

BRYAN AND TAFT BANQUET

GUESTS AT CHICAGO AFFAIR

Third Presidential Candidates Meet at Fourth Annual Banquet of the Chicago Association of Commerce...

Chicago, Oct. 7.—William J. Bryan and William H. Taft, rival candidates for the presidency of the United States, met to-night at the fourth annual banquet of the Chicago association of commerce...

At the speakers' table during the speech-making were the following: Lafayette McWilliams, H. N. Higginson, John W. Farnsworth, Walter H. Wilson, representing Mayor Busey, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, David R. Forgan, Mr. Taft, President Richard C. Hall, of the Chicago association of commerce, Mr. Bryan, C. Bartlett, Governor Deneen of Illinois, John G. Shedd, Charles H. Wacker, President Kavanaugh, of the deep waterways association, and Don Farnsworth.

THE DRAMATIC MOMENT

An ear-splitting shout gave warning of the arrival of Mr. Taft. Mr. Bryan in common with every other guest all looked toward the entrance. A huge frame, moving like a ship amongst a swarm of tugs, was moving slowly up the narrow aisle between two tables...

This display of friendliness on the part of the two candidates stirred the crowd to renewed cheering and words were useless in the din. Mr. Taft stroked his throat for answer. Then Taft laughed and the applause increased.

"What is the matter with Bill?" cried some one in stentorian tones. "He's all right." "What's all right?" "Bill's all right!"

It took music by the orchestra and a song by the guests to restore a semblance of quiet. When talking in ordinary tones became possible the two candidates entered into an animated conversation in which President Hall joined.

INTRODUCES MR. BRYAN. Besides Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan the speakers of the evening were A. C. Bartlett and David R. Forgan. Mr. Bartlett was the first speaker and Mr. Forgan was sandwiched between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft. In introducing Mr. Bryan, President Hall said:

"As I look upon my distinguished associate I am forced to resort to the familiar protestation of the perplexed lover. How many of you have ever either, were either dear charmer away? The evolution of politics has brought to a commanding place in the eyes and regard of his countrymen, a citizen of whose life has been an honorable progress from the day he received his degree from his alma mater to the hour of his choice as standard-bearer of one of the great national parties by legions of enthusiastic countrymen. With the principles of an American he has sought and held leadership in a career of courage, fidelity and kindness. Millions accept his captaincy, the energy of his service the purity of his patriotism. Gentlemen, Mr. Bryan."

Mr. Bryan was cheered to the echo as he rose to speak. He said in part: "I think that it is a good omen when we can lay aside partisan feeling on an occasion like this and are getting the things that separate us, remember the things that are more numerous and more important that unite us in the bonds of common citizenship. I think I can see signs of progress in politics."

"I am glad to meet at this board one who has been honored by his party with leadership in a great campaign. I am glad to testify to appreciation of his abilities and his virtues. If I am successful the victory will be the greater to have won from such, and if I am defeated the sorrow will be less to have been defeated by such. I am honored to be the guest of a commercial association, for I recognize the importance of commerce."

God made man and placed him on his feet to carry out a divine decree. Man made the corporation for a material purpose. When God made man he set a limit to his existence, so that if he was a bad man he could not be bad long; but when the corporation was created the limit on age was raised and it sometimes projects itself through generation after generation.

MAN-MADE GIANT

"When God made man He gave to mankind a soul and warned him that in the next world he would be held accountable for the deeds done in this life; but when man created the corporation he could not endow that corporation with a soul, so that if it escapes punishment here it need not fear the hereafter. And this man-made giant has been put forth to compete with the God-made man."

"I take it that I can assume that all will recognize the necessity of making competition between the natural man and the fictitious person sufficiently equal that the natural man may not be trodden under foot. The problem of the world's great problem to-day is not to solve correctly the questions about which my distinguished friend and I dispute; these are surface indications of a larger problem. That problem is the adjustment of the rewards of society. Is there a measure of rewards? I believe there is. What is that measure? It is the divine measure; it is the law that God stamped upon the world and the law is that every citizen shall draw from society a reward proportionate to the service that he renders to society."

MR. TAFT SPEAKS

The introduction of Mr. Taft follows in the fortunes of war we acquired alien and subject races. Our government assumed to lead to the lofty eminence of American civilization. For the accomplishment of this purpose the President sent to the Philippines a typical citizen and eminent counselor and a man with the courage of his convictions. He accepted the high purpose of his mission, winning both the confidence of his countrymen and the love and gratitude of a nation to be. Success and honor have crowned his every effort in an active life as a citizen, jurist, peace-maker and campaigner. Through all his varied and in our insular possessions he has stood for the integrity of his government and the majesty of right. Gentlemen, Mr. Taft."

