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DEMOCRATIC MEETING

AT ROCK HALL

under the auspices of the Bryan and Stevenson Club of Rock Hall, THURSDAY, Nov. 1. Following speakers will be present

COL EDWIN H. BROWN,
DR. JOHN B. SCHWATKA,
HON. MARION DEK. SMITH.

R. D. HYNSON, Esq., will preside at the meeting. Everybody come and hear the issues ably discussed. By order

B. H. COBURN, PRESIDENT,
THOS. H. STAVELY, SEC.

THE great strike is over. Now for lower priced fuel.

BOULDEN'S crime was horrid. His sentence terrible, but just!

THE lawless rum sellers have caught it pretty heavy at this term of court.

THE "bottle brigade" will learn after awhile that the law applies to them as well as to other law-breakers.

OUR people generally—and Democrats specially—will regret the death of so prominent a citizen as Mr. John Brice. He will be greatly missed.

OUR readers will enjoy the cartoon of "Willie and his Papa," in our extra political page. Twelve columns of excellent reading will be found in this supplement.

BRYAN'S sweep through Maryland and Delaware will make him thousands of votes. His speeches are unanswerable. He is the right man for President.

NO MAN in this country has ever exhibited such wonderful personal magnetism as Mr. Bryan. His meetings everywhere are beyond all precedent. The people have faith in him.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND repudiates the Republican scheme to list him as a supporter of McKinley and an opponent of Bryan by publishing his financial views of *four years ago*. He says he has never authorized any such construction. He still claims to be a Democrat. Another ex-President, Benjamin Harrison, is bitter against the McKinley policy, but he will go with his party all the same. So much for the two ex-Presidents.

THE Republican newspapers have succeeded in making McKinley a genuine *money candidate* by their continued harping about money. Bryan's high character renders him invulnerable on all sides, so that his enemies have no hope but to appeal to the cupidity of the money power. They seem to know or care about nothing but money in this campaign. Manhood—liberty—people's rights—all go for naught.

ANOTHER two-column card of "Honest Money" Rebublican literature appears in our advertising columns. It is altogether as miserable twaddle as could be gotten up, but is just the sort of stuff that might be expected from a "League" composed of stock speculators and trust company manipulators. Their "honest money" is as bald a pretense as their Democracy. They are Republican to the core and John K. Cowan, the corporation lawyer and railroad president, is their patron saint. No man with a spark of Democracy in his being will take any stock in and of the blackguardism levelled against their great leader, WM. JENNINGS BRYAN.

"NOT GUILTY!"

One of the important cases before the Circuit Court the past week was that against John Schoener, of Philadelphia, charged with violating the local option law. The prisoner says he procured a government license in Philadelphia for $25 and stocking his launch with beer, etc., came to Betterton. He carried parties from Betterton to Grove Point, Havre de Grace, Georgetown, etc. The case before the court was that in which he sold two dozen bottles of beer on Sunday off his launch while running in Chesapeake bay. A jury of intelligent, fair minded gentlemen brought in a verdict of not "Not Guilty," the defense being that the bay is State water over which the county has no jurisdiction. If a Government license sanctions the sale of intoxicants off the bay shore of counties in which prohibition prevails the local option laws will be to a great extent nullified and a most demoralizing condition of affairs inaugurated by the presence of floating barrooms, dancing halls, baudy-houses and gambling dens. All lovers of peace and good order will be sorry to learn of the result of this case and efforts should be commenced at once to have a law framed to cover such cases.

THE DEPARTED.

One of our respected citizens, Mr. John F. Howard, has been sorely afflicted by the death of his wife, a most estimable lady. Everybody called her "Mrs. Em. Howard," but her full name was EMILY LOUISA PINER HOWARD. Had she lived to next January she would have been 60 years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. Charles T. Lusby, a well-known citizen of Chestertown, who with his estimable wife, Mrs. Araminta Lusby, bequeathed a rich legacy to the daughter in a character for lovely temper and sunny disposition rarely excelled. She always seemed happy, though her life had its share of sorrows. Her industry was tireless, while the greatness of her noble heart was circumscribed only by her means. No one ever sought her sympathy or help in vain. Everybody loved her and now mourn her departure. With her husband she united with Christ M. P. Church in early life and has remained a consistent Christian during all the intervening years. Her husband survives her and one son, John Wm. Howard.

