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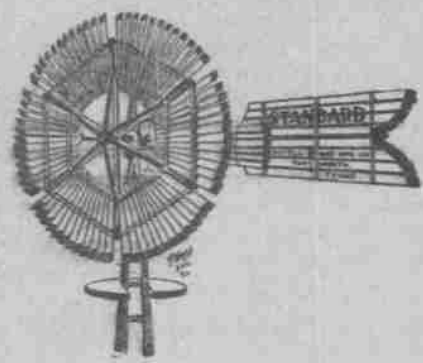
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## MR. BRYAN IN CAMP

IS HAVING A GREAT TIME SHOOTING DUCKS.

His First Camping-Out Hunt in Ten Years—Adapts Himself to Conditions and Is a Boon Companion—Bagged Seventeen Ducks First Day.

(Howard S. Williams in Monterey News.)  
Camp Bryan, Near Los Aldamas, Nuevo Leon, Nov. 25.—Out in the open, with a jolly lot of sportsmen for camp comrades, Mr. Bryan is enjoying a life free from care, worry, or work. He has thrown himself into the duck hunt in the characteristic manner in which he does all things, with his heart and soul. If around the camp fire one tells a story Bryan is sure to follow it with a better one, and he tells his jokes and stories in an easy, quiet tone, all his own.

He is a good listener and no matter how bewhiskered a joke told by any man in the camp, Mr. Bryan is all attention, and the first to laugh.

That courtesy for which he is famous, just as in a drawing room, he shows in camp. The difference lies only in the setting. He adapts himself to camp food, camp life, as a duck takes to water. Last night he slept in a tent for the first time in ten years. He said this morning that this was his first hunt, in ten years, that he had been on where he had slept out in the open. He has been to Galveston, Texas, and other points on hunting trips but always had a comfortable bed in a comfortable hotel or private dwelling.

And does Bryan enjoy this life, out in the woods, on the banks of a duck pond? The answer is read in his face. That face almost seems to say "Joy."

Everyone in camp respects the wishes of the distinguished American to say absolutely nothing about politics. Only subjects such as are discussed around any old camp come up, and in that Mr. Bryan joins.

Mr. Bryan had his first hunt and secured his first duck shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and a few minutes after reaching the "blind" especially prepared out of mesquite boughs, for him, by his hunting companions.

Mr. Bryan remained at the duck pond until after 5 o'clock, and his gun brought down seventeen big, fat ducks. This number equals previous records of Mr. Bryan's. After killing the seventeen he waited some time longer, hoping to bag just one more to break his record, but the ducks were on to him and so took flight to numerous ponds in the vicinity.

Mr. Bryan has a complete hunting outfit with him, including, rubber boots, with hip extensions, a hunting coat, with white broad brimmed felt hat. The hat is highly prized by Mr. Bryan. Several years ago it was sent to him by his Texas admirers. On the band, in silver letters appears "From Silver Dick, a lover of Bryan."

When Mr. Bryan laid low his first duck, he called out:

"That's number one, fellows." When the second hit the water following the report of the Commoner's gun Mr. Bryan gleefully called, "There's the second." And so on until the last bird fell.

This morning Mr. Bryan was out at the blind at 6 o'clock, and when he went to camp at 8 o'clock he carried seven ducks with him.

Bryan is one sportsman who tells the truth. He kept track yesterday afternoon of the number of ducks he had killed before the birds were retrieved, and said that there were seventeen on the water and in the bushes. Exactly that number was found.

The Nebraskan has a hearty appetite, and passed his tin plate for several helpings of broiled venison last night. At noon today he devoured several fat, juicy, "butterball" ducks, and part of a fine mallard.

Unselfishness certainly forms a mighty big part of this great Democrat, of such huge frame. He is always asking if he can't do something for some one. Last night two men borrowed extra Bryan pants, while their own dried out by the camp fire.

He loaned an undergarment to one man, a pair of shoes to another, and offered to pull wet, muddy boots from one fellow's pedal extremities this morning.

Bryan knows the name of every man in camp, in fact he knew before he reached here, and remembered them all. He calls every man's name without the formal "Mister." The "Boys" speak of him as the "Colonel." When it was known that he had stripped all of them everybody gave three cheers for the distinguished statesman, for the time being turned hunter.

Mr. Bryan says the duck hunt is already a success. He hopes to get a shot at a turkey before leaving tomorrow afternoon for Monterey, but so far no one has been able to locate a "turkey roost."

If there is a man in camp who was not before an admirer of Bryan he is now. Every person here loves William Jennings Bryan. This man of such majestic personality has made every man here his friend for life. To see him camping out in the woods, away from all formality, dignity cast aside, is to see a true sportsman having a great time in an innocent form of recreation.

