

CONTRACTS REFLECT BRYAN AS A MENACE

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BUSINESS MEN ARE ANXIOUS

Leading Chicagoans Declare That
Democratic Success Would
Delay Prosperity.

In the opinion of Chicago, as well as Hammond, merchants, manufacturers and bankers, business recuperation in the United States depends upon the election of William H. Taft to the presidency.

It was disclosed yesterday, as an illustration of what the arguments of many of Chicago's leading citizens are based upon, that contracts for delivery of large orders or merchandise or manufactured articles are being made contingent upon the success of the republican ticket Nov. 3.

Several commercial leaders stated that they had such orders in their possession which were given with the provision that they might be canceled if Mr. Bryan should triumph at the polls. Among Chicago merchants who avowed this to be the fact were John V. Farwell of J. V. Farwell & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, and Enos M. Barton, president of the Western Electric company.

Buyers Also Testify.

Bankers, among them James B. Forgan, president of the First National bank; George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental, and George E. Roberts, president of the Commercial National, reported that they had knowledge of such a contingency in the business outlook of the nation. All stated that the election of Mr. Bryan would have a depressive effect, whereas the election of Mr. Taft would restore confidence and actuate business men to push industry and trade along all lines.

That the country is greater than Mr. Bryan or any political party is the conviction of many leading citizens, but the nation, they argue, is in a condition where it needs demand for trade if recuperation in business is to come in the near future.

John V. Farwell, in commenting on the business conditions as related to the election result, asserted emphatically that the election of Mr. Taft was the only outcome that would restore business confidence.

"Our firm," said Mr. Farwell, "has received numbers of orders that have been made contingent upon the election of Mr. Taft. I believe, judging from the general attitude of business men throughout the country and from my own experience in business transactions in the last few months, that the election of Mr. Bryan would result in cancellation of business orders in all lines of trade. With the election of Mr. Taft the business men of the nation would feel satisfied to go ahead and push things and confidence would accumulate rapidly."

"In business, as every one knows, confidence is everything. The people must know what the government is going to do in order that they may have confidence. The government must be the right man in the right place if business is to rally and our commercial affairs return to their normal status."

"If we do not have that it is certain that money will not be invested for a long time, at least until the country learns what the change of administration is to bring forth."

"I do not believe that the deterrent effect of Bryan's election would be as disastrous as it would have been in 1896. This much is certain, however:

Sees General stagnation.

It would cause a general closing down everywhere because there would exist no demand. We are not in a condition where we can stand such an undesirable development. We want things the other way. Business needs the demand and must have it if it is to pick up. The election of Taft will still life into trade beyond any doubt."

James B. Forgan is firmly of the belief that the election of Bryan would bring business to a standstill in the country, and he has many assurances of that fact from large capitalists, manufacturers and merchants, with whom he has discussed the political outlook.

"There is absolutely no doubt," said Mr. Forgan, "that the election of Mr. Bryan would bring business to a standstill. There is also no doubt that such a political result would keep business at a standstill for some time to come."

An Earnest Purpose Finds Time.

Is it asked, how can the laboring man find time for self-culture? I answer, that an earnest purpose finds time, or makes it. It sets on spare moments, and turns fragments to golden account. A man who follows his calling with industry and spirit and uses his earnings economically will always have some portion of the day at command. And it is astonishing how fruitful of improvement a short season becomes, when eagerly seized and faithfully used. A single hour in the day, steadily given to the study of some interesting subjects brings unexpected accumulations of knowledge.—William Ellery Channing

Lay Low.

"Let us get out in the sunshine," says a Georgia poet, "but be careful to keep far from the farmers who would waylay and plow us. I believe in 'sticking to the soil' in literature, but not in down-right reality—at the plowhandles, for instance, and as the man with the hoe in his hand. There is no poetry in the hungry braying of a Georgia mule, or the 'ge-haw' of the plowman!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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NEGROES ARE IN A HOLD-UP

Authorities Learn Facts Too Late
and Assailants Are Per-
mitted to Escape.

TRIPLE DEATH ON RAILROAD

Switch Engine Kills Three Section
Men Employed on Lake Shore
in South Chicago.

Miller, Ind., Oct. 12.—Earl Erlandson

Miller, one of the old residents of Miller, a foreman in the powder mills at Etna and the father of three children, was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train this morning at 6 o'clock when he was on his way to work and was instantly killed.

