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"Mr. Bryan and the Party."

The esteemed Pensacola Journal finds the Times-Union is "rabid in a dignified way in opposition to William Jennings Bryan," and thinks we owe him an apology for saying that the gentleman has "insisted sice 1896 that he is the only man among some millions of democrats fit to be president." We fear our contemporary is merely making a verbal argument on the word "insist" or that the speeches and writings of Mr. Bryan have not been carefully studied by his champion. Of course Mr. Bryan has not said in so many words that he alone is "fit"; we venture to say that no reader understood us as meaning to say he had. But he has acted and spoken and written in that vein, and he has impressed that position on many. Why did he demand the retirement of Taggart and others? Why did his friends make so stout a fight against Minnesota's right to send a delegation pledged to a favorite son? Why did he "butt into" the Kentucky situation? We hope other instances are not necessary. If we have erred in attaching this meaning to the acts and speeches and writings since 1896, will the Journal or Mr. Bryan say now what other Democrat is worthy to lead us in 1908 with the understanding that Mr. Bryan is responsible for the judgment?—Jacksonville Times-Union.

No, The Journal was not "making a verbal argument on the word "insist." What we said was sincerely addressed to the merits of the point at issue. We have carefully followed the course of Mr. Bryan in his public speeches, his authorized interviews and his writings in The Commoner since his last defeat for the presidency, and nothing in all of them has more strongly impressed us than his self-effacement as a presidential aspirant, as near as might be under the circumstances, and his earnest desire to promote the welfare and prospects of the party, regardless of his own ambitions.

It would have been intolerable affectation on his part not to have recognized the fact that he was universally regarded as the party leader and that that leadership placed certain duties upon him which he could not honorably evade. All that he has said and done has been in discharge of that plain, imperative obligation to the millions of democrats who have so signally honored him in the past, and the instances cited by the Times-Union have been manifestly in the line of that duty.

He went to Kentucky, not to help himself, but his party, and on what principle of simple justice or fair reasoning can his personal ambitions be charged with the fact that his devoted friends in Minnesota sought to secure a Bryan delegation from that state? That is the way Bryan's friends do business, because that is the kind of friendship that Bryan's magnificent personality inspires. They have a weakness of that kind in nearly every state in the Union.

As for Taggart, if he wasn't the right man, it was Mr .Bryan's duty as the party leader to say so and use his influence to oust him, and it is a strained and far-fetched conclusion to say that he did so to promote his own candidacy.

The Times-Union might as well get in line. There will be no bolt this time, and it will be a straight fight between the democratic party, with Bryan as the nominee, and its old time republican enemy. Our Jacksonville contemporary must either support Bryan or the republican nominee unless it takes the middle of the road and swings on to Tom Watson.

A Question That is Not Worth Arguing.

There seems to be some little discussion and some difference of opinion as to the part Sheriff Van Pelt played in the recent riot and in the call for the state troops.

The question is not worth arguing. If the sheriff could have handled the situation there was nothing in the world to prevent him from doing so. He was not under the control of either the marshal or the city government, and it was, and is, as much his duty as the chief peace officer of the county to preserve peace and order as it is that of any other official in the city or county.

Whether or not he phoned the governor's office simply "to hold the troops in readiness" or whether or not he added that "he felt sure he would have to call for them," is a distinction in which few people will recognize a difference, and it may safely be left to the governor's secretary and the sheriff himself for settlement.

In regard to the other question as to whether the sheriff was called upon or not, it is hardly possible that any serious difference of opinion will exist as to the necessity for "calling on" any officer of the law to perform the functions of his office when a riot is either in progress or in prospect.

But, as we said, all of the questions involved in this case are not worth arguing—at least not while the city is in its present state of excitement and unrest.

Chris Codrington, of the DeLand News, one of the best known weekly editors of the state, has broken down on the job, with his nerves wrecked, and has gone off on an indefinite leave of absence. His newspaper brethren hope that he may find perfect restoration to health. P Frank Aldis and Howard P. Stewart will have charge of the News during his absence.

Pensacola has been undergoing a short period of genuine prohibition for the past three days. All the bar rooms, and even the bars at the clubs, have been closed tight, and there has in consequence been little drunkenness in evidence. The circumstances under which this reign of prohibition has occurred are not such as the city would like to have continued, but with the bar rooms open those circumstances might have been worse.

