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OBSERVATIONS BY THE EDITOR

Democrats Dissatisfied with National Ticket.--Parker's Telegram to Convention.--Mr. Bryan's Statement.

Very few of the Democratic exchanges that reach this office are at all satisfied with the action of the St. Louis convention. Most of them express disapproval in very plain language, but any they will support the nominees. Why they do this I cannot understand, unless it is to please the politicians who have large blocks of public printing to distribute.

Judge Parker is not entitled to the active support of any self-respecting Democrat. When the Wall street crowd began to boom his candidacy, every effort was made to get him to talk.

But he was as silent as the grave. David B. Hill of New York was one of his chief supporters. Mr. Hill botched the ticket in 1896 and again in 1900. While the convention was in session at St. Louis, Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Hill if he knew Parker's views on the gold standard. Mr. Hill replied that he did not.

Mr. Hill just lied.

A bitter fight ensued on the adoption of a gold plank in the platform, for fifty hours, and without sleep. Mr. Bryan fought the combined forces of the East and gained a partial victory. The platform is silent on the money question. Mr. Bryan was taken from the convention hall a very sick man. The strain was too great.

The capitalist press of the East howled viciously because of the elimination of the gold plank. The first country learned of the views of Judge Parker was after his nomination. He sent the following telegram to W. F. Sheehan, his manager at St. Louis:

"I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established, and shall act accordingly. If the action of the convention today shall be ratified by the people, as the platform is silent on the subject, my views should be made known to the convention, and if it is proved to be unwise, I request you to decline the nomination for me at once, so that another can be nominated before adjournment. ALTON B. PARKER.

An effort was made to suppress the telegram, but in some way the St. Louis Star got hold of it and made it public. This caused consternation and the telegram was demanded

things he said: "If the gold standard is right, why run from it? If the convention adopts a plank declaring for the gold standard, I shall make no objection--except to vote against it."

But it was too late to do any material good. Mr. Bryan prevented the adoption of a gold plank, but a gold standard man had already received the nomination. By order of the convention the following message was telegraphed to Judge Parker:

"Alton B. Parker, Esq., N. Y.: The platform was made silent on the monetary standard because a monetary standard was not regarded as an issue in this campaign. Only issues were considered in this platform. There is nothing in the platform to prevent any man from accepting the nomination on that platform.

W. F. SHEEHAN, Chairman of Convention.

So you see, Mr. Voter, that, according to the convention that adopted it, there is nothing in the platform to prevent any man from accepting the nomination on that platform."

Now roll up your sleeves and get out and fight and yell for the platform that any man can stand on--no matter what may be his political views. In a speech urging the sending of the message, John Sharp Williams said:

"We incorporated only issues in this platform. We were silent on the money question, and made a platform upon which Wm. J. Bryan could run, upon which Grover Cleveland could run, or upon which any man could run, and there is nothing in the platform that would prevent the man selected by this convention from accepting the nomination."

Then you have it again. It doesn't matter what you believe in, you can run on the Democratic platform on which to stand. For the seventh time the Democrats have declared for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, but when the fight was on at Washington two years ago for the election of senators by direct vote, who was it that led the fight against it if it was not Senator George G. Vest, the alleged idol of the Missouri Democracy?

After reaching home Mr. Bryan issued a statement in which he said he would vote for Parker, although

the subject at a time when he could not be taken from the ticket without great demoralization. The nomination was secured therefore by crooked and indefensible methods. But the Democrat who loves his country has to make his decisions upon conditions as he finds them, not upon conditions as he would like to have them.

"After having stated that I shall support the ticket, and after having given my reason for so doing, I think it due to the Democrats of the nation to say that, while the fight on economic questions is postponed, it is not abandoned. As soon as the election is over I shall, with the help of those who believe as I do, undertake to organize for the campaign of 1908."

Note that Mr. Bryan virtually concedes the defeat of the Parker ticket and says he will organize for the campaign of 1908 immediately after the election.

Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal is a man of national reputation. He is a brilliant writer as well as an orator.

In 1896 he started out in active support of Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform. At that time he controlled the views of his paper and said what he thought.

Metropolitan newspapers, like other corporations, issue shares or stock that are bought and sold just the same as shares in a railroad, bank or trust company.

