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BRYAN DAY.

The above caption would indicate that a period of twenty-four hours had been set apart, regular business had been suspended and men and women had gathered at one place to honor, a gifted, a famous man. Literally speaking this would hardly conform to the truth, for all men did not give twenty-four hours to meditation on the nation's issues discussed by the world's most conspicuous living figure, but many gave more than that time. From the Virginia borders, from the bluegrass, from almost everywhere, from these parts had men gathered. Some had been days on the road, for indeed it would be a cherished act but to shake hands with the man who, in opposition to the world's moneyed powers, the aristocracy of English heritage, was sufficiently bold to associate with the poor, the laborers, the masses of this great government, and yet in no manner interfere with the just rights of any man. They had come in jolt wagons, on horseback, and some, we are informed, came on foot. Of all the kinds from all localities, notwithstanding a heavy and continuous rainfall, were here to the number of not less than 10,000, and it is estimated at the time of the speaking, including home people, 15,000 people, many in the mud ankle deep, bent forward with almost abated breath eager to hear immortal principles discussed by the most wonderful of men, Col. William Jennings Bryan.

This great and loved leader, this public benefactor, was met by the Kentucky party at Cairo, Ill., and on Monday, the 16th, began their tour through the State, and at 8.03 of that morning Col. Bryan made his first appearance in Kentucky on a mission, not of his own choosing, for he would



COL. WM. J. BRYAN.

have all Democrats keep in line without having to be told. The first stop was at Bardwell, a small town on the Illinois Central, but a big one on this eventful morning, when more than 2,000 strangers were in town. Mr. Bryan spoke for twenty minutes amid deafening applause. Mr. Bryan from the first urged all Democrats to stand by the nominees for organization sake. His speech in part was as follows:

Mr. Bryan said in part: "Whether the next President of the United States is Democratic depends somewhat on what you do in Kentucky this year. Four years ago, or rather three years ago Kentucky did not help the Democratic party to any great extent. I believe the people voted better than the country counted. I am not sure but what we carried the State, but I am sure we did not get it. Kentucky is a Democratic State, and we have a right to expect it to be Democratic in 1900.

"If the State goes Republican this fall it may be difficult to carry it next year. You will encourage the Republicans and discourage the Democratic party. You cannot whip the Republicans by dividing the Democratic party in two. You cannot do it. You realize that upon the triumphs of 1900 great questions depend. Do you realize that this party is placing the dollar above the man; that this party is encouraging the wealthy and debasing the man? Do you realize the struggling poor are coming people, and that the rich, the corporate power, escape taxation?"

Mr. Bryan vigorously denounced the war in the Philippines, and the present large standing army, claiming it the duty of the Democratic party to seek the reduction of the army to the peace footing of 25,000.

Recurring again to State issues, he said: "What difference does it make whether the man nominated is your Democrat or mine. Is not any Democrat who stands for the Chicago platform better than any Republican? When we stand in the presence of an enemy, is it the time to air our personal opinions. I think not.

"In this district we had a Democratic majority in 1896, and also in this county, but with all your majorities in the district and the county you were not able to secure the electoral vote of the State. Shall we divide?

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Col. Bryan's speech here indicated his purpose that he would plead with all Democrats to support the State ticket.

At the close of Mr. Bryan's speech Mr. Goebel, in response to three cheers, followed Mr. Bryan in a brief speech similar in many respects to what have been reported and read by thousands of his admirers. He denounced the Republican administration, and asked the people to support the opposition to combines and trusts. At every point Goebel was enthusiastically received. This confirmed the speakers the more in the belief that the State Democratic ticket would be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Goebel in one of his speeches said in 1896 this State voted for Bryan for President, but failed to be counted.



EX-SENATOR BLACKBURN.

At Versailles, Blackburn's home, rain was falling fast and hard; it was impossible to make out-door speeches, and hence only a few of the immense crowd heard the silver representative in the court-house. Mr. Blackburn introduced Mr. Bryan, who paid a graceful tribute to the ex-Senator. Said Mr. Bryan: "How can Democrats cast their votes with Republicans." "You all know Democrats opposing Mr. Goebel are not going to vote for Mr. Brown. I had a taste of it in 1896."

At Lexington there was a great crowd. Bryan said:

"If that boiling ticket had been made up of my own brothers I would never ask a single man to support it, for this is not a question of men, but of principle."

SPEECH AT MT. STERLING.

At Mt. Sterling the rain fell in torrents, but men and women stood the drenching in order to see and hear. His speech was short, but to the point. Read it.