Forty generous men and women in Jacksonville have volunteered to give patches of skin from their bodies to be used in replacing the skin burned from the back of an unfortunate girl in that city, and who will probably die unless such relief can be given. Editor Harris, of the Ocala Banner, will probably cite this instance in rebuttal of The Journal's statement that no man loves his fellow-man except for the hope of reward, and yet it is directly to the point in sustaining what we said. In this case the reward hoped for is relief to the poor girl from her terrible sufferings and her restoration to health, and what nobler reward could sacrifice hope for?

Senator Foraker made a speech to the negroes the other day in which, in response to their enthusiastic flatteries, he abased himself, abused the south, and seemed almost to regret that he was a white man. The Memphis Commercial-Appeal concludes an article on the subject as follows:

Let the Ohio senator do his flocking, then. Let him, with high-sounding phrases, betray his race, dip among the blacks, play the role of Moses for them for a period, and he will very soon discover that they applaud as long as they can use him, but will despise as soon as this usefulness is gone, and at no time will they render unto him that common degree of respect that they give to the simple white man who keeps himself in a white man's place.

If Howard Gould believes in prohibition he doubtless thinks that, like charity, it should begin at home. He reports in his bill for divorce that his wife, known as Katherine Clemmons, made a daily killing of booze as follows: "Three cocktails before breakfast, one pint of white wine at luncheon, several brandy highballs during the afternoon, three cocktails before dinner, liquers after dinner, another brandy highball, which she called a "nightcap," at bedtime. In addition to this she kept bottles of brandy, gin and liquers in her boudoir, of which she would partake off and on during the day and night."

VOX POPULI.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND OTHER ISSUES.

Mary Esther, Fla., April 13, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

In discussing vital public questions that need serious consideration at the hands of our legislators, the most important is that of education. We need a compulsory educational system and especially is this true in the rural districts. We also need a uniform text book system, one that will protect the patrons from graft and abuse.

Education is designed to make men and women more proficient in their work. Our system should be a liberal one; one that throws the same opportunities around the little, weak, isolated rural school that it does around the more favored community.

In order to get the results that schools are designed to give, there should be an industrial feature added, when practicable, so that students could acquire skill in the industrial pursuits, while they are learning the theory. I am one of those who believe people should be practical. With a liberal compulsory educational system there would be no need of a child labor law, for it would be desirable to educate them or train them in useful pursuits in connection with their mental training and development. Education that only educates the intellect is not education, or at best it is false education.

In order to make good, useful citizens it is necessary to give a thorough mental, industrial and moral training. These are economical and sociological questions that merit the serious consideration of our authorities. Under our present system, men of means and brains flock to the towns and cities, thus forming intellectual and financial centers, for the reason that the average man wants better school and social advantages than the present system furnishes, hence the poor, undeveloped condition of our agricultural and natural resources make it easier and much more pleasant to move to the advantages than it is to fight for them, but public good is not so well subserved thereby.

There has been an awakening throughout the country as to the evils of intemperance, and as there has been a lot of good work done in loosening the fetters and throwing off the shackles that have been fastened on the country by the liquor demon, the people are vitally interested in following up the good work that has been accomplished and in driving this nefarious traffic from the confines of our beloved state. This is a moral duty and should be done for the sake of home, country and God. Our civic pride should be stimulant enough to force us to throw off a traffic that carries in its wake so much suffering, want and evil. Let's come out on a higher plane of social ethics, and inscribe upon our banners "Right is might."

As our state, as a whole, doubtless believes in civic righteousness as taught by our peerless leader and presidential candidate, and indorses the principles for which he stands, therefore it is important that only electors be elected and instructed to vote for W. J. Bryan for president at the democratic convention at Denver.

How do you stand on the question, my brother candidates? Speak out, and let us hear from you. I would be glad to see a general discussion of these questions.

Respectfully,
T. J. PRYOR.

CRESCENT THEATRE RESENTS MR. BARTON'S CHARGE

Monday, April 13, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

Kindly give me space in your valuable paper to make reply to W. B. Barton's article on vulgarity in vaudeville houses in Pensacola, published in The Sunday Journal of April 12.

We wish to inform Mr. Barton that the Crescent Theatre changed management on March 9, 1908, which fact was published in your paper, together with the statement that the new management and the owner gave their personal guarantee that nothing that had the least tendency to vulgarity would be tolerated by them.

