a large stockholder in one of the Rockville banks, Senator Lee expressed himself strongly in favor of the guarantee of deposits. He said it was just as sensible to charge that the formation of a first department had a tendency to make people burn their homes as to say that the guarantee of deposits would make bankers so reckless as to destroy their business and their reputations.

The Senator has always been a great admirer of Mr. Bryan, and being a former member of an attractive speaker, his services are in great demand.

The meeting next Tuesday evening will be addressed by Hon. Isaac Lobe Straus, attorney-general of Maryland, second to no one in the state as an orator, and Thomas O'Neal Baumgartner, of Westminster.

Deep Run.

The Democrats of Deep Run, in Myers' district, will have a poll raising tomorrow, October 24, about 1 o'clock. George O. Brihart, Claude T. Smith and Benj. F. Crouse will be the speakers.

Hampstead.

The Bryan, Kern and Talbott Club of Hampstead will have a meeting at the club room, Thursday evening, October 29. Hon. Carville D. Benson, ex-speaker of the House of Delegates, and Hon. Benj. F. Crouse will address the meeting.

Mt. Airy.

Probably the largest meeting of the campaign will be held at Mt. Airy tomorrow, October 24, afternoon and evening. The speakers will be Ex-Governor Warfield, Hon. J. F. C. Talbott, George M. Smith, candidate for Congress of the Fifth district, Hon. Benj. F. Crouse, and others. A band will furnish music for both sessions.

Meeting at Smallwood.

The Democrats of Smallwood will hold a mass meeting at the public hall Friday evening, October 30. The speakers will be Hon. Benj. F. Crouse, Guy W. Steele, Michael E. Walsh and Claude Tilden Smith. The Bryan, Kern and Talbott glee club of Westminster will sing some spirited campaign songs. All persons invited.

Alesia.

The Democrats of Alesia will have a big ratification meeting on Saturday, October 24, at 3 p. m. There will be a pole raising and addresses by prominent speakers. The Alesia band will furnish music.