



The flag symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats it is the flag of the free, the hope of the oppressed, and wherever it is assailed, at any sacrifice it will be carried to a triumphant peace.—Wm. McKinley.



ILLINOIS NEXT GOVERNOR.

It is believed that Mr. Bryan has turned out more perforated predictions than other man in public life.

Chairman Jones might take a day off and tell us just how he would regulate the Cotton Bale Trust, if he had his own way about it.

Whether Tammany Hall is raising a Democratic fund of two million dollars or not, there is no question that it would be entirely easy for it to do so.

California's trade with the Philippines now amounts to \$2,000,000 a month. California didn't send a single delegate to the Indianapolis gathering of malcontents.

In fact that Chairman Jones is connected with the cotton bale trust is a measure consoling to the Van Wycks and other Tammany statesmen. Misery doesn't like exclusiveness.

Mr. Bryan has one speech for the Democrats, another for the Populists and a third one for the free silver advocates. In view of the nature of his support the many sided Kansas City platform was absolutely necessary.

Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina is for Bryan, he says. But is Mr. Bryan for Marion Butler? And if Mr. Bryan is for Marion Butler, is he also for government in North Carolina without the consent of the governed?

1864 the Democrats were changing Abraham Lincoln with being an imperialist and a republic wrecker. The Indianapolis Sentinel was particularly vigorous in this work. Mr. Bryan is not quoting from the files of his Indianapolis organ.

The Hon. Charles A. Towne is to attempt to answer Governor Roosevelt's speeches. It will be recalled that Mr. Towne is the gentleman who was unable to successfully answer the arguments of the men who wanted him off of a certain presidential ticket.

In his Topeka speech of acceptance Mr. Bryan neglected to allude to the manner in which his North Carolina Democratic supporters put on their red shirts and beat his North Carolina Populist friends out of the recent election. Mr. Bryan understands that the less his friends know of each other the better it will be for him.

There is an occasional democrat who says in substance that he is going to vote for Bryan on the terrible anti-expansion question, and then trust to the republicans to keep the money good. The party is pretty hard up when they cannot find a big, broad gauged man who is safe and sound on all questions for a candidate.

Senator Cullom was the principle speaker at a big rally at Long Point, Livingston county, Sept. 1. He made a splendid speech upon the issues of the day and met with a warm reception and is very popular in this county. Ex Congressman Thos. J. Henderson, was also one of the speakers. The meeting was an immense one and indicates that the republican sentiment in this part of the state is stronger than ever.

Congressman Walter Reeves was a Dwight visitor Sunday enroute from Jacksonville to his home in Streator. He was one of the principle speakers at the opening of the campaign there Sept. 1. The meeting was very large and among the speakers was Hon. Dick Yates, Lieut. Gov. Northcott and all the state candidates, Congressman Reeves, Judges Carter and Hanagy, and Hon. C. A. Dawes. Congressman Reeves reception at all times indicates his increasing popularity all over the state. He is the most popular where he is known best, and he will undoubtedly be re-elected to congress by an increased majority.

Judge Richard Yates was a guest of the republicans of Streator, Tuesday and was given a banquet at the Plumb House. During the next governor's remarks he took occasion to pay the following well-deserved compliments to Congressman Reeves.

"I am glad to visit this city for many reasons, but for this one especially, if for no other—this is the home of one of the manliest and noble of men, your worthy and capable, popular and powerful leader and Congressman, Walter Reeves. It is a pleasure to me to be in the city of his home, and I know the high appreciation and esteem he enjoys in the community in which he resides. I like him for many reasons, and among others because he has in all his political career been a warm and outspoken friend of protection, of prosperity, and of organized labor. He knows well that prosperity cannot come to the people of this country in its proper measure without a strong protective tariff; that when this condition has been brought about then comes the function of organized labor to demand and receive its proper share of the general prosperity; and he has governed himself accordingly. I also honor him for his courteous and magnanimous conduct toward me during this whole year. Most of all, I honor him because of his able and honest industry and wise performance of public duty, which performance has made his public life as notable as his private life is pure.

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FARMERS LEAVING BRYAN.