In 1896 the capitalists suddenly discovered that, while they owned practically everything else, they did not own all the newspapers, and that these were very necessary in their business of skinning the public.

Accordingly they set about buying up shares of newspapers that they did not already own, until they had a controlling interest. Then they ordered the editor to write something or go out.

The Courier-Journal was not hot for silver. I am told that in 1896, after Watterson had gone to bed, a man called at his room and ordered him to go down and change the policy of the paper. Mr. Watterson complied and next morning the paper appeared advocating the gold standard. This same Watterson, in commenting on Judge Parker's telegram to the St. Louis convention says:

"The message of Judge Parker was not only the straightforward, upright and courageous thing to do, but was an inspiration. It clears the atmosphere like a lightning flash. At one fell swoop it forces the fools to the rear. It separates Democracy from Populism."

Now will you be good, you "fools," as Watterson calls the believers in the Kansas City platform? Will you go to the rear, as you have been forced, or will you insist on climbing into the Parker band wagon after you have been kicked out?

The Iron County Register is the only paper in this section that pays any attention to the St. Louis World.

OUR SUPREME COURT AGAIN. The supreme court of Missouri recently rendered a decision which seems to sustain its record for injustice.

I am not familiar with all the facts in the case, but it seems that a Democrat county man owned a pond from which he gained a living by catching and selling fish. It appears that J. E. Franklin, the banker and capitalist, caused a ditch to be dug that drained this pond--thus destroying the owner's usual means of earning a living.

The fisherman brought suit for damages against Mr. Franklin. A Democrat county jury awarded him \$2,500. Mr. Franklin appealed. The supreme court held that the fisherman was entitled to nothing, because the health of the community was benefited by such drainage. This is as I understand the case--and I believe it to be correct.

Supreme courts go mighty solicitous for the public welfare when there is a capitalist at the other end of the string. This fisherman had title to this pond, and the fish in it were as much his property as the gold in Mr. Franklin's vaults is the property of Mr. Franklin. What right had Mr. Franklin to destroy them?

"Benefited the public health," says the supreme court. Granting that it did, is not there a legal way to determine such matters? What right had Mr. Franklin to determine such a question? Does anybody suppose he caused it to be done for the public good?

This pond originally belonged to the public. The fisherman bought it, either directly or indirectly, from the public. If it was necessary for the public good to drain this pond, then the public or somebody should pay him for it. But before this could be done the proper authorities would have to find that the pond was really injurious to the public health.

I may not know as much about so-called law as the average supreme judge, but I've got a little horse sense. And it is my understanding that fish cannot thrive in stagnant water. In fact, water cannot be some stagnant where there are any considerable number of fish. The retention of fish in this pond is not a benefit, but a nuisance, just as you keep the water in your cistern fresh by stirring it with a chain pump.

But our supreme judges are so smart, you know.

Mr. Franklin is a Cleveland Democrat, and a power in Southeast Missouri politics.

The fisherman may be a Democrat of the old school--or a Populist.

What has gone wrong with Ben Adams? Here we have a bountiful wheat crop and he hasn't said a word about the Republican administration causing it.

Farmers of the hills should photograph the condition of the roads and bridges in that section, and when the ring-ers come out among you to tell you how to vote, draw the picture of them. Farmers pay road taxes and get no use of the roads smooth with their vehicles. At this time there are any number of ruts and gullies in the roads two feet deep--and positively dangerous to drive over after dark. Many bridges are full of holes while others are washed away. Just before the election next fall, however, you may depend on it that road work will be active.

Last week 50,000 meat packers struck for higher wages. The protest went to the United States Attorney General and the Attorney General of Missouri have been so active in not lasting replies to the strikers that there has been "no such increase in unskilled labor in any other branch of industry," and that "the prevailing conditions are such that there has been a decrease in such wages." Unskilled labor has a devil of a time. The only really skilled laborer is the lawyer.

I forgot to mention last week that Judge Hiram Moore, the St. Louis judge who dismissed the indictments against the police and Indians charged with election frauds, also dismissed the indictment against Jim Sargent on the ground that the indictment was defective. When Sargent was indicted it will be remembered that I said, "When the courts punish Sargent you can hang me."

The United States Attorney General has ordered a special Federal grand jury to be convened in St. Louis, August 10, for the purpose of indicting a number of honorable men in connection with election frauds. Oh, the rage!