THE INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE

Young Men's Republican Club of East Chicago Holds Meeting.

EXPECT 2500 REPUBLICANS

Hammond and Gary Boys Will Also
Help to Make a Good
Showing There.

JOE MCKENZIE IS ROBBED

Police Believe Michigan City Gang
Is at the Head of Thief-
ing Operations.

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The hold-up took place about 10:15 south of the Pennsylvania tracks on Broadway. The man was returning to his house and while walking along the road says that the men sprung from the bushes and hit him on the head with a club. He put up some resistance but they continued to beat him until he was powerless. The man showed the result of his encounter and turned his pockets inside out to show that they were empty.

Instead of sending the man to the police station so that the police could get a report of the matter, as he should have done, Neiman allowed the foreigner to go home, and now the police are at loss for a description adequate enough to hope to capture the negroes.

POLICE HAVE A BUSY TIME

Robberies, Family Quar-
rels and Holdups Oc-
cur in East Chicago.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Oct. 12.—The police department had a busy night Saturday, having three rush calls into the foreign districts of the city. Robberies, family quarrels and an attempted holdup figured in the routine of the evening, and no arrests have been made as yet in connection with any of the cases.

The attempted holdup occurred at the corner of One Hundred and Fifteenth street and Forsyth avenue about 10 o'clock, according to the story told by John Waite, the victim. Waite declares that he was walking along quietly towards his home on One Hundred and Fifteenth street when he was attacked by two men, who demanded his watch. He refused to "hand over" and received an ugly blow on top of his head, with either a club or bottle. His attackers were evidently frightened and made their escape without ransacking the man's pockets, in which a large sum of money could have been found. Waite was taken to the office of Dr. A. G. Schleifer, where his wounds were dressed and a description of the sick-up men secured by which the police believe they will be able to detect the offenders.

Get 'n Fine Work.

Burglars got in some fine work in the boarding house owned by James Dillon on Elm street, Indiana Harbor, and the officers requested to locate two solid gold watches stolen by the marauders. The losers are Ivan Olson and D. M. Peer, two roomers at the Dillon house. Both men work at the Inland mill, and report that the theft was committed during Saturday.

A call was sent from John Krupa's saloon about 10 o'clock, declaring that some one had been injured in a fight. Officers Quinland and Gorman responded, and found that Joseph Macerski, a foreigner residing on Alexander avenue, had broken his leg while enjoying a friendly tussle with another inmate of the saloon. Dr. Ross reduced the fracture and the man was taken to St. Margaret's hospital, and if he had not been we would not be here today."

Alderman Bellfuss of the Fifteenth ward and chairman of the south park commissioners was the next speaker, and it was he who made the presentation address.

Alderman Bellfuss Speaks.

"It was a foregone conclusion that the fountain had to be removed and the finding of a suitable place was the most difficult problem," said the alderman. "After the decision of the commission had been reached there was vigorous protesting from other parts of the city. But taking everything in consideration we were of the opinion that South Chicago was the most magnificent place for its erection in the city of Chicago, and in asking you take it over I do not do so with the simple object as an ornament, but receive it as something to be proud of, and I feel assured you will appreciate it." (Cheers. "We will.")

Congressman Mann Next.

James R. Mann, congressman of the Second district of the state of Illinois, was the next speaker.

Another other thing, he said: "We are indeed proud of the name of John B. Drake, from whom this statue was received, and to do him honor today is only fitting tribute to the memory such a distinguished citizen." In paying his respect to the south park commissioners, he said: "The city of Chicago stands today without a peer in the management of its parks and the citizens of the Calumet district should feel proud of its representatives, but above all, should feel doubly proud of its women." (Cheers. "We do.")

Kept Secret Many Years.

After keeping his secret for 26 years, David Henry has informed W. B. Bancroft of Altoona, Pa., that there is gold on the latter's farm on Brush mountain. Henry found the gold a quarter of a century ago when he was putting down a well, and determined to buy it, but he was unable to raise the money. Bancroft will be gazing at once.

Fruitful Jersey.

A contributor assures us that the following is a faithful and accurate report of an entirely sober speech recently heard in a certain pleasant and famous city of New Jersey. "Hey, there, boy! Take this basket of apples up to Mr. Pearce, corner of Peach and Plum streets. And be quick about it too!"—Harper's Weekly.

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