

**"WHY I AM FOR BRYAN."**

**HENRY WATTERSON GIVES HIS REASONS.**

**Against Him for Years He Acquired Anti-Bryan Habit—Outlook in the East Not Encouraging—A Characteristic Statement.**

By Henry Watterson.

During ten years, from 1898 to 1908, no one rejected Mr. Bryan for a leader more resolutely than myself. If I could finally reach him and accept him any good Democrat can. It may help the yet undecided if I relate how I did.

In the early part of 1907 I began a discussion having for its purpose some agreement among the Bryan men and the anti-Bryan men touching a presidential nominee other than Mr. Bryan. During ten months this encounter between the anti-Bryan men either indifference or detraction. I got no second to my motion. Emulating the frontier presiding officer who said "Second your motion, you son of a gun," they would none of it. So I went to Florida, leaving them to go to thunder, or words to that effect, and the entire winter passed, the nomination of Mr. Bryan being either openly accepted or silently conceded by every public man supposed as an alternative. Finally in the early spring, two facts, sufficiently ascertained to be conclusive, decided me: first that an overwhelming majority of the democrats of the South and West were for Mr. Bryan in spite of the argument I had made against his availability as a candidate; and second, that the belated movement to defeat his nomination appeared under equivocal patronage and involved the use of money which emanated from doubtful sources.

This latter, boding party disruption, impelled me actively to take a hand, urging a refusal to remain silent while a scheme, dangerous and unworthy in character, percolated beneath the surface. The result was a friendly conference with Mr. Bryan.

**THE SHIELD'S REVERSE.**

Intelligent people will not need to be told that there is all the difference in the world between sympathy and agreement—though tentative—an opposition and antagonism, though resting upon questions only of expediency. There was, of course, a reverse side of the shield. Mr. Bryan had his story to tell, and this embraced a very strong case. What authorization had he to name a successor in case he stepped aside? What power had he conceding the will to transfer his following to another? If a majority of the party was for him, what had made it so? Surely neither organization, nor money, nor other efforts of his than the constant preaching of Democratic gospels. If he agreed to stand down and out, designating an heir apparent, would he not become a dictator, an autocrat, and what difference would there be in his naming a successor and attempting to foist him upon the party and Roosevelt's naming and forcing Taft upon the Republicans? He did not stand upon his rights at all, upon his claims; upon his wishes or ambitions. He put the fact of the situation plainly, impersonally, precisely as they were and are, and there was no reasonable answer to be made by any reasonable man.

**A SURE-ENOUGH KNOCKER.**

\*J. C. Goodwin, of Reidsville, N. C., says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve is a sure-enough knocker for ulcers. A bad one came on my leg last summer, but that wonderful salve knocked it out in a few rounds. Not even a scar remained." Guaranteed for piles, sores, burns, etc. 25c. at Sibert's Drug Store.

**WHY DECEIVE THYSELF.**

The anti-Bryan habit is self-deceptive. It is a pure delusion, where not a form, often an unconscious form, of infidelity to both duty and truth. It is not the part of wisdom and justice and it is not wise that those democrats who have insistently opposed him should look into the whys and wherefores with the purpose of reviewing the past, of revising the present and of casting some kind of balance sheet upon the ledger of their individual conduct, their actual opinions and their reasonable aims?

We need not enter upon any course of crimination and recrimination. Whatever free silver was, or was not, as an economic issue, it is no longer here to divide us. Those who contended for it, led by Mr. Bryan—right or wrong as to the fiscal proposition—thought they were fighting for the masses against the classes for the people against prerogative and against the same old money devil we had all fought under the leadership of Mr. Tilden and Mr. Cleveland. That question out of the way, what is there now to divide us? Nothing upon

the face of the contention except the personality of Mr. Bryan. "Having been twice beaten he can never be elected," shriek the republicans. "Having been twice beaten he can never be elected," echoes the unthinking democrat.