The deceased, though of apparently frail body and small frame, has been remarkably healthy, rarely ever knowing a day's sickness, and when the intelligence flew over the town last Saturday that she was paralyzed everybody was startled. The fearful stroke which affected the whole of her right side terminated fatally on Wednesday night. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Gill, yesterday afternoon, and the remains interred in the family lot in Chester Cemetery. John N. Dodd undertaker.

The following were the pall-bearers: Samuel Todd, James W. Lambert, S. F. Smith, James W. Chapman, T. Waters Russell, George W. Hatcherson.

JOHN BRICE.

After a long and distressing illness, which was borne with heroic fortitude, JOHN BRICE died at three o'clock yesterday morning. He was 71 years of age on the 16th of last September, and up to the time when the disease which terminated his life seized him he was almost a stranger to sickness. He was one of the prominent men of the county and a leading Democrat. He leaves a large family, his surviving children being as follows: Sons—Wm. Tilden, John, George and Joseph; daughters, Mrs. James L. Beck, Mrs. F. Fountain, Mrs. Dr. C. W. Whaland, Mrs. John D. Welch, Miss Nannie and Miss Anna Brice. His first wife, by whom he bore all these children, was a daughter of the late Geo. B. Ford. His second wife was the widow of the late John Beck, and she survives him.

Mr. Brice was a son of Joseph Brice; his mother was a Tilden. In boyhood he learned the carpenter's trade in Odessa, Del., and he worked for a time in Millington; he then went to Queen Anne's, coming from I. B. to Kent in 1854 and began his agricultural life on the Wilmer farm below Fairlee, now owned by W. E. Keyser; from there he went to the Forest farm, then to the Fancy farm, now owned by Mr. Josiah Lusby and tenanted by Wm. T. Nicholson; then back to the Forest farm; then to the Hudson farm below Lankford. He owned at the time of his death the latter fine estate, tenanted by his son, Tilden; also the Cosden farm adjoining, tenanted by Richard Bryan, and the farm near Tolchester tenanted by James L. Beck. Besides these the deceased has for some years owned Brice's mill which has been successfully run by J. W. Beachamp.

Though he has always taken great interest in public affairs Mr. Brice has held very few political positions. He was a county assesor in 1876 and was elected to the Legislature in 1887. He was the minority supervisor of election for four years and re-appointed by Gov. Smith on the present board of which he was elected President.

No man in Kent county probably ever took more interest in politics than John Brice. He was as true as steel to his party, and the Democracy loses a strong pillar in his death. Early and late, from January to December, he was always interested and active in political affairs, and his house was a constant meeting place and headquarters for the leaders. He was very popular socially and his family was known far and wide for their distinguished hospitality. His liberality knew no bounds. For a great many years Mr. Brice was the recognized leader of the Fifth district Democracy and he could always be relied upon to keep the lines true and tightly drawn.

Mr. Brice was always fond of a joke, and nothing seemed to give him more real pleasure than innocent pranks and tricks upon his acquaintances.

Early in the present year Mr. Brice was attacked with his fatal disease. He spent a short time at the hospitals in Baltimore and had the constant attention and treatment of the best physicians and the most loving ministrations of his family up to the very last moment of life. He gave up all hope of recovery some time ago, and very patiently awaited the end. Rev. Dr. Martin, of Emmanuel P. E. Church, administered the sacred rite of baptism recently, and the swift ebbing life was haloed with the bright and beautiful hope of the Christian faith in a risen Saviour.

The funeral will take place at the deceased's late residence in Chestertown at 1 o'clock to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. Martin. Interment at St. Paul's; undertaker, J. N. Dodd; bearers, selected by himself, Wm. B. Usilton, Charles T. Westcott, George B. Westcott, Rich'd D. Hynson, J. Burton Burchinal and Josiah Massey.

