BRYAN QUALIFIES.

The Nebraska Editor Takes the People into His Confidence Through His Paper.

Trifles sometimes indicate the drift of things, particularly in politics. Owing to a number of recent unimportant ocurrences, the discussion of Mr. Bryan's future as a democratic leader and possible presidential candidate has been revived in the more speculative section of the press. The other day the Nebraska editor was directly questioned by a Chicago interviewer as to his attitude, and he was distinctly noncommittal in his expressions. But there is an editorial in the Commoner purporting to take the public into Mr. Bryan's confidence, and it is interesting to glance at its central statement.

There is an air of extreme frankness about it, but, after all, it does not tell us anything definite. Mr. Bryan says that he is not "planning" for another presidential nomination. This is superfluous. The time for planning has not arrived. President McKinley's second term is not yet two months old, and the new congress will not convene for several months. Mr. Bryan adds: "If ever I become a candidate again it will be because it seems necessary for the advancement of the principles to which I adhere, and that does not now seem probable. I shall, however, take an interest in politics for several years yet, if I live, and can be relied upon to support those who as candidates advocate the democratic principles and who can be trusted to enforce them if elected."

It does not now "seem probable" that Mr. Bryan's candidacy will be necessary for the advancement of his principles, but if the necessity should arise and the party should knock at Mr. Bryan's door he is not the man to decline the burden of leadership. If this does not mean that Mr. Bryan is willing, even anxious, to be a candidate "for the sake of his principles" it means nothing at all, and this alternative is not reasonable.

But the necessity will not arise. The democratic party is drifting and showing no signs of reconciliation, but it is almost certain that none of the issues of the late election will survive the year 1903. Free silver is dead beyond peradventure, and the question of imperialism will be settled by the supreme court. The Filipinos will be pacified and headed toward substantial autonomy and independence. New issues will doubtless arise, for stagnation is not a condition familiar to Americans, but they will call for new leaders, and the democratic party is vigorous enough to furnish them without galvanizing the political dead. Mr. Bryan stood for a body of doctrines, and he will disappear with it.—Chicago Post.

DRIFT OF OPINION.

☞Quite some time has elapsed in which Mr. Bryan has not asserted that this prosperity which we are enjoying isn't real.—Albany Journal.

☞Mr. Bryan fears that the democratic party will be republicanized. Something on this order happened last November.—Baltimore American.

☞The president is talking about marketing our surplus, not about allowing outside competitors to market their surpluses here if by so doing they will interfere with the home producer.—Indianapolis Journal.

☞When Mr. McKinley became president the deposits in all the banks of the United States amounted to $1,650,000,000. The last report makes such deposits $2,750,000,000, an increase in available funds of 70 per cent. Still, now and then a man declares that there is no prosperity that is real.—Indianapolis Journal.

☞Having so signally failed to leap into the presidency as a bound, William Jennings Bryan, reaping wisdom as the harvest of experience, may conclude to make his next approach by the slower but surer approach of gradual steps, first the governorship of Nebraska and next the United States senate. The plan has this virtue, that though failure of ambitious consummation come again, the fall will be less bruising because of reduced altitude of precipitation. — Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

M'KINLEY'S LITTLE SPEECHES

Wholesome Effect of the Chief Magistrate's Talks with the People.

As a maker of little speeches that reach the minds and the hearts of his hearers, and produce a deeper and more lasting effect than most longer efforts of the kind, President McKinley is without a peer. On not a few previous occasions he has shown himself to be possessed of the ability to say much of the right sort in few words, and the conditions which confront him everywhere on his present trip are well calculated to develop still further the faculty which he possesses in so high degree. He is always the staunch patriot, the cheerful optimist; but his optimism never drifts from its basis of fact. He does not color his description of conditions; but in brief, forceful words, he brings out their gratifying details and compels attention to them even from those who are inclined to take prosperity as a matter of course, worthy of no special notice, and are ordinarily aroused from indifference only when conditions are, or threaten to become, awry. There is in his utterances not a trace of boastfulness, not the slightest tendency to exaggeration; he appeals to common sense, to national pride, to the optimism of his normally constituted fellow citizens. He points out the many reasons for rejoicing that we have as individuals and as a nation; he proclaims his own gladness because our affairs are as they are, and asks his fellow citizens to be glad with him.

The effect of the president's little speeches cannot but be wholesome. He invigorates the feeling of patriotism and national pride in those who hear him and in those who read what he has said, and leaves them with a fuller realization of the fact that American citizenship is a boon for which all who enjoy it should be devoutly thankful. He makes the heart of the optimist to beat higher with pride and joy in the present and with confident hope for the future, and even the pessimist who hears him must experience a new sensation that is not the less pleasing because of its novelty.

In these heart-to-heart talks with his fellow citizens, President McKinley reveals himself again to the masses as the man whom those who have studied him more closely know him to be—patriotic, broad-minded, large-hearted, permeated with love of country and of his fellow men, and finding his greatest pleasure in their prosperity and the promotion of it.—Albany Journal.

Aguinaldo No Martyr.

There is nothing of the martyr in Aguinaldo; indeed, nothing of the fanatic. He is simply a politician of the oriental type whose party has been defeated in arms, but hopes to be successful in office. As the United States means to continue to hold the Philippines as possessions, its policy will be to employ local talent in administration as long as that talent continues trustworthy, and Aguinaldo will be trustworthy so long as it is worth his while. We shall not be surprised if Aguinaldo becomes conspicuous as one of the agents we shall employ to solidify our domination. There are a good many people in this country who think that the United States will grant absolute independence to the Philippines, but these people are doomed to see their opinion discredited. They will see tranquillity restored in the Philippines under the American flag as the Filipinos adjust themselves to our supremacy and our people adjust themselves to a "colonial system."—Boston Transcript.

