

# BATTLE OF 1896 WARMEST SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

### Old Party Lines Were Broken and New Ones Were Formed.

## CLEVELAND HAD A TROUBLESOME TIME

### Administration Was Not Indorsed by His Own Party in the Convention of 1896 and the Silver Wing Was in Control—The Nomination of Bryan and His First Campaign for Election to the Presidency.

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The events of the great political battle of 1896, whose outcome for a time seemed more uncertain than any fight since the four-cornered campaign of 1860, are of such recent occurrence as to live in the memory of most people. It witnessed the breaking down of more of the old party lines than other fights since the beginning of the civil war. In that respect it transcended even the Mugwump campaign of 1884 and the Liberal Republican schism of 1872. It is comparable only to the present campaign in the breaking of party ties.

Cleveland's start for his second term in office was not promising. The storm-clouds of a panic were on the horizon before he was elected, and caused the Harrison administration to order the preparation of plates for the issuance of bonds to keep up the treasury reserve. By the time Cleveland was inaugurated "hard times" had arrived, and before the Wilson tariff bill was written, they were pressing down upon the nation. But the Cleveland administration was blamed for it, just as Van Buren was blamed for the panic of 1837, and just as the Republicans were made responsible

for the panic of 1873. With its hopes for the immediate future ruined by the tariff situation and the panic, Democracy turned to free silver in its bid for popularity and support. But here it found itself at cross purposes with its chief in the White House. Cleveland sought to make the country a gold standard country. Before this happened he became involved in a controversy, with England over the Venezuelan boundary dispute, and read the law on the Monroe Doctrine to England with such directness and determination that Britain decided to accept his contentions. Some of the Republicans hailed this as a bid for a third term. Senator Depew went so far as to give out an interview saying that it was beyond all question the president's first move on the political checkerboard looking to a re-nomination and re-election. But the country was too absorbed over its internal affairs to let outside matters divert its mind.

**Repeal of Purchasing Law.**  
The repeal of the Sherman silver purchasing law and the Democratic split over the money question, coupled with the panic, the tariff, and the bond issues, led the Republicans to believe they could, as they boasted, "nominate a rag baby for president in 1896 and win at the polls." The two real candidates for the Republican nomination were William McKinley and Thomas B. Reed. The opposition to McKinley sought to break down the backbone of his strength by bringing out favorite sons everywhere. Iowa brought out Senator Allison, and they tried to bring out Senator Cullom in Illinois. First the McKinley managers sought to sidetrack the Cullom boom by offering him a good position under McKinley. Cullom himself says he could have had anything he wanted in return for a promise of support, and when he declined to give that promise the McKinley managers decided to carry the state for their candidate, Cullom boom or no Cullom boom, and they succeeded.

The McKinley managers—with Mark Hanna as their chief—decided to "straddle" the money question. They held an early state convention in Ohio for the purpose of adopting a platform which should serve as a guide in other states. The money plank was a complete example of concealing thought with language. Both silver and gold men read in it a full indorsement of their varying views. Hanna managed things with great success in the way of lining up the delegates, and went to the convention prepared to win.

**The Money Question.**  
The one problem now confronting the Republicans was the attitude they should take on the money question. Some say Hanna wanted a sound money plank, but he held out against it long enough to carry out several other objects he had in view. An eastern committee waited upon him at his hotel and told him they would sacrifice McKinley if he did not let them have a sound money plank. It is said that Senator Platt, the "Easy Boss" of New York, announced to Hanna that he had an hour in which to come to terms, and that Hanna did so in half an hour.

When the platform finally was adopted the money plank declared for gold, simply using "international bimetalism" as a ladder by which the Republicans might climb upon the platform, and to catch voters who leaned toward free silver. Twenty-two Republican state conventions had declared for free silver.

The Democrats were a badly split party when they arrived at Chicago. The silver wing was so violently opposed to Mr. Cleveland that they defeated a resolution indorsing their own administration, something perhaps unprecedented in party politics in the United States. They rode roughshod over the Cleveland adherents, and when it came to voting for a party nominee, the Cleveland supporters were silent. In the Republican convention the silverites who could not favor the platform, walked out, some of them with tears streaming down their cheeks; but the anti-Free Silver Democrats sat tight until after the convention. Bryan's "crown of thorns and cross of gold" speech swept him up the political ladder from a contesting delegate to the nominee of the convention, after one of the most dramatic scenes in the history of political gatherings.

The Silver Republicans ratified the action of the Democratic convention, the Populists put up Bryan and Watson, and the bulk of the Prohibition vote went for free silver. Later the Gold Democrats met and gave the Cleveland administration the indorsement it had been denied by the regular Democratic convention, and nominated Palmer and Buckner on a Gold Democrat platform.

After the conventions were over the Republicans found that they had serious business on hand, for Bryan and free silver, it seemed, had at one time carried more voters away from the Republican party than the Republican leaders could hope to get in recruits from the Democracy. Bryan went to New York, and imitating Lincoln, read a carefully prepared speech of acceptance, rather than to take any chance of sacrificing his thoughts for oratorical efforts.