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IMPERIALISM AS A PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

Democratic Records Show It Never Was Made a Party Issue—Only a Sham Issue of Bryan's Convention to Mask Free Silver.

Amid many blunders the Demi Populists Convention built cunningly when it proclaimed imperialism a "paramount" issue. If it claimed to have differed with the Republicans as to the Spanish War, attention might have been called to the fact that the war resolutions were adopted in the House by a vote of 311 to 6. If it had claimed to have opposed the Spanish treaty, it would have had to explain away the vote of 10 Democrats, 3 Populists, 3 silver and one independent Senator, who under the direct appeal of Mr. Bryan voted for the treaty. If it had posed as having resisted the acquisition of the Phillippine Islands, it would have had trouble with the 48 Democrats, 9 Populists and nine fusionists who, on February 20, 1899, voted to pay for them. If it had pretended to have resisted the increase of the army, as an instrument of imperialism or an illustration of militarism which every free man should detest, it would have been answered by the fact that the Military Committee of the Senate, on February 24, 1899, provided for the present establishment by a report which was Unanimously Concurred in By Democrats, Republicans And Populists, and was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 55 to 13, passing the House by a vote of 203 to 32. Instead of reciting their opposition to these "Acts of Imperialism," they have their own party representatives, familiar with and sworn to uphold the Constitution, first concur in each and every one of them as good and lawful legislation, and then under the stress of political exigency in the effort to mask, while reaffirming, the rejected platform of 1896, arise and proclaim that the sum total of the several good lawful acts in which they had participated constitutes a crime against the Constitution and an assault upon liberty, and actually set up the fact that Republicans also participated in them, as an issue upon which a jury of American voters should condemn the Republicans and reward the Demi-Populists, rewarding the latter, not upon any record of having resisted the crime, but upon the high moral ground of having turned State's evidence.

FALSITY OF PRETENSE OF ISSUE OF IMPERIALISM.

They demand the punishment of McKinley upon the testimony of Bryan, his accomplice, and insist that his informer's fee, the latter should have the spoils of office. Out of McKinley's action and Bryan's concurrence, they seek to raise an issue between them. The mere statement Shows There Never Was A Party Issue Really Raised Upon Any Of These, and if the Kansas City Convention had had the audacity to say so, the falsity of the pretense would have been immediately exposed. In the place of defining the facts upon which they rely they make this general and vague declaration—"The burning issue of Imperialism growing out of the Spanish War involves the very existence of the Republic and the destructions of our free institutions. We regard it as the paramount issue of the campaign."

Having so delivered themselves, without specifying in what particular spot the issue was or is burning, or how or where it involves the existence of the Republic, or what act growing out of the Spanish War has destroyed any free institution of America, their orators dwell upon the "paramountcy" of an issue of this kind, and very naturally make a good argument. We all agree upon that with an agreement which surpasses the unanimity of the parties when they voted for the Spanish War, the Spanish Treaty and the increase of the army at the end of the Spanish War. Every Sane Man In The United States, Republican or Democrat, Looks Upon The Continuance Of This Republic And The Preservation Of Its Free Institutions As Paramount To All Questions Of Which The Platform Of Any Political Party Treats, and if any question as to their continuance should really arise they would unite and vote As One Man For Their Preservation. In that uprising, however, Democrats would turn for protection and leadership to some one of approved statesmanship and courage such as Grover Cleveland, and not to self-advertised trimmers like Mr. Bryan, who helped to bring the trouble upon us. Trying to get in the swim, he helped "imperialism" along, and now trying to get into office, the swim being over, he would pose as his country's liberator from his own legislation.

As the Kansas City Convention had, therefore, no real Spanish War issue upon which to construct a controversy between their acts and the acts of the Administration, it manufactured a dummy in very general words and for fear the existence of the dummy would be promptly disproven, if left to itself, stamped it "Paramount" and proceeded to argue with great force and eloquence and consumate gravity to the American people that liberty is really preferable to slavery and that a real Republic is more to be desired than any old Empire that could be constructed.