**AN EARNEST MAN OF SENSE.**

Mr. Bryan upon acquaintance proved different from my preconception of him. I met not a visionary orator, but a man of sense, in deathly earnest, know him better, seeing him in his home. I found a man able and sincere, devoted and devout, having a child-like faith in the people, in God and truth. I changed my opinion altogether. I felt that I had done him signal justice. I would as soon trust him in the White House as George Gray or Richard Olney; and I believe that when he gets there Jefferson and Jackson and Tilden will renew its youth and vigor leading the way to such changes in the national House and Senate as will restore them the people assurance of real and lasting reforms.

No party was ever known to reform itself. Republican promises to reform republican abuses make but a poor deathbed repentance. Taft means either "four years more of Theodore" or a new lease for Aldrich, Cannon and Company. Bryan means, if nothing else, the "new broom that sweeps clean, upon floors that are admittedly most unclean. There must be an occasional change of parties if we are to have decent administration. It is only a degree less objectionable than the one-man power.

**AN AUGURY OF EVIL.**

It is a peculiar misfortune and an augury of evil that the people of the east—notably the people of New York—get their mental sustenance chiefly through the organs of the rich. In the bucolic days "befo the war" the people of the Gulf States were fed from the same trough. Their newspapers sang only the virtues of slavery. None others were allowed to exist. In the fabulous wealth of the East piled up in a few hands—some of it predatory—much of it sprung from class legislation, all of it more or less corrupting, it is easy to see a growing likeness to the partizanism of the old South.

Already artificial conditions of life predominate. Young men are reared to regard enthusiasm as effeminate. Young women are almost as educated in a knowledge of evil as young men. The sex line becomes less and less visible. Caste distinctions press upon the commonality more and more and harder and harder. The foolish poor either hate or emulate the foolish rich. Graft is everywhere. Money-making seems quite to have swamped simple patriotism and popular piety. The newspapers are so used to this that they are callous—they take their complexion from society, which is well pleased with itself and wants things to remain as they are, a dissonant note denounced as the ignorance of an outsider, or the outcropping of anarchism. It was just so in the Carolinas fifty years ago. He who did not shout for slavery was an abolitionist.

The worst of it is that the rich are overready to make common cause with the predatory rich. They do not discriminate. Theodore Roosevelt has gone much farther in socialism extremism than Mr. Bryan ever went. Yet those who abuse the President denouncing Bryan as a socialist do not so characterize Roosevelt and they will vote for Taft because they think that Teddy Bear stowed safely away in the wilds of Africa. "Big Bill" and "Sunny Jim," with Aldrich in the Senate and Cannon in the House, will soon have the elephant where they want him, the truth being that, all the chat spectacular fine, which will never be collected, remains the single trophy.

Considerable progress has been made with a scheme for temporary interchanges of public school teachers between different parts of the British Empire.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night and I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for weeks," says J. J. Fiestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all druggists. Samples free.

Authoress—I'm very happy in my married life. I find my husband such a help. Friend—Indeed! Does he cook or write?—Fliegende Blaetter.

They Take the Kinks Out. "I have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for many years, with increasing satisfaction. They take the kinks out of stomach, liver and bowels, without fuss or friction," says N. H. Brown, of Pittsfield, Vt. Guaranteed satisfactory at Sibert's Drug Store. 25c.

**A REMARKABLE DECISION.**

**ORDER FROM CHIEF JUSTICE POSTPONES TRIAL.**

**Trial of Jones for Murder of His Wife Now Set for February, 1909—About Two Hundred Witnesses Had Been Summoned From Various Counties in the State.**

Union, Sept. 11.—Because of an order from Chief Justice Pope the trial of W. T. Jones, charged with having caused the death of his wife, Mrs. Marion Jones, on Sunday night, July 5, was brought to an abrupt halt this morning and cannot be heard before the first Monday in February, 1909. In the intervening time, at least until the supreme court has handed down its decision, Jones will remain in the Union county jail.

Judge Pope's order says: "An application for bail before Judge D. E. Hydrick in case of the State against W. T. Jones, charged with murder; judge refused the order for bail. From this order the defendant has appealed and such appeal is now pending in the supreme court of this State waiting a hearing in November next, as evidence by the receipt of the clerk of the supreme court.

