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**The Denver Platform**

No Southern paper has been more viciously hostile to Mr. Bryan and some of the radical views imputed to him than the Memphis Commercial Appeal. That journal is, however, as eminently fair as it is eminently able, as the following appreciation of the platform concededly Mr. Bryan's handiwork, will attest:

"The keynote of the Democratic platform is representative and constitutional government. The drift under Republican administration has been toward paternalism and centralization. Unquestionable there is an emphatic sentiment among the people in favor of a strong centralized government, but we cannot help thinking that it is only a transient feeling. A strong government often means a weakening of the rights of the individual. As a Democrat, we have always believed that personal liberty was the keystone to the arch of republican institutions. When the individual is free, the nation is apt to be strong.

"Under Philip the Second, Spain had a powerful government and the people had no rights at all. The strength of his government proved to be its weakness. He died amid the rains of his empire and left to posterity a name that has been universally execrated. The strongest government that England has ever had has been the government under which the people are free. Cromwell held Great Britain in a grasp of iron. Funicularism was the order of the day. Shakespeare, the world's greatest genius, was abolished and the playhouse was closed. But when the denominating personality of the protector was removed, license succeeded and the drama became the most heinous that the world has ever seen. This was due to the fact that Cromwell had not only suppressed personal liberty, but had permitted to men to enjoy those innocent things that the Almighty intended him to enjoy.

"The constitution of the United States has been pronounced by many European statesmen to be the noblest instrument of the kind ever written. It protects the individual in all its inalienable rights. Closely observed it makes us a free people. But there has been of late a tendency among the ruling statesmen to read into the constitution things that they think ought to be there, but are not. The constitution guarantees to every American citizen free dom of conscience, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. If charged of a crime he is entitled to a trial by jury. He is not required to subject himself to any religious establishment in which he does not believe. He is protected from confiscation of his property. Yet in recent years nearly all of his inalienable rights have been invaded by legislative subterfuges.

"There is nothing radical about the Denver platform. Some planks in it present questions that are undeniable open to discussion. But no essential Democrat principle is flouted. The rights of men are recognized and the tendencies toward centralization are pertinently pointed out.

"In short, the Denver platform is a vigorous protest against paternalism, against favoritism to special interest and against that spirit of anarchy that would overthrow the constitution when it found it convenient. We believe that it will, therefore, commend itself to those thoughtful citizens who are alert to the dangers that threaten their priceless liberties."

**Texas Land is Cheap**

George E. Barstow of Barstow, Texas, is in Dallas, having just returned from the East after an extended trip. Mr. Barstow is endeavoring to arouse interest in the National Irrigation Congress which meets in Albuquerque, N. M., from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3 of the present year. He is vice president of the congress.

Mr. Barstow will at the Albuquerque meeting make a report along with four other committeemen, of which Clifford Pinchot, National Forester, is one, on plans for the conservation of the natural resources of the country. This committee of five was appointed at the last session of congress held at Sacramento, Cal., a year ago.

"I think every Texan with irrigable land," said Mr. Barstow last night, "should make a special effort to attend that congress. He will gain some valuable information. I believe that a large number of Texans will be on hand because of the proximity of the meeting to the Lone Star State."


Mr. Barstow asserts that there is not today an acre of land in Texas that is not a purchase. He attended a meeting at the White House in May, when the need for the reclamation of arid and swamp lands was discussed, and says that experts at that time expressed the opinion that in 1940 there would be 140,000,000 people in the United States and that the demand for land would then be greater than the supply, unless in the mean time all arid and swamp lands is reclaimed. He says that Texas stands first in acreage of land adaptable to irrigation. Dallas News.

**\$1000 From England**


Through the interest manifested in the packing house question, a letter sent by Curry & Dehoney to Tom Carson, owner of the Carson building on Folsom street, the latter called his subscription of \$1000 to the project from London, England. Mayor Marrs is highly pleased over this and says: "If all the property owners and non-residents would take the same interest as readily as did Mr. Carson, Ann would have absolutely no trouble in securing her packing house. — Daily Panhandle.

An exchange says: "One of our subscribers took us to task this week for failing to re-marked, to publish all that happened. It was fortunate for this particular individual that discretion occasionally demands the omission of unpleasant items. Should we publish all that is told to us, we would be with the angels in about twenty minutes after our papers were mailed. We try to print all items that are news, or that will encourage, help or cheer any of our citizens along life's rugged road. We all doubtless would enjoy reading 'all the news' when its about the other fellow, but our policy is to turn over to the gossips the spreading of scandals that only have sorrows in their trail."

The governor of Mississippi has threatened to respite a negro condemned to be hung at Waynesboro, unless the hanging be private, because a public execution would interfere with a revival now in progress at Waynesboro. Any excuse is good enough to stop public hangings. Such excuses belong to the days of Captain Kidd, and not to the enlightened twentieth century.

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