"What I wish to call your attention to to-night is the delay and consequent inequalities in the administration of justice in controversies between private persons. All our institutions are now being subjected to close scrutiny with a view to providing that some of them should be radically changed. The chief attack is on the institution of private property and is based upon the inequalities in the distribution of wealth and of human happiness that are apparent in our system. It is not inconsistent with the rights of private property to impose limitations upon its use for the public purpose and this is the reform needed rather than the abolition of the institution itself. An evil which is likely to grow in importance is the inequality between the poor and the rich in the delays in the administration of justice between individuals."

"A defect of our system is seen in the unequal burden which the delays and expenses of litigation impose upon the poor. The reform must be reached through the improvement in our judicial procedure. Our codes are generally too elaborate. A study of the English system which consists of a few general principles laid down in a practice act, supplemented by rules of court, has worked with great benefit to the litigant and has given much more expedition to the trial of cases which could be adopted in this cause with great benefit."

JUDGES' OPINIONS TOO LONG

"Another reason for delay in the lower courts is the disposition of judges to write long opinions. It is almost of as much importance that the court of first instance should decide promptly as that it should decide right. If judges had to do so they would become much more attentive to the argument during its presentation and much more likely on the whole to decide right when the evidence and argument were fresh in their minds."

ANOTHER DEFECT IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM

"Another defect in our judicial system is giving to defeated litigants two appeals. "So far as the litigant is concerned one appeal is all that he should be entitled to. The function of the court of first resort should be to lay general principles of law for the benefit and guidance of the community at large. The great body of the litigation should be finally disposed of in the courts of first instance or the intermediate appellate courts. The final instance and it is better that the cases all be decided if they are wrongfully decided. Again there has been manifested in our appellate courts a disposition to write long opinions for error in the trial below. The inevitable effect of the delay incident to the machinery now required in a settlement of controversies in judgment I believe a similar system could be adopted in this cause with great benefit."

REFORMS IN BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS

"Another method of getting rid of a great deal of litigation, litigation that consumes a great deal of time, and consumes a large part of the attention of the courts, should be effected by the introduction of a system for the settlement of damage suits by all employees against employers through official arbitration and without resort to jury trials. Such a system is working well in England, as I am informed. "Again, I believe a great reform might be effected especially in the Federal courts, and I believe too in the State courts by a mandatory reduction of the court costs and fees. The salaries of the court officers should be fixed and should be paid out of the treasury of the county, State or national government as the case may be, and fees should be reduced to as low a figure as possible consistent with the reasonable discouragement of groundless and unnecessary litigation."

PRESBYTERY'S SECOND DAY

GREAT DEAL OF ROUTINE WORK

Dr. Henry Louis Smith Presents the Interest of Davidson College and Dr. Bridges Speaks in Behalf of the Presbyterian College for Women—Foreign Missions a Special Order For To-Day—Mr. J. W. Pharr Appointed Trustee of Davidson College to Succeed His Brother—Two Ministers From Atlanta Presbytery Enrolled—The Sessions Replete With Interest.

Special to The Observer. Cornelius, Oct. 7.—Mecklenburg Presbytery meeting in Bethel church resumed this morning at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. George F. Robertson.

At 10 o'clock, in accord with the order of the day Presbytery heard the interest of Davidson College. His address was listened to with marked attention and was well received. A committee consisting of Rev. A. A. McGeachy, D. D., Rev. F. J. Jones, E. K. J. Bell, was appointed to bring in a suitable paper in response to Dr. Smith's remarks and appeal. This committee will voice the sentiment of Presbytery in saying that the report concerning Davidson was a cause of both much pleasure and gratification and at the same time of pain and regret. The fine success that is marking the present history of Davidson, in view of its large enrollment of matriculates and its growth in popular favor being a cause for satisfaction, while its struggling financial condition and its embarrassing need of more funds are a cause for deep regret and meriting the attention of all the Presbyteries to which the college may properly appeal for support.

It was made a special order to re-appoint a committee on foreign missions to-morrow at 11 a. m. This report and discussion to take the place of the preaching service. The special order for 2 p. m. is the report on colored evangelization.

The resignation of Mr. John R. Pharr as trustee of Davidson College was accepted and his brother, Mr. James W. Pharr, was appointed to succeed him. The resignation of R. A. Dunn as a member of the committee on schools and colleges and also as trustee of Albemarle Normal and Collegiate institute, was accepted, and Mr. E. T. Candler put in his resignation. The resignation of Rev. J. E. Summers as member of committee on sessional records was accepted. Rev. J. E. West was named in his stead. Rev. A. A. McGeachy was appointed to succeed Rev. R. Shumaker, resigned, as member of committee on languages.

