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The Richmond Conference.

To The Free Lance:

The address of certain gentlemen (for many of whom I entertain the kindest feelings), upon which is based the present agitation in Virginia for the election of Senators by a direct popular vote, states that "the demand for a change in the method of electing United States Senators is so widespread and so imperative that the issue thereby raised cannot longer be wisely or safely avoided by the Democrats of Virginia."

Such is the opening statement of this address. Is it true that outside of Virginia there is any concern or excitement on the subject? Where is the State in the American Union where the people, whether Democrats, Republicans or Populists, are worked up or discussing or even considering this subject? I deny utterly that there is one State or even one neighborhood where it is a lively topic. Had there been any such public sentiment it would have found expression in the Chicago convention three years ago, or at least been brought forward. It would have cropped out in the action of our State conventions for years past. The movement is not one that excites any interest in the other States of the Union, although the address recites that recent occurrences in these States necessitates this reform. It is reserved, therefore, for Virginia to discern the disease and supply the remedy and the doctor. The people of the United States as a mass are discussing other and some very grave issues and admitted evils, and if any of the worthy gentlemen about to assemble in Richmond are going there on the idea that they are part and parcel of a great national uprising, then they are going on a vain hope, and there ought to be some way for them to recover back their travelling expenses. As a judge of public sentiment in the Union, the gentleman who wrote this address is no better than old Rip Van Winkle, who had dreamed considerably for long years, but at least was free from nightmare.

There are very good and substantial reasons why the body of Democrats throughout the Union, and, I believe, also in Virginia, should take no interest in this movement. It is true that Mr. Bryan is quoted as favoring it at one time, but I have read every utterance of this great, popular tribune for years past, and I fail to recall even a sentence of his on this subject. Evidently he did not regard it as being of sufficient consequence to distract our consideration from the great issues pressing upon public attention still remaining unsettled, or to warrant a division of the great party upon whose unity must depend all our hopes for the future. I listened to his matchless oratory at the Chicago convention. Not a word did he utter on this mere sideshow in modern politics. My worthy friend, Mr. Wm. A. Jones, will confirm my recollection of the speech, and it is equally true that he did not remind Mr. Bryan at the close that he had forgotten something. Perhaps, like all the convention, he was carried off his feet, and forgot all about this nostrum which is to cure all the ills of the body politic. Now, this proposed reform is a national question since it involves a change in the Federal Constitution. Why, therefore, does Mr. Bryan put it aside? I answer, because he is not only a great orator, but an eminently wise and practical statesman. He addresses himself to the great and admitted evils which threaten our liberties, our national prosperity and the hopes of every producer and toiler in the land. These evils, mischiefs and oppressions are set forth in the Chicago platform with a truth and power hardly equalled since the days of Jefferson. These evils are the product of the intolerable insolence and rapacity of the money power. They involve the poverty and enslavement of the producers and toilers of the land. First and foremost of these stands the grand bankers' conspiracy, by which silver was demonetized in order to swell the profits of the creditor class and the office-holding class at the expense of the producers, farmers and laborers; and this robbery under the forms of law is to go on not for a day or a year, but for all time. Other great and kindred evils are the refusal of the plutocratic class to pay by an income tax their fair share of the burdens of taxation; the issue of gold-bearing bonds in time of peace, and the usurpation by national banks of the Government's power and duty to issue our legal tender money. Again, there was denounced the absorption of wealth by a few, the consolidation of our leading railway systems, the formation of trusts and pools, the idea of life tenure in the public service, the imposition of onerous taxation, extravagance in public expenditure and, above all, government by injunction, as a new and highly dangerous form of oppression.

Is it not known to us all that not one of these evils has been removed or lessened by the election of Mr. McKinley, but that, on the contrary, they have been aggravated and intensified? We witness a more grievous and unjust tariff than any in our entire history, a grosser extravagance, a large increase of the public debt, the appointment of negroes in the South to Federal offices, the use of black mercenaries to coerce white laborers in the North, and the inauguration of a system of Federal conquest and imperialism, involving already a frightful butchery, looting and robbing of helpless non-combatants, the murder of prisoners and the utter subversion of every principle of free government, bequeathed to us by our fathers. We witness new and steady steps to assure the gold standard, involving a redistribution of all property and the increasing poverty of the masses, and an appalling growth of trusts, threatening to absorb all mining and mechanical industries, to destroy competition, to break up the small dealer and to fix the prices of commodities for the public to pay.

Such is a hasty and brief statement of the terrible evils which confront us at this hour. It is the declared purpose and the high duty of the Democratic party to correct them, and to this noble and sacred purpose it has a right to demand the best thought and the utmost energy that every honest man can render. It is the greatest fight in all history. It involves not merely the liberties of the people, but their homes and the bread in their children's mouths. To turn aside from this noble mission and to embark in some pitiful discussion or minor, immaterial issue would be unworthy the people of Virginia. They cannot afford to neglect the weightier matters of the law. To divide the Democrats of Virginia upon any such question as this would be a blunder greater even than a crime.