Taking a text upon which men have thought, written and spoken for centuries, and with the talent for giving expression to the thoughts of others which marks him, Mr. Bryan made the one good speech of his campaign. He should have stopped right there, when they all agreed with the general principles enunciated by him and while comparatively few of his own party saw their want of application to the actual situation. As this has gone on and his speeches have flooded the country, people have begun to think, and the more they think about it the less they see in this pretended issue.

ISSUES ARE BORN, NOT MADE.

To many indeed it appears evident that the agitators who sought to make lawful money out of paper, and who still seek to force upon us fifty cents worth of silver as a dollar, have not hesitated to attempt "the free and unlimited coinage of issues" out of nothing; to stamp them "Paramount," and to pass them upon an unsuspecting people "in the name of liberty." Like poets, issues are born, not made, and secure attention by their merits, not by their title pages. Advertising may help but cannot create them, and when the puff becomes too lurid it suggests doubt to the reader. An issue can only arise from some conflict of fact or circumstances, and when political, to be real must involve some course of action or legislation defined and advocated on the one side and resisted on the other. The War of the Revolution arose from specific acts of oppression, and upon the issues of resistance or submission the Whigs and Tories of that day divided. The extension of slavery into the Territories produced the controversy of 1860, and upon the issue so raised the Democrats and Republicans first contended. The effort to foist silver upon the country at double its real value gave origin to the proposal of the free coinage of silver, upon which the Democratic party split, and so from time to time real conflicts, involving actual pending questions of property, commerce and liberty, which required real and immediate action or legislation, have produced controversies among us. In each and every case, however, there has been something which part of the people wished to have done, and it has only been when the popular demand for action became pronounced that political parties have divided upon the subject and have recognized the issues so made.

The Whigs of 1776 did not debate the "Paramountcy" of issues, they demanded that the colonists should fight. The Republicans of 1860 did not prate of the value of issues, they demanded the abolition of slavery in the Territories by Act of Congress. The Democrats of the South who seceded wasted no words upon the subject, but seceded, and during the war which followed no one argued upon the existence of the issue, but fought for or against it. In all the cases the facts created the issue and upon the issue, the people take sides. It takes two sides to make an issue, and upon that of so-called Imperialism all are of one mind; all love freedom and the Republic, and it is impossible to raise any issue about it.

When the voters of 1896 found that the Populists, backed by Bryan, had captured the Democratic Convention, and joined forces with the mine-owners in the attempt to debase our coinage, they did not debate about "issues," they studied the effect of the legislation proposed by the new combination, and voted accordingly.

VOTERS NOT DECEIVED BY UNREAL ISSUES.

Voters who understood the political situation then will not be deceived by unreal issues now. They will see that while the Demi-Populist platform of 1900 omits to specify any act of usurpation which it would undo, and fails to show how it will maintain order or protect property in the distant Philippines without the use of coercion or the support of any army; it in terms reaffirms the Chicago platform, which in unmistakable language proposes to do certain things with regard to our courts, our currency and our commercial, financial and industrial interests, which if carried out, will produce a very immediate and disastrous effect throughout the length and breadth of America.

They will see that the acquisition of the Philippines can no more be made a party question now than that of Alaska; that the islanders, as now instigated, must be curbed by some force and governed, whether they consent or not, and that when so governed by us their condition will be better and their Government freer than any they have ever known or are themselves capable of. They will see behind the remote shadow of imperialism the very substance of that repudiation and anarchy which threatened us openly in 1896 and is now seeking to sneak in upon us in 1900. When Mr. Bryan visited the East in 1896 he proudly proclaimed, as a conqueror, that he was visiting the "enemies" country. The same Mr. Bryan is here again in the same spirit, holding the same views and possessed by the same ambitions. He has learned, however, that he is not strong enough to overcome the "enemy" by open force, so he cloaks himself under the mantle of the Goddess of Liberty, calls himself friend, and sneaks in upon us, as the Tagalo upon our soldiers, to us the stiletto with greater effect when he has disarmed suspicion. The old saying was, "Scratch a Russian and you will find a Tartar." Strip from Bryan this cloak and the Populists and Communist of 1896 will stand revealed before you.

