

## BRYAN REPLIES TO POPULISTS.

Gets His Official Notification From that Party.

HIS SPEECH MADE TO THEM.

Notified for Presidency Talks of Affairs from the Standpoint of a Populist Candidate.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 22.—Today Hon. W. J. Bryan was formally notified of his nomination by the Populist party, as a candidate for the chief magistracy of the nation. He also received a similar notification from the Monetary League.

### MR. BRYAN'S REPLY.

Mr. Bryan, replying to notification by the Populist party, said that he was not a candidate for the presidency.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the National Committee:

In accepting the presidential nomination of the Populist party I desire to give emphatic recognition to the educational work done by your party. The Populist party is an organization, and the Farmers' Alliance and the Labor organizations from which they grew have done much to arouse the people to a study of economic and financial questions. Believing, as I do, that truth grows not in seclusion but in the open field, and that it thrives best in the face of free debate, I have concluded that the discussion which your party has compelled will aid in reaching the people the truth which is the basis of all honest citizenship.

I desire also to express my deep appreciation of the liberality of opinion and devotion to principle which have led the members of your party to enter the ranks of another party in the selection of a candidate.

While I am grateful for the confidence which the Populists have expressed in me, I am not vain enough to regard my personal character as a sufficient recommendation of good will. The ties which bind me to the people are the ties of blood, and the ties of blood are stronger than the ties of blood.

My cooperation between the reform movement is due to the fact that Democracy and the Populist party are on the side of the people in their contest against greed, and agree in the application of Jeffersonian principles to the question immediately before us.

### MONEY QUESTION IN 1896.

In 1896 the money question was of paramount importance, and the allies of the Populist party were united in their demand for the immediate restoration of silver to the independent action of this country. At that time the money which had been taken out of the country in 1893 had not yet been returned. The Democrats were defeated in 1896, but that did not end the discussion. The Populist party, however, claiming credit for the restoration of silver, makes no permanent provision for an adequate supply of standard money. It denies the necessity for more real money, and it permits national banks to expand the volume of paper promises to pay money.

If the Populists feel justified in opposing the Republican party when it attempts to repeal its gold standard, they should be more pronounced in their opposition to the Republican party when it attempts to repeal its gold standard.

### ABOUT GREENBACKS.

In 1896 the reform forces charged the Republican party with intending to repeal the greenbacks. The charge, denied at the time, has been converted into a financial bill, which converts gold certificates into bonds, and gives the Populist party when it is asked to repeal the greenbacks only silver bonds. The Populist party, however, claiming credit for the restoration of silver, makes no permanent provision for an adequate supply of standard money. It denies the necessity for more real money, and it permits national banks to expand the volume of paper promises to pay money.

### INCOME TAX.

If belief in an income tax justified a Populist in voting with the Democratic party in 1896, what excuse can he find for voting with the Republican party now, when even the exigencies of war have not the support of the income tax principle?

Populists believe in arbitration now as much as they did in 1896, and are as much opposed to government by injunction and the blacklist as they were before. At this time, subjects they have as much reason for cooperation with the Democratic party as they had four years ago.

### DIRECT LEGISLATION, ETC.

Democrats and Populists alike favor the principle of direct legislation. If they are so much in favor of it, why do they not insist on its adoption to the extent that the principle should be recognized by experiment?

Democrats and Populists agree that Chinese and other foreign labor should be excluded from the United States.

Democrats and Populists desire to enlarge the scope of the interstate commerce act to include the common carriers to protect both persons and property from discrimination, and to prohibit large from excessive railroad rates.

Populists approve the demand for a salary survey with a cabinet officer at its head. Such an official survey of the administration in close touch with the wage earning portion of the

## THE TRUSTS' PROBLEM.

In 1896 the Populists united with the Democrats in opposing the trusts, although the question at the time appeared like a cloud scarcely larger than a man's hand.

Today that cloud which high overhead spreads the darkness and gloom, the farmer does not participate in the profits of any trust but he sorely feels the burden of its cost. He is dependent upon the farmer for his income. When he plants his crop, he knows not whether it will be blessed with rain or blighted with drought; he knows not whether wind will blow it down or hail destroy it or insects devour it, and the price of his crop is as uncertain as the quantity.

If a private monopoly can suspend production and fix the price of raw material as well as the price of the finished product the farmer, powerless to protect himself when he sells, is plundered when he purchases. Can a farmer hesitate to throw the influence of his ballot upon the side of those who desire to protect the public at large from monopolies?

The fact that the trusts support the Republican party ought to be sufficient proof that they expect protection from the trusts. The trusts cannot be relied upon to extinguish the trusts as long as it draws its campaign contributions from their overflowing vaults.

### PROSPERITY ARGUMENT.

The prosperity argument which the Republicans bring forward to answer all complaints against the administration will not deceive the farmer. He knows that two factors enter into his income.

First, the size of his crop and, second, the price he receives for the same. He does not return thanks to the party in power for favorable weather and a plentiful harvest, and he knows that the Republican party has no policy which insures a permanent increase in agricultural prices. Since he sells his surplus in a forced market, he is not a beneficiary of the tariff and since he produces merchandise and not money he does not profit by the appreciation of the dollar. He knows that the much-valued prosperity, of which he has never had his share, is on the wane because of the unequal and unequal stimulation which it has received during the last three years. He knows that each month of 1899 shows a longer period of failure than the corresponding month of 1898, and that there is already a marked tendency toward a decreased output of the factories. He knows that the farmers and their families abroad and war on three continents have not been able to raise the price of farm products as rapidly as the price of the things which the farmer buys.