"People who would come out on such a day and stand in the rain do not need much talking. (Applause.) I am here to say to you but a single word, and that is that the people outside of the State of Kentucky are looking to you to do your duty this fall. I have no doubt that you are determined to do your duty, but people sometimes differ as to what that duty requires. I am going to assume that all the Democrats of the State of Kentucky want to so act as to aid in the triumph of Democratic principles. I believe that the election of Goebel and those who are with him on the ticket will aid the Democrat of the nation in the fight that is to come. I believe that the election of a Republican Governor in the State of Kentucky would give encouragement to the Republicans throughout the Union, and would discourage those who are for the Chicago platform. I am anxious that you shall not only give a majority for Goebel and his associates on the State ticket, but I am anxious that that majority will be so large that no Republican will expect the Republican party to carry Kentucky in 1900, and then I want to be sure that the Democrats have a majority in the Legislature so that Jo



HON. WILLIAM GOEBEL.

If the State ticket is elected this year rest assured that the votes in 1900 will be counted as cast, for W. J. Bryan.

Tremendous crowds greeted Mr. Bryan at each of his stopping places.

SECOND DAY.

At Frankfort Mr. Bryan began his speech by reading the following message from Mr. Johnson, Vice President of the Executive Committee of the National Democratic Committee:

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Louisville, Ky.: Jones, Stone, Wetmore, Caruth, Cooke and other friends congratulate Gov. Goebel, Blackburn and Kentucky Democrats on splendid reception in Kentucky. Success in Kentucky this fall means success in the nation next year.

J. G. JOHNSON.

This indicates that the entire country is closely watching the action of Kentucky.

Ex-Senator J. C. S. Blackburn joined the party at Frankfort where, after speeches by Messrs. Bryan and Goebel, he addressed the crowd for one minute.

Blackburn will be elected to the Senate. If you will promise to do your part to bring about this victory, to give a large majority to the Goebel ticket and insure the election of Jo. C. S. Blackburn, I will promise you that the Democrats of Nebraska will stand out in the rain and shout." (Applause).

Senator Goebel was given a fine reception, as was also ex-Senator Blackburn.

In the afternoon before the arrival of Mr. Bryan Judge James Tarvin made a strong speech in the interest of the Democratic ticket, giving reasons why Democrats should stand by their principles.

AT LOUISVILLE.

A great crowd heard Mr. Bryan at Louisville. He read John Young Brown's questions. Here they are:

"Louisville, Ky., Oct. 18, 1899. "The Hon. William J. Bryan, Louisville, Ky.—Sir: I desire very respectfully to submit to you for answer in your speech to-day the following questions:

"If it be true that a secret, written bargain was made prior to the late Louisville Music Hall convention between Messrs. Goebel and Stone, Democratic candidates for the nomination, which provided that the friends of Mr. Goebel and Mr. Stone should unite their votes upon the temporary chairman, to be named by Mr. Goebel; that the temporary chairman thus elected, in the appointment of the committees at large, upon Resolutions, Permanent Organization and Credentials, should give equal recognition to Goebel and Stone by naming men selected by each of them on each committee; that in all contests as to delegates between Hardin and Goebel, Goebel's delegates should be seated, and in all contests between Hardin and Stone, Stone delegates should be seated, but in all contests between Goebel and Stone the determination of the Committee on Credentials should control the combined vote of Stone and Goebel."

Aud if it be true that this bargain was executed, thus placing in this convention over three hundred men selected by this conspiracy instead of the delegates selected by the 64,000 Democratic voters of the State, do you state that the action of such substituted delegates could give Goebel the nomination of the Democratic party?

Was not such a contract fraudulent? Has the chairman of a sovereign body of Democrats met in State Convention the right to deny an appeal from his decision when demanded, and thereby take away from them, who are the people's representatives, the right to govern themselves and the proceedings of the convention? If such things were done by the aid of armed police drawn around this sovereign body, was and is not this a menace to free government?

Do you indorse the Goebel election law, which deprives the people of Kentucky of the right to govern themselves? If so, please explain why you advocate free government for the people of the Philippines and deny it to the people of Kentucky.

Have you any plea save that of political expediency to justify submission by American citizens to the outrages above indicated. Very respectfully.

JOHN YOUNG BROWN.

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Mt. Sterling.

Mr. Bryan said: "When I arrived this morning a messenger handed me a letter and told me that it was from ex-Gov. John Young Brown. (Applause and hisses and cries of "read it.") I have no doubt that you will have a chance to read the letter in full in the daily papers. It asks me to answer certain questions. I came here to this State to answer those questions. (Applause.)

It states in the first place—well, it does not state. (Laughter.) It asks if it be true (some one in the crowd yelled to have a flag that was constructed his view of Mr. Bryan taken down.)

GOES AFTER BROWN.

I shall move about enough, I think, to enable the gentleman to see me, and it is not my looks but my words

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