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EX-SENATOR BOND, A PROMINENT DEMOCRAT OF CALVERT COUNTY, REPUDIATES BRYAN.

ST. LEONARD'S, MD., Oct. 18, 1900.

Mr. Editor: Nearly four years have elapsed since the last Presidential election. Soon every American entitled to a vote will have the opportunity of expressing his preference for a President for another term of four years from the 4th of next March.

The principal candidates for President this year, as in '96, are the same—the issues the same. No one can but remember in the last Presidential contest Mr. Bryan prophesied if Mr. McKinley was elected and administered this Government in accordance with the promises made by the party that nominated him, that ruin and desolation would surely follow. There is not a man to day, with three grains of common sense, with brains enough to keep him outside of an insane asylum, who does not know that Mr. McKinley was elected and did just what he promised to do. We all know that he assumed command of the executive branch of the Government at a time when the nation was on the brink of a financial panic, when business of every kind and in every section was at a standstill, or on the down road to ruin.

When Mr. McKinley took the helm he reversed the course, and in the short period of four years we find universal prosperity. Where there was gloom and distress—by a change in the tariff laws, by financial legislation, or by what other means I care not. This I do know, that under the wise and statesmanlike administration of William McKinley this nation has taken the foremost rank among the nations of the world, with a national credit greater than Great Britain, with the establishment of a standard of value in harmony with all other nations, with the supremacy of trade in our favor, with the flag—the emblem of our liberty—honored, respected and feared by every nation on the face of the globe.

For all this we are asked to change our Executive, to try an experiment, to elect a man whose only qualification is a glib tongue, with no experience, uneducated in the duties of statesmanship.

Imperialism is but a piece of "fly paper" to catch votes. Who is the man who would dare rob the humblest citizen of his rights? To act the tyrant he would pay the penalty with his life. His name would be handed down to posterity, linked with those of Benedict Arnold and Judas Iscariot, to be loathed and despised by all men. Think you that a man like Mr. McKinley, whose whole life has been spent in the service of his country, would be such a tyrant, the man who when but a boy shouldered his musket and as a private soldier risked his life in behalf of a united country, who from that time to this has been a conspicuous figure in the eyes of the public, who from the humblest walks of life, by his own good character, has climbed to the topmost round and stands today in the most exalted position that a free people can bestow? Think you such a man need to be feared? No, a thousand times no! Those who say it do not believe it. A change of administration this fall, with the present candidate and issues involved, would renew conditions from which we have just escaped. Instead of a true statesman like McKinley, we would be at the mercy of a man who is striving to be President by accepting a nomination at the hands of any party that will help him. He is the representative of the so-called Democratic party, the Populist and Silver Republicans, a conglomeration as heterogeneous as night is from day.

"Let well enough alone. Trust to the same commander. The old ship of State, guided by his mighty hand and head, taken out from shoal waters of danger and now on the great ocean of prosperity, will move onward and onward to a destiny beyond the comprehension of man. Unborn generations will thank us; the God of Nations will bless us.

JOHN THOMAS BOND,
An Unadulterated Democrat

Supervisors' Notice.

TUESDAY, October 23, 1900.

SUPERVISORS met at office of Richard D. Hynson. Present, W. A. Hyland and W. S. Carroll. John H. Clendaniel appeared and qualified as clerk for second district.

Supervisors contracted with Miss Pauline Ascher for her store room in which to hold the election.

Ordered, that Mr. Sheats prepare election booths at Worton; Frank Duyer at Chestertown.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday.

JOHN BRICE, President;
WM. A. HYLAND,
WM. S. CARROLL.

JOSIAH MASSEY, Clerk. 1t.

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