☞Mr. Bryan in substance says he is out of it—unless, perchance, he happens to be in it. "The heretofore cannot be recalled, and the hereafter cannot be anticipated." The trouble with Mr. Bryan's party is that its hereafter is all heretofore—its future is behind it.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

☞When Editor Bryan dons his overalls and goes a-plowing on his farm, or when he reaps his harvest this year, there will be none that will care to take pictures of him and write syndicated articles about his activity.—Albany Journal.

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WESTERN CANADA'S DECEMBER WEATHER EQUAL TO THAT OF MAY IN MINNESOTA.

To the Editor:

Thomas Regan and C. Collins, of Eden Valley, Minnesota, went out to Western Canada last December as delegates, to look over the grazing and grain lands that are being offered at such low prices and reasonable terms. This is what they say:

"We arrived in Calgary about the 20th December and although we had left winter in Minnesota and Manitoba, we were surprised to find beautiful warm weather at this point, quite equal to what we have in May in Minnesota. There was no snow nor trace of winter to be seen, and the climate was really splendid. Horses, cattle and sheep were running out, in prime condition, with plenty of feed on the prairie, and really better than that of ours stabled in the south. We are impressed with this country as one of the finest mixed farming countries we have ever seen. The immense tracts of fertile lands, well sheltered and abundantly watered, leave nothing to be desired.

Leaving Alberta we returned east and visited the Yorkton district in Assiniboia. We drove out about ten miles at this point and were highly pleased with the splendid samples of grain we were able to see, wheat yielding 25 bushels, oats 60 bushels. Roots were also good specimens. From what we have seen, we have decided to throw in our lot with the Yorktoners—satisfied that this part of the country will furnish good opportunities for anyone anxious to make the best of a really good country. Any agent of the Canadian Government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in the columns of your paper will give you full particulars of the new districts being opened out this year in Assiniboia and Saskatchewan.

Yours truly,
OLD READER.

STAYS IN JAIL FOR SPITE.

Pennsylvania Court Is Asked to Expel a Stubborn Old Man from Prison.

James Gannon, 68 years old, infirm and gray-headed, declares that you can't make a man leave a jail if he doesn't want to. He has been in the county jail at Scranton, Pa., since 1894, and now says he won't leave. The question that is concerning the authorities is, Can a free man be forced to leave a jail? reports a local exchange.

The old man was sent there seven years ago for refusing to sign a deed disposing of his own property. He was accused of contempt. He declared he would never sign. A bill was passed giving county officers the right to sign deeds of transfer, and Scranton breathed free again. But Gannon won't budge out of jail.

"I've got used to jail life, and I like it," said he. "I guess I won't leave. I'll spite them all."

Then habeas corpus proceedings were started. Gannon refused to sign the petition. Now Scranton wants somebody to come forward with a scheme to get a man out of jail against his wishes.

South Dakota Farms

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CATTLE—Common	2 75	@	4 35
Extra butchers	4 90	@	5 25
CALVES—Extra	7 00	@	7 25
HOGS—Selectshippers		@	5 95
Mixed packers	5 80	@	5 90
SHEEP—Extra	4 00	@	4 15
LAMBS—Spring	4 50	@	6 60
FLOUR—Spring pat.	3 80	@	4 10
WHEAT—No. 2 red		@	76½
CORN—No. 2 mixed		@	46
OATS—No. 2 mixed		@	31¼
RYE		@	61
HAY—Ch. timothy		@	14 75
PORK—Family		@	15 00
LARD—Steam		@	7 95
BUTTER—Ch. dairy		@	13
Choice creamery		@	20½
APPLES—Ch. to fancy	3 00	@	4 00
POTATOES—Per brl.	1 65	@	1 75
TOBACCO—New	7 95	@	14 00
Old	8 40	@	9 50

Chicago.

FLOUR—Win. patent.	3 80	@	3 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	73⅝	@	74¾
No. 3 red		@	70
CORN—No. 2	44½	@	48
OATS—No. 2		@	30
RYE—No. 2		@	52
PORK—Mess	14 75	@	14 80
LARD—Steam	8 10	@	8 21½

New York.

FLOUR—Win. patent.	3 65	@	4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red		@	82⅝
CORN—No. 2 mixed		@	50
OATS—No 2 mixed		@	33½
RYE		@	60½
PORK—Family	16 00	@	16 50
LARD—Steam		@	8 40

Baltimore.

WHEAT—No. 2 red	75⅝	@	78⅞
Southern	76	@	79½
CORN—No. 2 mixed	48¼	@	48¾
OATS—No. 2 mixed	31	@	31½
CATTLE—Butchers	5 00	@	5 35
HOGS—Western	6 25	@	6 30

Louisville.

FLOUR—Win. patent.	4 50	@	4 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red		@	75
CORN—Mixed		@	48
OATS—Mixed		@	31
PORK—Mess		@	14 00
LARD—Steam		@	8 50

Indianapolis.

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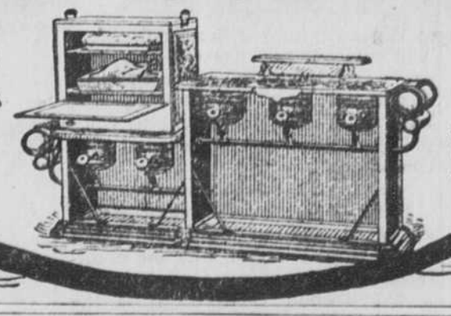

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