"Now the prisoner comes and makes known these facts to me, claiming that if the trial in the circuit court is held, a practical denial of the rights of the prisoner before the supreme court will be interfered with. It will not do for me, as a single justice of the supreme court, to pass upon the sacred rights of the prisoner. It is, therefore, ordered that the trial of the prisoner, now attempted to be held in the circuit court, shall cease until the supreme bench of South Carolina shall pass upon the rights of the appeal presented by the prisoner, and that in the meanwhile the circuit court shall suspend any action looking to the trial of the accused until the supreme court has acted."

Jones was in court. He has been in jail since July 9. His attorneys are George Johnstone of Newberry, James Munro and Townsend & Townsend.

Jones appeared to be in good health, notwithstanding he has been confined in jail since July, though perhaps he was a little paler and appeared to be just a little nervous. As soon as he had taken his seat, Judge Klugh read the order from Chief Justice Pope and added that this order would be respected. Solicitor Sease then arose and dismissed the witnesses in the Jones case until February term of court, 1909.

The action in securing the continuance of the case was not altogether a surprise, indeed it was rather expected by the people, as it was known that the counsel for the defense was vigorously opposing every effort to have the case come to trial now. This opinion was strengthened when yesterday Judge Klugh granted an order allowing the counsel for the defense to employ expert chemists and have them examine the stomach of Mrs. Jones, so that they could have evidence of their own as well as that offered by the State, which had the State chemists examine the stomach shortly after her death.

There were about 200 witnesses summoned in this case, some coming from Sumter county, some from Columbia, Chester, Cherokee and Spartanburg, besides a host from Santuc and that vicinity. All these witnesses will receive 50 cents a day for each day they were in attendance at court, which was Monday, Tuesday and today, and five cents a mile each way they traveled, this mileage, however, to be allowed but once, they being expected to remain in Union until the case was disposed of or continued. A conservative estimate of the cost to this county for witnesses and mileage so far is \$500.

**Fire This Morning.**

The fire this morning seriously damaged a home on South Washington street owned by Mr. Perry Moses, Sr., and occupied by Mr. R. S. Griffin. The damage to the house is estimated at \$800. The furniture and household effects of Mr. Griffin were considerably damaged by fire, water and the rough handling incidental to removal in haste. The fire department did good work, as usual, and by hard work confined the fire to the house.

**When Trifles Become Troubles.**

\*If any person suspects that their kidneys are deranged they should take Foley's Kidney Remedy at once and not risk having Bright's disease or diabetes. Delay gives the disease a stronger foothold and you should not delay taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. W. W. Sibert.

The candidates for governor two years hence will probably be C. C. Featherstone of Laurens, Richard I. Manning of Sumter, R. Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston and Cole L. Bleas of Newberry. And there may be others.—Spartanburg Journal.

**A POLITICAL NOVELTY.**

**Moving Pictures of Bryan to Accompany Phonographic Presentation of His Labor Day Addresses.**

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Another feature, besides the talking machine with records of the speeches of candidates, has been added to the novelties of the presidential campaign by the Democratic national committee, which today announced that moving pictures of William J. Bryan in Chicago on Labor day would be thrown upon canvases at political meetings all over the country. When the pictures show Bryan speaking, the candidate's voice will be heard from the phonographic record of the labor day addresses.

National Chairman Mack and heads of the committee bureaus today witnessed a reproduction of the Bryan Labor day scenes by the moving picture machine. The pictures show Mr. Bryan's arrival at the station and his reception by the crowd at the hotel. Later the candidate is disclosed reviewing the big labor parade and acknowledging the cheers of the marchers, after which Mr. Bryan is shown making a speech to the laboring men assembled around the reviewing point of the parade.

National Committeeman Johnson of Texas left for New York today to confer with Senator Culberson, head of the advisory committee.