Now, if Mr. Barton claims he heard anything in this theatre, since the above mentioned date, of a vulgar or suggestive nature, he is a base prevaricator. Mr. Barton is too irresponsible a man to bring suit against for libel or suit would be instituted at once.

Now, Mr. Barton, in future when writing an article on vaudeville houses be very sure to designate which theatre you mean and not condemn all. Only those looking for something to criticize can possibly bring their mind to see anything or hear anything vulgar done at the Crescent since the date mentioned above.

Have the manhood to designate the house you heard the vulgarity in, and give those struggling for refinement a square deal.

M. D. SCOFIELD, Manager
C. M. WILSON, JR., Owner.

The negro's love of titles of what ever sort is amusingly illustrated by a story told by the governor of a southern state.

It appears that the congregation of a colored church in Georgia conceived the notion that it would add greatly to their dignity if the pastor of the church were enabled to add the initials "D. D." to his name. A member, hearing of an institution in the north which would, for value received, confer such a degree, entered into correspondence with that end in view. Reply came that the sum of $75 would obtain the desired dignity.

A difficulty arose, however, in that the congregation was unable to raise more than $39. Finally, after much confabulation, the congregation delegated one of their number to see the thing out. Accordingly the following message was sent to the institution mentioned:

"Kindly forward our pastor one 'D.' we being unable to afford the other at this time."—Harper's Weekly.

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SAGE LEAVES.

This suicidal antagonism between the street car operatives and the electric company is inflicting an unwarrantable crime against the general public.

Those who have located far out in the suburbs, on car lines, with no horse, buggy, auto or wheel feel that forbearance is fast losing its virtue.

Out in this great sandy desert we have waited, listened, watched and dreamed from day to day and night after night, in vain.

Had the suspension been attributable to earthquake, storm or flood we might better have withstood the sacrifice, but the thought of it being only attributable to "brotherly" antagonism, which should have been peaceably settled by arbitration, stirs up unkindly feelings toward the few who ignore us all.

The loathsome clouds of depression were fast clearing away, and the skies seemed brightening with the return of prosperity.

For an entire week we have not enjoyed a flash-light from the street cars which cross Davis street beyond the "enlightened" limits of civilization. These "outside barbarians" who line up several blocks beyond North Pole are petitioning to the city authorities for recognition as well as for corporation benefits as for the purpose of taxation. I know of two parties who purpose erecting old-style street lamps in this dark-end Davis, if permits can be obtained therefor!

The mayor is now regarded as the "Good-man," by all prohibitionists, for drying up this deep water city until peace and better will can be restored.

Since the discovery of producing alcohol from saw-dust Mark Twain is losing faith in the prohibition movement; it only being necessary for any farmer to take out his rip-saw and convert a fence rail into material for starting a family brewery! But Mr. Twain should realize that good rails are almost extinct in progressive territory and bad material will make "rot-gut" whiskey to kill out all opposition to the temperance cause.

THOS. McMILLAN.

PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

Annie Burch, an old-time ante-bellum negress, died in Pensacola on March 26, having reached the age of 110 years. She had made her home in Pensacola all her life, and had been a familiar figure about the city until she became afflicted with paralysis, which rendered her helpless. The deceased was once a slave, and had an interesting past.—Gainesville Sun.

Laney's Elegant Flow.

Hon. Chas. H. Laney, of Pensacola, introduced by Mayor F. C. Gilmore, made a pleasing address to quite a fair sized audience on Wednesday night, at the opera house. Mr. Laney is an easy speaker, and his eloquent flow of language makes a good impression upon his hearers.—Tallahassee True Democrat.

What Horrid Inconsistency!

"The English language is a sacred institution," says the Pensacola Journal, "neither to be raped, slighted nor contemned, and we must all stand up for it." Yet this same paper uses the French word "employee" in speaing of a hard-working American citizen. What horrid inconsistency!—Tampa Tribune.

An Irreparable Loss.

State Senator John S. Beard, of Pensacola, had the misfortune to lose his home by fire on Friday night of last week. Rare and costly heirlooms that cannot be replaced for love or money were devoured by the fire fiend, and an irreparable loss was sustained by the distinguished gentleman. Mr. Beard was, at the time of the fire, making a speech in his home town.—St. Augustine Meteor.

Pensacola's Distressing Experience.

