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At Laurelville.

Great Demonstrations by the Silver Forces.

Columbus Press—The Free Silver meeting held at the twin villages of Laurelville and Adelphi was the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of the people ever witnessed in that part of the country. A conservative estimate of the large crowd in attendance at the afternoon meeting was placed at 6000. The afternoon rally was held at the beautiful Mineral Springs grove midway between the two villages. The speakers escorted by fifty of the handsomest young ladies of Ross county mounted on beautifully caparisoned steeds and headed by the Adelphi Cornet band marched to the grove, where Hon. S. S. Wolf, of Adelphi, a former resident and ex-representative of Hocking county, stepping forward to the front of the speakers' stand, called the meeting to order, and after a selection by the band, in a few well chosen remarks introduced the Hon. A. R. Childers, of Columbus. Mr. Childers, spoke for three quarters of an hour and dispensed the Democratic doctrine of Jackson and Jefferson with an earnestness that surely must have carried conviction with it to the listening multitude, who had come so many miles to be enlightened as to the benefit to be derived from the restoration of silver to an equality with gold, through the medium of the Democratic party, by the election of William J. Bryan president of the United States, on next November.

The next speaker introduced by the chairman was the Hon. Allen W. Thurman. Mr. Thurman spoke for two and a quarter hours and his every word was followed with the closest attention by the intelligent farmers, and it seemed to us that the longer he spoke the more interested they became in his discourse. Mr. Thurman confined himself exclusively to the demonetization of silver, its cause and the evil effects accruing from the adoption of the single gold standard by the United States by a corrupt legislature and the influence of money sharks of Wall street.

After a selection by the band, the chairman introduced as the next speaker the Hon. A. R. Bolin, of Ross county. Mr. Bolin spoke for a half hour and gave some practical illustrations of the prosperity(?) the farmer and people will enjoy if McKinley is elected. Mr. Bolin is a witty talker and his witticisms on the poor over-worked banker and the purse proud farmer were highly enjoyed as was demonstrated by the hearty applause which was accorded him.

After Mr. Bolin finished talking he asked the audience to give three cheers for Bryan and the success of the Democratic ticket this fall, and every man and woman in the large assemblage arose en masse, and as one man, amid the waving of hats and handkerchiefs, gave



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