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Mr. W. Cabell Bruce On New Election Law.

Tells Why the People of Maryland Should Stand By It.

LETTER READ AT DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING IN LEHMANN'S HALL.

Old Law Made Bribery Easy.

At the Democratic mass meeting held on Thursday night, October 24th, at Lehmann's Hall, Baltimore, the following letter from Mr. W. Cabell Bruce was read:

"Owing to a personal engagement I shall be unable to be among the speakers at the Lehmann's Hall meeting this evening, but in compliance with the kind invitation extended to me I take this occasion to express my views with respect to the changes in our election laws affected by the legislation of 1901.

"I was a member of the State Senate in 1896, when the election law of that year was passed, and I fail to see in what particulars the amendments of 1901 are repugnant to its spirit or marked by any features except such as experience has demonstrated to be promotive of its leading objects. It was no part of the purpose of the Election law of 1896 to insist that the suffrage in Maryland should be intelligent as well as free.

"It simply accepted the existing basis of the suffrage, largely the sequel of military conquest and the offspring of violated nature, as it found it, and confined itself to organizing in new forms the political machinery by which the vote of the citizen had been previously registered, cast and counted. For the advocates of the law at that time, when they were seeking to radically alter prevailing methods of conducting elections and to overcome the opposition which all political changes encounter, to have attempted to surround the right of suffrage with conditions exacting a higher degree of intelligence for its exercise than had been usual would have been to invite the fate that is apt to befall every effort in a legislative body to crowd two days' work into one.

PROVISIONS OF 1901.

"So far from the provisions of the legislation of 1901 abolishing party emblems and requiring the voter to cross mark the name of every candidate for whom he votes being innovations upon the spirit of the Election law of 1896, they are entirely in keeping with it and measures of capital importance in giving to it its full logical expression.

"Party emblems and the power they conferred upon an ignorant or unreasoning voter of casting his ballot for an entire group of party candidates at a single stroke were retained in the Election law of 1896 by the friends of that law, not out of tenderness for such voters, but—some timid constitution scruples, perhaps, aside—because they feared that in the existing state of party opinion the representatives of neither party organization in the General Assembly would be willing to dispense with the aids that such emblems furnish to mechanicel and unreflecting voting.

"Especially did they have cause to fear that the Republican majority in the General Assembly of 1896 would be strongly averse to any interference with the direction that the nose of Abraham Lincoln had long given to the votes of thousands of the more benighted adherents of the Republican party. I can testify that when the law of 1896 was on its passage I was vigorously urged, as one of its friends to propose amendments to it wiping out party emblems, and that I was restrained from doing so only by the fear of helping to overweight a horse that had a hard enough run before him as it was.

WORTHY OF APPROBATION.

"Now, however, that one of the two great party organizations of the State, for reasons which, like all party reasons this side of Utopia, were partly public and partly interested, has abolished party emblems, substituted men and measures for symbols and fetiches, and made it necessary for the voter to realize for what and for whom he is voting, I say that its action ought to receive the approbation of every thoughtful citizen.

"The legislation of 1901 demands no qualifications for the exercise of the suffrage that our public schools, whose doors are ever swung wide open upon their hinges, will not cheerfully supply as the reward of a few weeks' application to free public school books. It does not discriminate in the slightest manner against or in favor of any party, class or color. It simply compels the voter to vote like a reasoning man and not like an unreasoning automaton. If in its practical workings it should bear more severely upon the party interests of the Republican than the Democratic party, this will be due not to any unfairness in the legislation itself, but merely to the fact that the mass of the Republican party are less competent or willing than the mass of the Democratic party to avail themselves of all the benefits of our noble system of free public schools.

SPECTACLES AND THE LETTER "O."

"It is certainly far better that some thousands of herded voters should be compelled to resort to campaign schools, or spectacles, or other devises for steering clear of the round "O" in the word Democratic on the official ballot than that the wheels of political progress starting out, as we hope, upon their ascent to a higher plane of suffrage generally, should be brought to a standstill. An educational qualification that requires knowledge, after all, of but only one of the twenty-six letters of the alphabet is surely not a very stringent limitation upon the electorial privilege.

"Nor can I see any departure from the polar spirit of the legislation of 1896 in that portion of the legislation of 1901 which deprives all except the physically disabled of the privilege of invoking assistance in marking their ballots. One of the main aims of the former legislation was to break up the nefarious practice of bribery at elections by drawing the veil of secrecy over the act of marking the ballot.

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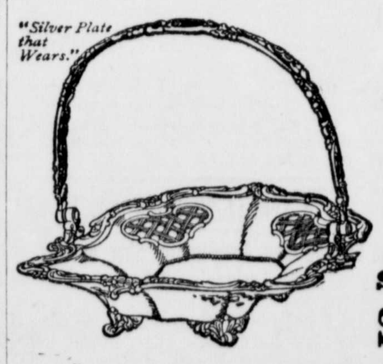

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