Prosperity Has Captured Them In the Statement Made by John A. Gillespie.

Four years ago one of the most ardent supporters of Bryan in Clinton county was John A. Gillespie, a prosperous farmer residing near Keyesport. He would abandon his plow in the field for the sake of participating in a political argument and lauding the democratic party. Being a well-read man, he was of considerable assistance to the party which he has been wedded to for 20 years. Mr. Gillespie was such a bitter democrat that he would not even vote for a republican for a township office. Since 1896 he has been enjoying prosperity, and attributes this to the present administration. In an interview he gives his reasons for repudiating the Bryan City platform in the following terse language:

"I have been voting the democratic ticket for 20 odd years, and while I was firmly convinced four years ago that the principles advocated by Mr. Bryan were correct, yet in view of the progress which the country has made and the changed condition of affairs since 1896, I doubt the propriety; in fact, I am against making any radical change in our administration at present. Everybody knows that since 1896 there has been a marked improvement in our financial and business condition; hence there can be no profound desire for a change like that which existed in 1896. At that time I could not sell my horses or anything else at scarcely any price. I could not borrow \$50 from any of my neighbors. I can now take the same security and get \$1,000 from many of my neighbors if I so desire. It is not necessary to make application at any bank. The farmers are prospering at the present time; therefore I do not want any change. It is my honest opinion that such a change would cause a repetition of the hard times that prevailed before McKinley was inaugurated into office. I feel that McKinley has fulfilled his promises, and I want to give him the opportunity to continue in the presidential chair; therefore I propose to support him in November. With all sincerity to my democratic friends, I must say I do not want to go back to four years ago, when depression was felt all over our broad land. I am firmly convinced that such a radical change as now advocated by Mr. Bryan will produce these same old hard times; at least for awhile; and I will leave my old party for the present before I will take a dose to make me sick, so I can be cured, for I believe if I ever cured my condition could not possibly be any better than it now is, and so long as the party maintains the prosperity that now exists among farmers I will give it credit to the extent of voting for it."

FACTS THAT ARE FACTS.

Comparative Values of Live Stock in Illinois in 1896 and 1900.

Table with 2 columns: Live Stock, 1896, 1900. Rows include Horses, Mules, Cattle, Sheep, and Total.

Desertions in Perry County.

William K. Murphy, of Pinckneyville, ex-selector, collector of revenue under Cleveland, candidate for congress and for ages a democratic leader of worth and great weight, has come out open and above board for the whole republican ticket, and which cuts the democrats of that section to the heart. His partner, Judge George W. Wall, of Du Quoin former appellate court judge, banker, wealthy and a life-long democrat of strength, with his two sons, have joined the McKinley ranks. Harmon, Edward and Charles Hencke, three of the wealthiest and most influential German merchants of Perry county, have also announced for McKinley. The best of the democratic leaders have come out for McKinley and Yates, and democratic Perry, the first in the state to send in her poll books, will give a handsome majority for the republican ticket this year without question. W. S. Wilson, former superintendent of the Illinois Central at Pinckneyville, is another democratic leader now with the republicans.

Senator Stewart Against Bryan.

Senator William M. Stewart, of Nevada, who was one of Bryan's most ardent supporters in 1896, announces that he has decided to vote for McKinley this year. He says: "The United States went to war with Spain urged on by the democratic party. The popularity of the war was such that Mr. Bryan joined the army. The war was successful, a treaty of peace was entered into whereby the United States agreed to pay \$20,000,000 and accept the sovereignty and public property of Spain in the Philippine archipelago. There was opposition to the ratification of the treaty. Mr. Bryan came to Washington and persuaded his democratic friends to vote for the treaty, and it was through his influence that the treaty was finally ratified."

Sickles Is for the Flag.

Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, of New York, who has been a life-long democrat, in his address at the Coliseum in Chicago during grand army encampment week, spoke strongly for the administration. This one utterance was enough to show his repudiation of Bryan and Bryan's principles: "The flag now floats, and will never cease to float, over the islands in the Atlantic and Pacific. No man will ever see it come down." Nothing could be more directly antagonistic to the democratic "paramount issue."

Will Keep His Word.