**Bryan Was Poor.**  
When the canvass began in earnest, Bryan found himself handicapped by poverty—personal and political. He often had to borrow money to get from one stopping-place to another, and the first part of his tour was made in day coaches. The railroads were against him, and it was a long while before they gave him a private car.

Meanwhile the Republicans conjured with the prosperity argument and the threat of worse times if Bryan came into power. Debtors were informed that their creditors would want their money if Bryan won, factory workers were warned to expect a shut-down in the event of his success, and with the biggest campaign fund in all political history, and three-fourths of the business men on their side, nothing was left undone by Hanna and his associates. In September the tide that had been flowing toward Bryan turned back and kept rising toward McKinley until election day. The Gold Democratic orators advised support of Palmer and Buckner, but it was understood that only those who could not conscientiously support McKinley

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should vote for them; the others were to vote for McKinley direct, and they did.

When the campaign was over, Bryan had spoken to more than 5,000,000 people, while over 700,000 had made pilgrimages to Canton, Ohio, to hear and greet McKinley in his famous front porch campaign. When the returns came in they showed that the Republicans had won an easy victory, with more than a hundred electoral votes to spare. Only in two of the states did the Gold Democrat ticket figure to any extent. In Kentucky and California the votes it received, had they gone into the Democratic column, would have given the electoral votes to Bryan. McKinley got a quarter of a million popular votes more than all his opponents combined.

The election of 1896 permanently retired from the realm of "paramount issues" a question that arose as a result of the civil war, and which had hounded the two great parties for a quarter of a century. The money question was retired to the limbo of dead issues, and the added production of gold has largely overcome the difficulties which the Bryan school of statesmanship sought to remedy by the free coinage of silver.

When McKinley came into power he brought a great change into the White House. Cleveland and Harrison knew nothing of the fine art of conciliation. Both failed to agree with their party leaders, and each of them was ready to fight at the drop of the hat. But McKinley was a conciliator. He preferred to follow the advance guard in a political contest rather than to head it. He tried to carry out the will of his party rather than to control it. Some said he had the backbone of a chocolate éclair, but his friends realized that he was the man to keep his party together by compromise rather than to split it by opposition. Cleveland and Harrison go down in history as the only two presidents who ever defeated one another. John Quincy Adams defeated Jackson before Jackson became president and afterward was defeated by Jackson, but this was not a case of an ex-president defeating a president.

Tomorrow—Presidential Elections, XXV—What of Today?

## AMUSEMENTS.

**"Bought and Paid For."**  
William A. Brady, who can always be relied upon for the best, is sending us tonight and tomorrow, matinee and night "Bought and Paid For" by George Broadhurst, which is the most interesting work from this author's pen. It seems to be like a man's play and a woman's play, appealing with pretty nearly equal force to both sexes.

## Baking Powder Biscuits

Light as a Feather  
By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of  
the Boston Cooking School Magazine

Baking Powder Biscuits made by this recipe are so far ahead of ordinary baking powder biscuits that, if once tried, you will never use any other recipe. Try it the next time you run short of bread. Save this recipe.



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most women believing they would do as Virginia Stafford does when her millionaire husband comes home overcharged with champagne, and forces his caresses upon her. On the other hand, most men think that while in Robert Stafford's phase they would never submit to fiat dictation on the point of swearing off champagne forever. Thus there is something for most married couples (and some intending marriage) to discuss over the supper table after the performance, and discussion is good for the mind.

## JURY DISAGREES IN MEDBURY CASE

After considering the case practically all night, the jury in the trial of Lawson G. Bradley and Gaylord W. Thompson, charged with using the mails to promote a lottery scheme, failed to agree and was discharged by Judge District in the federal district court at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

It is said that the jury stood 10 for conviction and two for acquittal. The trial has been occupying the attention of the court for nearly a week. Dozens of exhibits were introduced by both the government and the defense. Charges and counter charges passed between counsel during the trial. The scheme for which the promoters of the Medbury Valley investment company were on trial was that under which the townsite near Hammett was sold. The government declared it was lottery and indicted several principals and agents. The indictments against S. S. Champlain and Garde Mahoney were dismissed.

## PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL

Bakersfield, Cal., Nov. 4.—After drugging a trusty, sawing through iron bars and scaling a jail yard wall, four former inmates of the Kern county jail are fleeing through the hills with two passes in pursuit.

The men, who escaped early yesterday, are Bernard C. Sitz, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for having obtained money under false pretenses; Oscar Wade, sentenced to 10 years on a statutory charge, and two prisoners held on a misdemeanor charge. Sitz and Wade were awaiting rulings on appeals of their cases.

C. H. White, the trusty, is believed to have been given the smuggled drug by one of the misdemeanor prisoners. While in the corridor, the prisoners sawed through eight iron bars from their cells and escaped through a jail window.

They descended to the ground by a rope made of their blankets and scaled the 20-foot jail wall by another rope which hung from the top of the wall.

The escape was discovered three hours later.

## Notice to Contractors.

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W. D. THAYER,  
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