Pensacola is having a distressing experience with its street railway strike. As was to be expected, and as almost invariably follows, the presence of strike-breakers has resulted in demonstrations of violence. It is not quite clear what the men are striking for, but they are striking and the city has a situation to face which calls for wise management. The city, fortunately, has a good municipal government, and excellent police protection, and it is to be hoped that disorder will be checked speedily—Tampa News.

Largest Ever Shipped.

The largest cargo of lumber and timber ever shipped from Pensacola went out on the British steamship Belgian for Liverpool a few days ago. The steamer carries a total of 4,113,596 superficial feet, more than twice the cargo of the ordinary steamer, and four times the cargo of the medium-sized sailing vessels.—Ocala Banner.

It now begins to appear that Pensacola will land her big hotel, as $107,600 of the stock has been subscribed.—Live Oak Democrat.

An Appeal to Pensacola.

The upbuilding of Baldwin county means much to the commercial interests of Mobile and Pensacola. If the merchants and commission men of those cities are wide awake enough to take advantage of their own interests. If however they allow the trade to drift to other channels, they will have much trouble and expense trying to divert it later on.—Foley (Ala.) Onlooker.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

A Little County Machine.

We don't know anything about a state machine, but we have got about half a dozen men in this county who have a machine which they work to perfection, and nothing remains for the voters to do but go and elect the "ring" candidates, as the creatures of this machine are called.—Wauchula Telegram.

Could Put Them On the Run.

A great deal is being said about Mrs. Jefferson B. Browne accompanying her husband on his campaigning tours, and what a tremendous advantage it gives the Key Wester over his bachelor rival, General Albert W. Gilchrist. So also the press has contained many graceful and flattering comments about Mrs. Lamar accompanying her husband and lending grace and dignity to his campaign itinerary. But suppose Governor Broward should be accompanied on his campaign tour of the state by his wife and eight beautiful daughters, what manner of show would his rivals have? The governor would certainly have the campaign all to himself, for crowds from far and near would flock to see the noval, unique and interesting sight.—Ocala Banner.

Gilchrist's Two-Sided Platform.

General Gilchrist has a two-sided platform on the prohibition question. He has the Tampaites believing that he is their only salvation in the war on the whiskey interests, and when in prohibition communities he smilingly announces that he will sign a prohibition bill, and under certain conditions vote the prohibition ticket. We can give the general a pointer right along that line. The issue of saloon or no saloon is going to be sharply drawn in the coming primaries and before the next legislature and the fellow who has two opinions on the matter will have to keep busy to stay out of trouble with the parties to one or the other of these interests.—Live Oak Democrat.

Don't Forget Park.

Don't forget Park Trammell when you go to vote for attorney general. He's the man the people want in that office.—Wauchula Telegram.

Why Chesser Pulled Out.

A gentleman by the name of Chesser was a candidate for treasurer of the thriving county of Putnam. Mr. Chesser is now out of the contest, stating that, if he had made the race, he would have had to mortgage his hogs and horse to raise the dough, and if he had lost that the loss would have been too great. Feeling as he did, Mr. Chesser did the right thing. A man who goes into a political contest—who decides to chase the fleeting office—should not count the cost. He should be willing to mortgage horse, cow, chickens, plows, chicken-coops and the children. The man who choses an office should leave thoughts behind and go in to win.—DeLand News.

Storrs's Chances Good.

Mr. R. W. Storrs was in the city last Thursday en route to Paxton, where he spoke that night to a number of Walton county voters. He is a candidate for representative, who is running on a platform; the first time such a thing has been done in Florida; and it is a good one. Mr. Storrs's chances for election are good.—Florala (Ala.) News.

But the Others Haven't Been Idle.

The Pensacola Journal says the entrance of Governor Broward into the senatorial campaign is sensational, but the effect is doubtful—a somewhat enigmatical view. But our contemporary warns all interested that the pace will now become hot and he who wins must expect to have good wind and sound muscles. In the latter view we concur. But Beard, Lamar, Brown and Fletcher have not been idle and there will be hurdles for the governor to vault over.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Thinks Stockton Will Carry De Soto.

If J. N. C. Stockton has the same support for governor in other counties as he has in Alachua, there will be no second primary between the candidates for this office. Three out of every five men one meets in Gainesville are outspoken supporters of Stockton. While half of the other two-fifths are non-committal; in other words, they have not decided who they will support for governor.—Gainesville Daily Sun. We have a well-founded idea that Stockton will even carry Gilchrist's home county.—De Soto. A large per cent. of De Soto county citizens are not taking much stock in Gilchrist's candidacy.—Fort Myers Breeze.