D. C. Keleher, of Orion, Henry county, an old democrat, told M. L. Love, of Moline, after the last presidential election that if the times became good under a republican administration he would change his politics. Now that the times are good, Mr. Keleher will vote the straight republican ticket this fall, says the Moline Dispatch.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Showing the Condition of Finances When the Republicans Came Into Office.

Q. What did John P. Altgeld find in the state treasury at the beginning of his first fiscal year in office? A. John P. Altgeld found a surplus of \$1,068,965.24 in the state treasury at the beginning of his first fiscal year in office.

Q. What did John R. Tanner find in the state treasury at the beginning of his first fiscal year as governor? A. John R. Tanner found a deficit of \$2,059,225.29 in the state treasury at the beginning of his first fiscal year as governor.

Q. That being the case, what was the net cost to the state on account of enduring one democratic administration? A. The net cost to the state was made up of \$1,068,965.24 in surplus and an accumulated deficit of \$2,059,225.29—a total of \$3,128,190.53.

Q. What new financial move was inaugurated under Gov. Altgeld's administration? A. By order of Gov. Altgeld 13 of the state institutions were together required to borrow illegally \$1,082,657.81 during the last 15 months of the democratic administration.

Q. What amount of interest did the state pay on this sum of money illegally borrowed? A. The state paid \$20,288.41 interest on this sum. The rate of interest on these illegal loans was from 6 1/2 to eight per cent., and in some cases a premium was paid on the loan, bringing the rate up to ten per cent.

Q. Was there any plain stealing of state funds by appointees under the Altgeld administration? A. Yes. The records of state show that \$92,078.34 was stolen from the University of Illinois and other state institutions under that administration.

And Altgeld is the man Bryan says he will appoint a justice of the supreme court of the United States if he is elected.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Do you live in Illinois, and do you live on a farm? If so, just look at this statement of the comparative values of live stock between 1896, when McKinley was elected, and in 1900, when it is your duty and interest to reelect him:

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Are you a merchant in a county seat or in a village of Illinois? If so, remember that as the value of farm stock and produce rises or falls, so also do your cash receipts from the farmers who are your customers.

Are you a mechanic or laborer? If so, bear in mind that when the retailer makes large sales the manufacturer has to make many goods to supply the retailer's needs. And when the factories are busy, labor is in great demand, and when labor is in great demand wages go up.

Farmer or merchant, mechanic or laborer, lawyer or banker, do not let your attention be diverted by any specious plea from consideration of the main fact that during the last 40 years we have had "good times" when republican policy prevailed and bad times when democratic policy was in the ascendant.

Many Colored Clubs.

Capt. Jordan Chavis, in charge of the republican colored bureau at state headquarters, says the formation of republican clubs is well under way throughout the state, and that colored voters generally are taking a greater interest this year than in any previous campaign for republicanism, and concludes with the statement: "It is safe to state that we will not lose a corporal's guard among the colored voters this year in Illinois. During the past week we have organized the following colored clubs: McKinley-Yates Marching club, at New Grand Chain; the Dick Yates Republican club, at Jacksonville; Yates Colored Republican club, at Spring Valley; Fifth Ward Yates Republican club, at East St. Louis; Fourth Ward Bader Republican club, of East St. Louis; Third Ward Negroes' Voters' club, of East St. Louis; Yates Republican club, of East Centralia, and the Yates Republican club, of Seatonville. These are in addition to about 100 others already formed."

Kraus to Support McKinley.

Adolf Kraus, the well-known attorney, who in years past has been considered one of the shining lights in the galaxy of democratic leaders, has come out for McKinley and everything he represents. Mr. Kraus was a gold democrat in 1896, and his close scrutiny of Bryan's career since that campaign has not enhanced his respect for him nor for the doctrines he has been supporting. Mr. Kraus was the corporation counsel and civil service commissioner during Mayor Harrison's first term.

Deserting by the Dozen.

Frank Kimler, a prominent and life-long democrat of Leroy, McLean county, says he will vote for McKinley and Yates, and also says that he knows 12 other democrats therabouts who will do likewise.

Husky Howlers.