Rev. J. J. Kennedy, of King's Mountain Presbytery, and Rev. R. W. Boyd, of Concord, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The calls of Hunterville and Ramoth churches for pastoral services of Rev. J. W. Grier were read and placed in the hands of the committee on calls or supplies. The call of Philadelphia church for services of Rev. K. A. Campbell was read and placed in the hands of the committee on calls, etc.

On certificates of dismissal of Revs. K. A. Campbell and J. W. Grier, from Atlanta Presbytery, were read and after the usual examination and signing of the usual pledge, the brethren were enrolled as members of this Presbytery.

The discussion of the resolution fixing the minimum of salary for ministers of this Presbytery at \$300 was made special order for the afternoon session to-morrow. Dr. R. W. Boyd addressed Presbytery in regard to Barium Springs Ordination.

The committee to visit churches in the interest of increasing pastors' salaries was continued. It was ordered that the canvass in regard to families taking religious papers be continued and report be made at spring Presbytery. The Presbyterian Standard be recommended.

The report by the committee on home missions was read and after a somewhat spirited discussion was docketed to be taken up to-morrow. Rev. Frank Jones, of Westminster church, Charlotte, preached an excellent sermon this morning, taking as his text, Acts 16:43-44. The theme was "Jesus—Judge and Savior."

CIRCULAR LETTER TO POWERS

The Government Wants to Know What Disposition the Signatories of the Treaty of Berlin Propose to Take to Re-Establish Order in Bulgaria and Eastern Rumania. Constantinople, Oct. 7.—The council of ministers has decided to protest against the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. Tewfik Pasha, president of the Council of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs, to-day declared that the government would not recognize Bulgaria's declaration of independence and had proposed to the signatories of the treaty of Berlin the calling of a conference. The minister added that Great Britain, France, Germany, disapproved of the conduct of Bulgaria. He said that Turkey desired peace in the interest of internal reform and he counseled calm and moderation.

Paris, Oct. 7.—The Turkish circular protesting against the Bulgarian proclamation was transmitted to M. Pichon, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs. After energetically calling attention to the flagrant violation of the treaty of Berlin, Turkey makes an insistent appeal to the signatories of the treaty to advise the Porte at the earliest possible moment what dispositions, such as an international conference, they propose to take to examine the conditions for the re-establishment of legal order in Bulgaria and eastern Rumania and for the maintenance of the interests which international treaties assure Turkey.

INFORMATION OF VALUE

DISPATCHED AT ENTERTAINMENTS

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PEOPLE RULE IN THEORY. Thomas E. Watson, Populist Nominee For President, Predicts Military Despotism or Revolution—Attacks Bryan and Intimates That Negroes Will Feed From the Public Crib as Washington.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 7.—Thomas E. Watson, Populist nominee for President, addressed an enthusiastic audience at the Grand Opera House here to-night. He made the following points: "We imagine that we have a great deal to do with the government of our country. In theory, we rule it. The actual truth is that nobody consults us in the making of laws, the shaping of policy, or the selection of officials. What are the chief evils that afflict you? First, your public service corporations have been given the terrible advantage of levying taxes upon you, and the result is that you are being taxed by a class of men who are not represented upon which the revolutionary war was fought."

"One of two things is certain. The militarism of such men as President Roosevelt will enhance the military despotism, or the revolt of the proletariat will convulse us with the greatest revolution known to history. "We don't want either the one or the other."

"In the City of New York there is a club known as the Cosmopolitan Club, composed of negro men, white men and white women. The object of this club is to promote racial equality and the intermarriage of the two races. In the early part of this year this Cosmopolitan Club gave an elaborate dinner, at which negro men, white men and white women were to eat and drink on terms of social equality. During the banquet miscegenation was earnestly advocated. The president of the club, Rev. Dr. Owen Waller, read and he was one of the Bryan speakers in this campaign."

"If the political importance of the negro is to be enhanced, as Henry Watterson, Bryan's official mouthpiece, says it should be, how long will it be before 8,000 negroes will be feeding out of the public crib at Washington City? If the Watterson-Bryan policy of having the Democratic party compete with the Republican party for the negro vote is adopted, how long will it be before we have a negro in the Cabinet?"

Roosevelt Will Not Take the Stump. Washington, Oct. 7.—President Roosevelt to-day announced that he would make no speeches in support of the candidacy of William H. Taft for the presidency, as there was no necessity for such action. This declaration was made during a call of Senator Hemenway, of Indiana, one of a series of conferences at the White House at which the general political situation was threshed over.

Servian Minister Resigns. Belgrade, Servia, Oct. 7.—The Servian ministry, of which M. Velnimirovic is Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, has resigned. A new ministry for national defense will be formed, which will include the chiefs of the four political parties.

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