I repeat that it is these questions that the Democrats of the whole Union are now considering. It is these high, vital questions that Mr. Bryan discusses in all his addresses. It is indeed fortunate that we have in this age of degeneracy and shameless prostitution of government, a man so able, so brave, so eloquent, so true to the cause of the people. As these gentlemen have thought Mr. Bryan's opinion on this point a few years ago of enough importance to be quoted, I would commend to them his example and wise practical sense in addressing all his energies to extirpating the great evils entailed upon the country by the Republican party. I assure them that they cannot improve upon his judgment, practical sense and moral heroism. Let them follow where his white plume leads.

I will recall how a few years ago an effort was made, with too much success, to substitute as a party issue in Virginia the question of adjusting the State debt for the great issues of Democracy and especially of assuring control to the white race. I did not believe in pressing that debt-issue or in directing the Democratic party upon it. It was done, however, and the result was that the Democrats of Virginia lost the Legislature, the judiciary, the Governorship and the State officers, the two Senators and most of the representatives in Congress. And then finally, after all this had been lost and a pie bald Republican party put in power over the old Commonwealth, they went back and consented to a pretty liberal scheme of readjustment. Most people ought to remember this lesson and profit by it.

The increasing lawlessness and violent crimes of the blacks in the South, the great domestic insecurity, the recent sufferings of the people of North Carolina, under mongrel rule, ought to admonish the Democrats of Virginia that it would be unwise to get into a wrangle over this question. The fact that all modern amendments to the Federal Constitution have operated disastrously to the South, is very suggestive. This present mode of choosing Senators may have caused some debate prior to its adoption, but once adopted in 1789, it has received the assent of the great body of our public men for over a hundred years, and has worked as well as any other feature of the Constitution. Indeed, if we are to look out for deterioration in our system, I should look just to the House of Representatives, which is practically abolished as a free representative body and acts habitually under Presidential influence, and to the great Presidential office itself sold in 1896 to the highest bidder.

I should be glad to see the Richmond conference reaffirm the Chicago platform, endorse Bryan, denounce trusts and imperialism, and the employment of black troops to coerce white men, and then have a jolly good time and adjourn. Of course a few speeches would be unavoidable, and julips afterwards are always in order in old Virginia. If these ingredients are omitted from the bill of fare the people will shake their heads and ask the reason why.

I had forgotten to mention one thing We are told the Republican Legislatures of Delaware, California and Pennsylvania have failed to elect U. S. Senators and have adjourned. I cannot grieve over this result. On the contrary, I am delighted.

L. Q Washington.

May 5, 1899.

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The Rev. Wilson Carlile, rector of St. Mary-at-Hill, London, is an up-to-date priest. He takes a trombone with him into the pulpit, and when the singing becomes spiritless he livens it up with a few blasts on that instrument. During the greater part of the service the church is darkened, and the hymns, prayers, sacred, and other pictures are thrown by limelight on a huge screen suspended across the altar. Besides an organ there is an orchestra, compossed of girls wearing surplices and college mortar boards.

Mr. Louthan Replies to Dr. Broaddus.

Madison C. H., May 6, 1899.

To The Free Lance:

With your permission I will, as briefly as circumstances permit, refer to an article, published in your paper on Saturday, April 29, from the pen of Dr. A. Broaddus. This, I do not propose to do with the expectation of changing the views of so learned a gentleman and so able a writer as Dr. Broaddus is, by all, known to be. I do so for the reason, as the name of your excellent paper indicates that you do not interpose objections to the presentation, through your columns, of views on both sides of questions of public interest. Indeed, as I understand the history of The Free Lance, its most distinguishing feature has been to encourage temperate and dignified discussion of all questions involving the interests of our government, and the people who live under it.

Without designing to flatter you, I may be permitted to say that, in pursuing the course indicated, you have struck the key note of the highest order of progressive journalism. That I take it, is the prevailing reason for the popularity and acceptability of your paper. Without, in the smallest degree, compromising your own views, your tolerance and even encouragement of the expression of the views of others, have lifted The Free Lance high above the low plane of prejudice, placing it, as before intimated, among the most thoughtful and influential papers in Virginia.

The subject of the letter of Dr. Broaddus, so justly regarded as the sage of Caroline, is one in which the American people are deeply interested.

As an original proposition, it will be admitted, by all, that, when the Spanish-American war commenced, there was not the slightest idea that questions, such as now confront us, in the Orient, would arise We all know, and appreciate, the determination of President McKinley to avoid war if possible. So well understood was his position that many, who did not know him, attributed to the President, absence of courage to emphasize what they conceived to be demanded by the honor and dignity of a great republic. To say that they were mistaken, in the character of the man, need now simply to be mentioned to be recognized as a fact President McKinley knew something of the horrors of war. He had seen its sorrows written in blood. Ashes, gloom, desolation, death, had marked its progess of woe, filling our fair and happy land with the cries of the widows and orphans. That the brave heart of McKinley should hesitate— yea, should counsel against precipitation, before the leap that would plunge the country into the awful chasm, will ever be regarded, by his grateful countrymen, as the highest evidence of courage.