**THE RAILROADS ASSESSMENTS.**

**Board Heard Protests and Made Decisions Yesterday.**

Columbia, Sept. 12.—The railroad board of assessors concluded the session yesterday after going over the returns and protests which were filed during the past few days. The board fixes the assessment for the various roads on the returns filed and the penalty for failure to file returns is very heavy.

In one case, that of the Lancaster & Chesterfield railroad, the penalty of 50 per cent., was attached, although the assessment was placed at \$2,000 per mile from Chesterfield to Pageland after a motion had been made to make the assessment \$2,500.

Reductions of about 800,000 were made for the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line railroads and reductions of about \$170,000 were made by the Seaboard Air Line. Very strong arguments were made by the officials of the various roads in all of these cases and the decision of the board will be awaited with interest.

**A Traveling Man's Experience.**

"I must tell you my experience on an eastbound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grand, Ore.," writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic, her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a death-like look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suit case and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it), ran to the water tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in 20 minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grand, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grand she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by all druggists.

**FOREST FIRES RAGING.**

**2,000 People Are Homeless—Lake and Cook Counties Overrun by the Flames**

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 11.—Beaver Bay, northwest of Duluth, is reported to be burning. The citizens have appealed to Gov. Johnson for aid. The booth ship America has gone to their rescue. Forest fires rage all over Lake and Cook counties. Hundreds of homesteads have been burned, and 2,000 people are homeless. Grand Marais, 100 miles from Duluth on the north shore, is on fire. The training ship Gopher is taking the citizens on board. Latest reports say the fire has overwhelmed the fighters. The town appears to be doomed, and it is feared that before morning 1,500 people will be homeless there.

\*Millions of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar have been sold without any person ever having experienced any other than beneficial results from its use for coughs, colds and lung trouble. This is because the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Guard your health by refusing any but the genuine. W. W. Sibert.

"I understand the new magazine has a high standard." "Indeed, it has. It went up yesterday."—Atlanta Constitution.

**Kodol Stops Indigestion**

**Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Belching, Gas on Stomach.**

Go to your druggist, get a dollar bottle of Kodol.

And if you can honestly say that you did not receive any benefit from it after using the entire bottle, the druggist will refund your money to you without question or delay.

We will then pay the druggist the price of the first bottle purchased by you.

If you knew as well as we do how good a preparation Kodol is, it would be unnecessary for us to guarantee a single bottle.

But to let you know how good it is, as well as we know, we will practically purchase the first bottle for you.

We know there are thousands of persons who suffer from indigestion and dyspepsia who would be grateful to us for putting them in touch with Kodol.

That is why.

Furthermore, we know that after you have used Kodol your faith in the preparation will be equal to ours.

This proposition we make is not altogether unselfish, but is actuated by the knowledge that the use of Kodol by you will benefit you as well as ourselves.

How could we afford to make such an offer to the public.

And how could we afford to spend thousands of dollars to tell you about it unless we positively knew and were sure of the merits of Kodol.

We couldn't—it would bankrupt us.

Please try it today at our risk. Kodol digests all the food you eat.

Eat what you want and let Kodol digest it.

Kodol is made at the laboratories of E. C. De Witt & Co., Chicago.

The \$1.00 bottle contains 28 times as much as the 50c bottle.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

**Do You Pay Your Bills By Check?**

And thus have a record of each and every amount expended together with a receipt for the amount paid?

If not, you need a checking account with this bank. It is the safest way, the most convenient and satisfactory method of transacting all business payments.

We will be pleased to have you make this bank your place of deposit.

**THE BANK OF SUMTER.**

**ATLANTA POSTMASTER FIRED.**

**Mr. Blodgett and Three of his Clerks May Go for "Neglect of Duty."**

Washington, Sept. 12.—As a result of an investigation by postoffice inspectors, the dismissal of Postmaster Blodgett of Atlanta, Ga., and three clerks in the Atlanta office has been recommended to Postmaster General Meyer. The charges in a general way are neglect to properly attend to the duties of the office. Mr. Meyer has not yet acted upon the recommendation, but is expected to dispose of the case upon his return to this city from New England in the latter part of next week. Acting Postmaster General Charles P. Granfield, who left here today for Atlantic City, declined to discuss the case.