"Golden Rule" Jones of Toledo is dead and "Old Oil" Johnnie Rucker is still alive. The promoters are dead right when they tell us that the ways of Providence are mysterious and past finding out.

The Kicker wants somebody to point out the material difference between the Democratic and Cleveland National platforms.

You can all vote for Parker, Davis who want to, but I have enough of Clevelandism to last me a lifetime.

To Contractors.

Bids wanted for repairing Owensby schoolhouse, district 220-14. To be repainted outside, size 20x30, 12 foot wall. House to be leveled up, windows fixed and one new door shutter made. Bids to be filed with J. W. Baty, City, up to July 29. Work to be finished by Aug 10, 1904. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

T. N. PATR, Dist. clerk.

SOUTHEAST NOTES

De Soto Republican: Hon. J. F. Mitchell, editor of the El Paso Evening News, assisted by W. J. Bryan, editor of the Commoner, Lincoln, Neb., knocked the gold plank out of the national Democratic platform at St. Louis last week. These gentlemen are today considered the two biggest men in the Democratic party. [And yet we can remember when, at Farmington a few years ago, Frank had to make Bryan stumble over him three several times before Bryan could remember who the duce he could be.]

On the 8th Preston Miller was killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. On the 9th Frank Smart was drowned in the Little St. Francis while fishing. On the 10th Ralph Potts was shot dead by the accidental discharge of a rifle.

On the 11th the St. Louis Post-Dispatch published three advertisements in its 11th column.

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The Fred Jones to it that some of the people in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch had been in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for some time.

The Madison Merit says: Representatives of the Missouri legislature, in the Missouri legislature, in a special session, a-bounding and a-riding! We hadn't heard of it.

Ed Caruthers thinks Gov. Dockery should have had second place on the Democratic national ticket. He is also of opinion that the Dunklin Democrat should print the constitution.

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CAN THEY CARRY THE LOAD.--By courtesy of the St. Louis Chronicle.

by the convention. Mr. Sheehan yielded and the message was read to the convention.

When Mr. Bryan heard of this, he disregarded the advice of his physician and, at the risk of his life, was led into the convention hall. Weak as he was, he made a powerful plea against the further encroachment of organized greed. He brought tears to the eyes of many. Among other

his nomination was secured by crooked and indefensible methods." Among other things, Mr. Bryan says: "I shall not misrepresent the situation, or appeal for votes for the ticket upon false grounds. A Democratic victory would mean very little, if any, progress on economic questions so long as the party is under the control of the Wall street element. On the money question Mr. Parker is as thoroughly committed to the side of the financiers

very few instructed delegates from the north and no possible chance for the nomination. But he and his managers advised and purposely concealed his position until the delegates had been corrupted and the nomination assured. Then his friends attempted to secure a gold plank, which was overwhelmingly defeated in the committee. After the party had rejoiced over the hazy nomination secured by the omission of the question, and after he had secured the nomination, he injected his views upon

Remember the Place.--B. F. Earles, Morley.

Farmers, Attention, Please!

I know you are busy--but I'll be brief and to the point.

Keep in mind my new department, in which you will find a new and clean line of Dry Goods, Clothing, Notions, Shoes and Groceries. Space forbids quoting prices, but if you want 4-cent Calico, I have it. A nice pair ladies' shoes, \$1.

<p>Tiger Disc Drill, with extra seeder attachment. \$45.00.</p> <p>Disc Harrows. 24.00.</p> <p>Jas. Oliver Sulkey Riding Plows, 29.50.</p> <p>Low wheeled, wide tire wagon, 55.00.</p> <p>6-cap. steel range, 15-gallon reservoir, large warming closet, others ask \$42.00, my price, 22.00.</p> <p>Tiger Hay Rakes, Buckeye and Milwaukee Mowers, Wagons and Buggies.</p>	<p>I feel that I can supply your every want in farm machinery and general supplies at prices that cannot be duplicated elsewhere.</p> <p>Good Straw Matting, from 10c per yd up.</p> <p>Good Ingrain Carpet, 22c per yd and up.</p> <p>Gasoline Stoves and Wickless Coal Oil Stoves from cheapest to the best.</p> <p>Bale ties, \$1.00. Canteloupe baskets, 6c.</p> <p>Blue and Whipperwill Peas.</p>
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