Up to this point, there is no reason for divergence between the opinion of Dr. Broaddus and the public of the President. It is clear, from the article of Dr. B that he was apposed to the war. In that position, he was sustained by nine-tenths of the reflecting people of the country, including the President. Therefore the doctor, the people and the President, when the war, with its horrors, is brought in review before the country can truly say: "Shake not thy gory locks at me; thou cans't not say I did it."

Congress is the war-declaring power. Congress declared war against Spain at a time when the people and the President were hoping and praying that it could be averted. Thousands in the country believe today, if the counsels of the President had prevailed, war would not have come. But the counsels of the President did not prevail, the war came, the country was thrilled. The heart of the President, that shrank from the shadows cast by the clouds of war, was as brave as that of Richard of the lion heart when the storm broke in its terror. War is not child's play. It strikes a blow wherever it finds an enemy. Dewey found a Spanish fleet at Manila. McKinley ordered him to capture or sink it. He sank it. The world was filled with the fame of Dewey and those gallant men who floated the American flag over the broken power of Spain. Bagley and Sampson and Hobson and Wheeler and Schley and Roosevelt and Shafter and our own gallant Lee, with the thousands of soldiers and sailors that encompassed the defeat of Spain, on Cuban land and in Cuban waters, prepared the way for the treaty of peace that was ratified without respect to party, by more than two-thirds of the U. S. Senate.

By that treaty the Philippines were ceded by Spain to the United States.

The Americans, having destroyed Spanish power and Spanish authority in those islands were bound to afford protection, not only to the inhabitants thereof, but to such citizens of foreign countries as were residing therein. American forces at Luzon, for the purposes indicated, and in strict conformity with the provisions of the treaty were attacked by Filipinos, under command of Aguinaldo. Thus the war in the Philippines was inaugurated. Would it have been right for the administration to direct the withdrawal of American troops under such circumstances. Had that been done the name of McKinley, instead of being honored among all the civilized nations of the earth, as it now is, would have excited the scorn and derision of mankind.

If, "in the providence of God," to which impressive allusion is made, in the communication of Dr Broaddus, Dewey could have met the Spanish fleet in mid-ocean, and after sinking it sailed away, every heart would have rejoiced. Providence, in that case did not so direct, but in Manila Bay, the same Providence shielded Dewey and his gallant men, and "covered their heads in the day of battle." It seems now apparent that the breaking of Aguinaldo's power is only a question of time. Recent events indicate that, if he has not already yielded, he will soon be compelled to do so, and the wild delusive dreams of an adventurer will give place to a solution of the Philippine question that will meet the demands of humanity and civilization.

In the meantime, and I speak it with profound respect, not only for Dr Broaddus, but for the ministry of which he is so able and consecrated a representative, if he and his brethren in the ministry, as Aaron and Hur did in the case of Moses, will hold up the hands of President McKinley, while "depending upon God, his own conscience and the American people," there will be demonstrated, "in spirit and power," the great truth so beautifully expressed by the poet that:

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm."

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"This Pennsylvania crowd was getting ready to operate on a very extensive scale. The Secret Service agents have seized over eight tons of Internal Revenue paper found in the possession of the counterfeiters. I am informed that the paper is genuine and that it evidently came from either one of the two paper mills that supply the Government. If that is true, it strikes me that a little further investigation would be in order. It would be impossible for outside parties to get hold of such a large quantity of the paper without collusion with some people on the inside. Each sheet is numbered and has to be accounted for; if a sheet is found to be imperfect it is destroyed, but a record is kept of that fact, so, you see, the discovery of eight tons of the paper in private hands is quite remarkable. I presume that the Secret Service people will not stop until they get at the bottom of the whole matter."—Washington, D. C., Times.

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 F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 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 circulars and testimonials.

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Decree Against Corsets.

The Minister of Education in Saxony has just issued an order that all girls and young women attending the public schools and colleges shall discard corsets and stays. The preponderance of public opinion in Saxony favors the decree, but the girls affected and their mothers are protesting vigorously.

Recent and vigorous agitation of the subject in the press and in the lectures given by professors in medical schools is responsible for the minister's order. Tight lacing has been denounced unanimously by the physicians of Dresden and other large towns because of its effect on the health and of its increasing prevalence, even little girls indulging in the practice.

Mrs. G. P. Greenfield, of Colorado Springs, Col., will drive a stage coach at the Paris Exposition in 1900, cracking the whip over six prancing white horses. The managers of the exhibition have just closed a contract with this enterprising woman to drive visitors about the grounds in true Western style. It is said that she will receive $5,000 and her expenses for the six months in which she will be on duty. Mrs. Greenfield, having had an invalid husband and family to support, began driving a few summer visitors about Manitou and the Garden of the Gods years ago. Now she is the proprietress of a flourishing establishment.

The Porto Rican settlement of Ponce de Leon at Caparra, near the site of Pueblo Viejo, across San Juan Bay, is now by more than fifty-five years the first town established within the present borders of the United States. One, therefore, must give the prestige of antiquity, not to the Spanish town of St. Augustine, Fla., of 1565, as formerly but to Caparra, Porto Rico, founded in the year 1509.

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