Considering the magnitude of the Kansas corn crop, it is no wonder that the voices of the calamity orators in that state have become husky.—St. Louis Star.

CONVERTED BY PROSPERITY.

William G. Webster Tells Why He Will Support President McKinley.

Hon. William G. Webster, a prominent attorney of Nokomis, Montgomery county, and a life-long democrat, is supporting McKinley, Yates and the republican ticket during the present campaign. Mr. Webster is an eloquent and convincing public speaker of wide acquaintance and influence, who has often greatly aided the democracy upon the stump. He has already entered the campaign, and henceforth his ability and influence will be exerted upon the stump and otherwise in behalf of the policies of the republican party. In response to a request for a public statement of his reasons Mr. Webster writes:

"The reason for my support of McKinley instead of Bryan is found in the splendid industrial and financial condition of the country for the past three years, an agent of the widespread business depression, enforced idleness and almost continuous panic of the four preceding years. This result has been chiefly brought about, in my judgment, by: (1) By the enactment of revenue laws which have given to American industries and labor the advantages in our markets which the preceding years had bestowed upon foreign industries and labor. (2) The assurance of a sound and stable currency, constantly increasing in volume, in which every dollar is of equal exchangeable value with every other dollar. (3) The extension of the territory, the establishment of new enterprises, the nationalization of our markets to absorb the ever-increasing products of our mines, factories and farms. It is a good tree that brings forth good fruit, and we are to reap the good tree bearing the good fruit, not only for the next four years, but for all time to come.

Believe that it could be a national blunder to abandon the large part of our territory recently acquired from Spain upon the terms proposed by Mr. Bryan. The extension of the Monroe doctrine to Latin America or any other part of the earth which might come under the focus of an orator's imagination would be a dangerous departure from our uniform national policy. McKinley has been a safe, able and patriotic president, always seeking the advice and best judgment of the country on all public questions, and has succeeded in promoting the welfare of the country beyond the most sanguine expectations. There is no danger that he will be surrounded by abnormal and visionary men, recklessly indifferent in their zeal to try experiments.

"The United States is now in the forefront of the nations, leading the way in progress and civilization. We should go forward to higher and better achievements, not backward to repeat blunders and misfortunes. Hence you can count on me to do all that I can to continue the present administration."

The Rockford Germanias Flaps.

The Rockford Germania, the leading organ of the German people in north-western Illinois, which has always been a staunch democratic paper, has come out strongly for McKinley, Yates and the whole republican ticket. Ferd Stedinger, the editor of the Germania, who occupies the position of instructor of German in the Rockford high school, is a student and scholar who has made a thorough study of questions political and economic and his opinions have much weight with a large clientele. He strongly contrasts the present prosperity with the condition of affairs during the democratic regime, when men willing and able to work could not find employment. The Germans, he declares, not desiring a return of the soap-house situation, will support the whole republican ticket this fall with the same unanimity that they did in the election four years ago.

Old Friends Desert Bryan.

In no county in the state have the desertions from democracy been more numerous than in Marion county, the birthplace and old home of Bryan. Old-time democrats are going back on him at a very alarming rate. Among the prominent leaders in Marion county who have renounced Bryan and come out openly for McKinley and Yates are J. L. James, for years superintendent of the county home; O. A. James, George Tubbs, J. T. Davis, Henry Yursells and four sons, all voters; George Huechen, John J. Hopkins, former democratic supervisor, and R. S. Hopkins, all of Salem; E. H. Boyd and three voting sons, of Kilmindie, and C. E. Minor, of Omega; Thomas M. Smith, an old personal friend of Bryan.

Sentiment in the East.

Former Sheriff James McNamara, of Freeport, who for years has been accounted one of the most prominent democrats in Stephenson county, announces that he will vote for McKinley and Yates and that the republican ticket will poll a larger vote in his county this year than in 1896. Mr. McNamara has just returned from a four weeks' visit to the eastern pleasure resorts. He told the officials at state headquarters that one evening in the smoking-room of a hotel there were 33 men, and the talk turned on politics. Twenty-two of them had voted for Bryan in 1896, but not a man would admit that he would vote for Bryan this year.

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