### RISE IN PRICES.

Our opponents have tried to make it appear that we are inconsistent when we desire a general rise in prices and demand that the tariff be raised to protect domestic manufactures, or trust-made goods. There is no conflict whatever between these two propositions. If a general rise in prices occurs because of a permanent increase in the volume of money, all things adjust themselves to the new level and if the volume of money is increased, the price level remains the same and business can be done with fairness to all. If, however, the rise in prices is due to a temporary disturbance to the supply of a part of the products of labor, those whose products do not participate in the rise suffer because the purchasing power of their money is decreased. If a bad monetary system drag down the price of the farmer's product, while monopolies raise the price of what he buys, he is the candle at both ends and must expect to suffer in comparison with those who belong to the classes more favored by legislation.

### POPULISTS MAY DECIDE.

It is sometimes urged by partisan Populists that four years more of Republican misrule would so aggravate economic conditions as to make reform easier. No one can afford to aid in making matters worse in the hope of better things to come. The Populist party, however, cannot afford to wait. The Populist party, however, cannot afford to wait. The Populist party, however, cannot afford to wait.

### ELECTION OF SENATORS.

Those who labor to improve the conditions which surround their fellow men are apt to become impatient, but they must remember that the Populist party is not a party of reform, but a party of reform. The Populist party is not a party of reform, but a party of reform.

### THE ANNUAL DETECTIVE IS AS HUMOROUS

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### TO GUARD THE PRESIDENT.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—President McKinley will have a bodyguard of 200 policemen under the command of Capt. G. A. R. Memorial hall, public building, where the ceremonies are to be under the direction of Gen. Black.

### EXPENSE OF ARMY.

At the present rate we will spend annually upon the army approximately half as much as we spend for education in the United States, and this immense sum is wrong from the taxpayers by systems of taxation which overburden the poor and under-tax the rich man.

In the presence of such an issue as militarism it is impossible that any Populist should hesitate as to his duty.

ment, but his efforts were futile. In 1892 the resolution recommended by President Johnson and urged by Congress, to place the executive power in the hands of a single man, was adopted by the House of Representatives, but it has not yet reached a vote in the Senate and now, after eight years more of public discussion, the proposition for the first time received the endorsement of the national convention of one of the principal parties.

### IF DEMOCRATS WIN.

If the Democrats win a victory this fall we shall see a reform accomplished. The Democrats will find it easier to secure any legislation they may desire. But how halting has been the progress.

### HULLAND HAS SAID:

"Heaven is not gained by a single bound. We build the ladder by which we rise. From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies. And we mount to its summit round by round."

and so it is with great social and political movement. Great problems are solved slowly, and the Democrats must march on step by step, content if at each nightfall, it can pitch its tent on a little ground.

### DEMOCRATIC-POPULIST FUSION.

I have called attention to the issues which brought the Democrats and Populists together and justified the cooperation during the last four years. I now invite your attention to new questions which would justify cooperation at the time, although we differed on all economic questions. It is not a fault that these new questions have been thrust into the arena of politics; it is not our fault that the people have been hindered in their quest of ever-increasing magnitude.

In 1896 the tariff question was the principal subject of discussion and the Democrats carried a burden of unjust and unnecessary taxes. In 1892 the tariff question was still the principal issue, but the Democrats carried a burden of unjust and unnecessary taxes. In 1892 the tariff question was still the principal issue, but the Democrats carried a burden of unjust and unnecessary taxes.

When such an issue is raised there can only be two parties—the party, whatever its name may be, which believes in the tariff, and the party, whatever its name may be, which believes in the tariff.

Where the divine right of kings is recognized the monarch can grant diffidence to the people, while the people of India may be governed according to still different forms.

### IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT.

But there can be no variance in a republic. The doctrine of a republic differs from the doctrine of a monarchy in that the power is in the people, and between the two doctrines there is an ever more and an irrepressible conflict.

### MONEY QUESTION IN POLITICS.

The failure of the Republican party to secure international bimetalism and the open market for the gold standard, still kept the money question in politics. No economic question can compare in importance with a question which touches the principle and structure of the government. A system of taxation can be changed with less difficulty than financial systems and financial systems can be changed with less difficulty than the structure of the government.

Queen Victoria has recognized this necessary antagonism between the democratic and imperial forms of government. In procuring parliament a few days ago she said:

"Believing that the continued political independence of the republics would be a constant danger to the peace of the world, I authorized the British government to take no part in interest in politics this fall."

The Orange Free State and the Republic of South Africa, our Republic, are in a contest with the British government to determine whether we should have one republic or two, questions of finance were never so important as they are now.

Every step taken toward imperialism by this nation meets with prompt and effective encouragement from Europe. Lincoln pointed to the interest which European nations had in the maintenance of the doctrine of equal rights. He said:

"The principles of Jefferson are definitions and axioms of free society. And yet they are denied and evaded with small show of success. One dashingly calls them 'glittering generalizations.' Another says they are 'evident lies.' And others insidiously argue that they apply to 'superior races.' These expressions, differing in form, are identical in object, and in fact the supplanting of the principles of free government and restoring those of classification, caste, and legitimacy."

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### CONCLUSION.

Our opponents say that the world would laugh at us if we should give independence to the Philippines. Yes, kings would laugh, aristocrats would laugh, and those would laugh who deny the inalienable rights of the people. The humblest folk who, "along the cool, sequestered vale of life," keep the noise of their world away, let us let this nation stand erect and, spurning the bribes of wealth and power, show that there is a reality in the principles of free government and restoring those of classification, caste, and legitimacy."

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