Between Brown and Stockton.

Many of those who thought a while back that the gubernatorial race was going to be between Stockton and Gilchrist are beginning to change their minds now. Brown is developing strength fast, and as we predicted, the race is now between Brown and Stockton.—Fort Myers Breeze.

JEALOUS.
The Others—And she seems to like it, too.

DeFUNIAK.

Special to The Journal.

DeFuniak Springs, April 14.—Mr. T. C. Eaton spent Thursday with friends here, but took Friday morning's train for Crestview with Mrs. Eaton, where he had a carriage waiting to take them across the country to his mill at Boggy. Mrs. Eaton has been spending a few days with her daughter, Miss Lilie Eaton, at the Palmer College.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Smith left last week for Camp, Walton, and are occupying their cottage there. Mr. Smith is having a fine launch made, that will be large enough to use as a house boat when on fishing excursions.

Young Marshall Patterson, from Mobile, is visiting his aunt here, Mrs. Kenneth Bruce.

George H. Sidwell, of Chicago, arrived here last week as expected. Broken down with nearly fifty years of strenuous labor on the Board of Trade, he has to stay where he can have the purest water to drink, and so divides his time between DeFuniak Springs and Waukesha, Wis. His son runs their immense business, but each day Mr. Sidwell receives a detailed letter of the day's transactions, requiring a daily reply. So wherever he is, he is at the head of the firm consisting of Sidwell & Son. It was reported in the Chicago Tribune last winter that they handled in one day 1,075,000 bushels of grain.

Mrs. Sallie Cummings is here on a business trip from Pensacola. She has had moved a small building of hers from the Circle to one of her lots on Crescent street, and fixed it up to be rented to tourists. She has also contracted with Mr. Hoyt to move a house belonging to her, or her niece, on Live Oak avenue, back 25 feet from the street so she can have a nice yard in front for flowers. She intends repairing and painting the house, and it will compare favorably with the other houses on the Broadway of our town.

The Misses Pessie and Eliza Sherman left for their home in Brodhead, Wis., on Thursday, but though their winter home, Sunbright, has been sold, they will probably return ere snow flies.

Work on the new tabernacle has fairly commenced and it is expected that it will be finished in time for the next Chautauqua session.

Candidates Brown for governor, and Lamar for United States senator, addressed a fair audience in the court house on Friday and made a favorable impression on their hearers.

Capt. Jack Croft has in his yard a Satsuma orange tree that is a sight to behold, it being so loaded down with young oranges. Last year the tree gave him oranges to eat and give his friends and brought him in several dollars in cash sales.

Rev. Dr. Northcutt, of the M. E. church, is not only showing us the road to fairer fields on high, but is showing us how the small field around the parsonage can be made to look inviting to any one having a taste for what can be raised in a garden.

Capt. Stubbs and Dr. Skiles are said to be slowly improving from their attacks of apoplexy.

NORTH CAROLINA IN A QUANDRY

Judge Pritchard's Order in Dispensary Case is Now Effective.

By Associated Press.

Asheville, N. C., April 14.—An interesting situation has followed the expiration of the period of four days allowed by United States Judge Pritchard, to the state commissioners to file their supersedeas bonds in the dispensary cases. It is now the duty of the receivers appointed by Pritchard to wind up the dispensary affairs, and demand upon state commissioners for the trust fund of $800,000 and collateral. These are locked in the state treasurer's safe, and that official is absent from the state. Judge Pritchard is understood to be acting in harmony with the views of Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court.

BOMB FLINGERS ARE SENTENCED

Men Guilty of Attempts at Royal Assassination Go to Death.

By Associated Press.

Barcelona, April 14.—The sentences upon Jean Rull and his accomplices were handed down at 3 o'clock this morning. Rull and his friends were yesterday found guilty of complicity in the recent series of bomb explosions and anarchist outrages. The evidence adduced showed that Rull and his associates were the authors of the attemps to assassinate King Alphonse at Madrid and Paris, and of various outrages in different parts of Spain. Jean Rull, Herman Rull, and Marie Querralto were sentenced to death, Jose E. Rull was given 17 years, Amadee Trilla 24 years, and Francisco Trigueros was given 14 years at hard labor. Perello and Perals were acquitted.

A lot of old newspapers, tied up in neat bundles for sale, 5c a bundle, at The Journal office.

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