**Blodgett Surprised.**

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—Postmaster E. F. Blodgett, when shown the Associated Press dispatch from Washington announcing the recommendation for his removal, said that he knew nothing of the matter. "The press dispatch," he said, "was the first intimation I had that any charges were contemplated. The inspectors indicated while they were at work that everything was in excellent shape and no one could have been more surprised than I when these messages came from Washington."

**Letter to Alderman Stubbs.**

Sumter, S. C.  
Dear Sir: North Dakota has a pure paint law and is branding the paint manufacturers. Here's how one of 'em gets the hot iron.

Almost half of his "oil" is benzine and water; more than half of his "pigments" is whiting bytes and such.

Benzine and water dry-out in a few minutes and hours; they don't do any harm. Those "pigments" don't dry-out; and perhaps they don't do much harm.

Is that what paint is for; not to do much harm? Do you pay \$5 a gallon for paint and putting it on, not to do much harm?

The lead zinc and oil in that "paint" is a little less than half and the trash is a little more than half.

How many gallons, half trash and half paint, will it take to paint a 10-gallon job two coats? how many coats, half trash and half paint, will it take to cover? and what'll become of those pigments not paint?

And reckon the cost; you can roughly. Half trash, 20 gallons, \$6 a gallon, \$100; 10 gallons Devoe, \$50. A gallon of trash or paint put-on is \$5.

There's one Devoe; there are 8 pure paints; and over 200 adulterated and 100 short-measure.

F W DEVOE & CO  
Yours truly  
P. S.—Durant Hardware Co. sel our paint.

\*Don't be afraid to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to your children. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. It always cures. For sale by all druggists.

**TEXAS MOB LYNCHES A NEGRO.**

**Colored Man Charged With Complicity in Murder Taken From Jail and Hanged.**

Brookshire, Tex., Sept. 13.—Dave Newton, a negro, charged with complicity in the murder of John Buchtrina, a white man, who was shot and killed at his home near here yesterday, was taken from jail late last night by a mob and hanged. The father and brother of the negro lynched, under arrest in connection with the killing, have been placed in the jail at Hempstead to prevent further mob violence. Intense excitement prevails here and all idle negroes have received instructions to leave the community.

**Dog in Well Sixteen Days.**

One of Mr. Wade Lamar's hounds had an unusual experience recently. He was one of a pack being hunted by Mr. D. W. Gaston, and about four miles north of Aiken disappeared. A few days ago a negro informed Mr. Gaston that a hound was in a dry well at his place. Upon examination he was found to be the missing dog. He was drawn up, and while very thin, and debilitated from his being 16 days without food or water, was not otherwise hurt. A year or two ago, Mr. Lamar had a similar experience with another of his dogs, which was 21 days in a dry well, was rescued and in a short time entirely recovered.—Aiken Recorder.

\*Bees Laxative Cough Syrup always brings quick relief to coughs, colds, hoarseness, whooping cough and all bronchial and throat trouble. Mothers especially recommend it for children. Pleasant to take, gently laxative. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store. 9-1-3m

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**Quick Relief for Asthma Sufferers.**  
\*Foley's Honey and Tar affords immediate relief to asthma sufferers in the worst stages and if taken in time will effect a cure. W. W. Sibert.

**A Lucky Turn.**

Ancient mariner—Yes, mum' we'd eaten all our provisions and we'd eaten our belts and then the old ship turned turtle, so we eat her, too!—The Tatler.

\*Do not forget that DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. They are pleasant little pills that are easy to take and are prompt and gentle. We sell and recommend them. Sold by all druggists.

\*To those afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble, backache, rheumatism, Pineules for the Kidneys brings relief in the first dose. Hundreds of people today testify to their remarkable healing and tonic properties. 30 days' trial \$1. They purify the blood. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store. 9-1-3m

Manhattan's postoffice has larger receipts than any other postoffice in the world for the amount of territory covered. The receipts promise to amount to more than \$18,000,000 this year.