## DRAINAGE

To The Herald:

Waring, the recognized authority on drainage, says: "In the cultivation of retentive soils, drainage is the key to all improvement." To suggest to the farmer unacquainted with irrigation that the dry arid land he is putting in shape for water, will ever require drainage, seems to him an absurdity, yet few are the soils which under the ordinary methods employed in supplying moisture to the soil, that do not slowly but surely fill with water, rendering in time drainage to be an absolute necessity in order that the largest returns may be made possible. It is practically impossible to apply just the amount and no more moisture than is necessary to produce the required plant growth. In fact it is in many instances advisable that a little excess be applied that the poisonous salts may be carried downward, to be kept below the surface by cultivation. Again, with a large number of crops, winter irrigation is advisable, at which time a washing of the soil by a heavy application of water is beneficial. This excess of water applied during cool weather when evaporation is less active, carries the salts downward, and good drainage supplied, it passes on from beneath the land to the open streams, carrying the alkalies with it. However, if free drainage is not available the results are entirely different. The water seeping from canals, from ponds by the railroad, made by slovenly irrigators, and from any and every excess of water applied to field and garden, passes into the soil going down until it reaches the water plain, if not intercepted by an impervious stratum of clay or rock. In most soils the lateral movement of water is comparatively slow—so slow that the amount supplied gradually raises the surface of the subsoil water, until it comes so near the surface as to be injurious to plant growth, hence the necessity of assisting this lateral flow by drains, either open or tile, or both.

In planning a system of irrigation, the drainage should not be lost sight of at any time. In fact the supplying of the water to the land and the removal of any excess from off or underneath it, should be considered as parts of our general plan.

In the Lower Rio Grande Valley the drainage problem is today of more importance than that of irrigation. This land will produce a partial crop without irrigation. If it is allowed to become water logged it will produce nothing, not even saltbush.

A general system of protection against flood water and for drainage, should be at once planned and executed. It must necessarily be public property and retained as such, free from all private controlling interest. A public flood channel dammed and controlled by private interests would be doubly obstructed. All the low-lying channels which have acted in their natural condition as drains and overflow channels, should be retained as such, cleaned and deepened when necessary, and kept clear of all obstacles to stream flow. Channels intended for drainage should never be used for irrigation canals. They cannot be made to serve both purposes successfully. To use a drain for irrigation would necessarily require the use of stop gates to divert the water. The use of stop gates would cause the filling of the drain with silt and shortly there would be no drain. With Grande become flooded, you would be in worse condition than were the country still in the condition that nature left it.

Build permanent and well protected head-works at the intake of the flood channel on the Rio Grande—when necessary protect the river bank from overflow from the headworks to the Gulf—open up to sufficient capacity the main channel from the headworks to the Arroyo Colorado, connect all natural drainage with the main drain, enlarging when necessary, locate other main lateral drains connecting all farms with the natural drainage, building these as necessary then with this aid make the Arroyo Colorado a large canal connecting with the interoceanic canal-to-be.

W. R. ROCKWELL,  
Irrigation Manager U. S. Dept. Agriculture.

### Returned From the North

Mr. G. W. Smith, a prominent business man of Cleveland, Ohio, has arrived in the city and will spend some time in this section with his family, who have been here since the early part of the year, his son, Paul Smith, being interested in scientific researches in the Valley and on the coast near Point Isabel. Mr. Smith was accompanied to Brownsville by his daughter, Miss Mabel, who went to Cleveland to visit him and whose return is highly gratifying to Brownsville society, with which she is very popular. They were met here by Mrs. Smith and her sister, Mrs. Reid, who came up from Point Isabel, where they had been sojourning since Miss Smith's departure for Cleveland several weeks ago. During their stay in Brownsville they will be guests at the New Miller. Mr. Smith, the head of the family, has visited this section on a former occasion and has unbounded faith in the future of Brownsville and the Valley of the Lower Rio Grande.

## LA LOMITA IRRIGATED LANDS FOR SALE

Some weeks ago we published as an advertisement, an estimate on onions grown on 107 acres of land in the winter of 1907 and 1908, land adjoining La Lomita Ranch, by W. P. Stites, Ed Pullian, W. E. Nickerson and Ed C. Dustin, Secretary of the South Texas Onion Growers Association. This estimate was made in May while the Onions were in transit. Since then W. P. Stites and W. E. Nickerson have received return on their shipments from the 43 acres which they cultivated. Mr. Dustin and Mr. Pullian have not yet reported results of their 64 acres.

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