

WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION.

Mr. Bryan Answers the Oft-Repeated Question.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 14.—William J. Bryan will accept the Democratic nomination for President in 1908, but he will neither ask nor make a fight for it. He says that for a year or more he has been pressed to answer the question "Will you accept the nomination?" and he believes the public is entitled to an answer and to know the position he occupies. The question that ought to weigh most, he says, is whether his nomination will strengthen the Democratic party more than the nomination of some one else. Not only will he not seek or ask for the nomination, but he will not assume to decide the question of availability, and if the prize falls to another he will neither be disappointed nor disgruntled. At the same time, he denies that he has waited this long in a desire to see whom the Republicans are likely to nominate, or to ascertain the chances of victory.

Mr. Bryan says: "Now, that the election of 1907 is past and plans are being made for next year's campaign, Mr. Bryan feels that a statement is due to the public. Those who prefer another candidate are entitled to know his position and those who favor his nomination have a right to demand an answer to the question so often put 'Will you accept a nomination?' his refusal to answer the question has led to the circulation of many false reports and unfriendly newspapers have taken advantage of his silence to misrepresent the attitude.

WILL NOT SEEK NOMINATION. "Mr. Bryan will not ask for or seek a nomination and he will not assume to decide the question of his availability. He has been so amply recompensed by his party for what he has done and for what he has endeavored to do that he cannot claim a nomination as a reward; neither should his ambition be considered for he has had honors enough from his party to satisfy any reasonable ambition. The only question that ought to weigh with the party is whether the party can be strengthened and aided more by his nomination of some one else. If he can serve the party by being its candidate, he will accept the commission and make the best fight he can. If, however, the choice falls upon another, he will not be disappointed or disgruntled. His availability is a question to be decided not by him, not by a few leaders, not even by the leading newspapers that call themselves Democratic, but by the voters of the party and to them, he entrusts the decision of the question—they are the Supreme Court in all matters concerning candidates, as they are in all matters concerning the platform.

PARTY MUST DEPEND UPON ITS MERITS. "He assumes that they will not select him unless they desire to make an aggressive fight for the application of Democratic principles to present conditions, and he also takes it for granted that the organization of the party will be in harmony with the platform, and will be composed of men who see political records and will invite confidence and give assurance that a victory, if won, will not be a barren victory.

"The Republicans must nominate either a reformer, a stand-patter or one whose position on public questions is unknown, and the course of the Democratic party should be the same no matter which element controls the Republican convention. The Democratic party must make the fight for what it believes. While it may take advantage of Republican mistakes, it must depend upon its own merits for success and not upon the error of its opponents.

"This action of the Republican convention may have its influence in the determining of the relative availability of Democratic candidates, but it ought not to have any influence in determining the question whether the one chosen by the Democrats should accept the nomination. If the rank and file of the Democratic party desire Mr. Bryan to make the race, he will make it no matter who may be the Republican nominee.

PROCLAMATION OF THANKS.

Issued by Governor Glenn.

Governor Glenn's Thanksgiving proclamation, issued this evening, is a long one. In part it says: "To me this is a most beautiful and helpful custom, for if a State or an individual will only compare their many blessings with their few ills each will find that the good bestowed is far in excess of the evil and, therefore, a matter for profoundest rejoicing. While since the last proclamation some things have occurred in the State that are to be regretted and some feelings engendered that may have left a sting, still, when these disturbances and excitements are forgotten, or only remembered as having taught lessons of patriotism and wisdom, the peace, plenty and blessing of the past year will be remembered as cause for expression of our deepest gratitude to the author of all good.

"No pestilence or great epidemic of sickness has visited our people, but unusual health and freedom from disease have been enjoyed throughout the entire State. The demand for laborers in every department of business has been so great that good wages for reasonable hours have been given all who toil; and there has been no excuse for any able-bodied person's eating the bread of idleness or being dependent on charity. Peace and good will have existed between capital and labor, and employers and employes have enjoyed closer relations than even before. More miles of railroad have even been built, more factories of every description erected; more looms, spindles, planes, saws and furnaces put in operation, until the year 1907 has become the greatest in our history in material development and in progress upbuilding.

"Our farm products have commanded higher prices than heretofore, which, while entailing more expense on the consumer, has added greater gain to the producer, thus maintaining the parity of wealth. Money has been obtainable on easy terms and not even the stringency of Wall Street has affected to any great extent our financial condition. Investments have declared good dividends and fine returns have been made on every class of work, both in the agricultural and industrial field. Never before in the history of the State has there been such interest taken in public education while a temperance wave has swept over the entire Commonwealth, showing that, while our people have millions for investment, improvements and education, they are tired of seeing money squandered for strong drink that only brings ruin and shame, for they have ascertained that the true worth of a nation or state is not always to be gauged by the amount of its finances, the strength of its army or the value of its products, but by the character of its men and women. Isaiah said: 'I will make a man more precious than fine gold.' In the hour of our great prosperity we must not forget we are moral beings with souls, as well as progressive men, for soundness of heart and purity of life are the State's greatest bulwark of safety. Law and order have been maintained and no awful mobs assembled, but the people have been quiet and given up to deeds of industry and thrift.

"While trying to do full justice to all and protecting every class, high and low, during the year, the State has maintained that it is Supreme and that all, both great and small, must obey its law.

"The mercies thus shown us by a bountiful Creator have been so prodigious and the percentage of increase agriculturally, industrially, educationally and morally so wonderful that it has attracted not only the notice of our nation, but of the entire world, and made it our duty to magnify the name of Him who has thus given us the increase."

AGRICULTURAL WORK.

Work in North Carolina Will be in Charge of Mr. Hudson.

The co-operative demonstration work among the farmers of the state is thus described in a recent issue of the Progressive Farmer of Raleigh:

"We announced a week or two ago that Mr. T. B. Parker, secretary-treasurer of the progressive farmer company, is to begin agricultural demonstration work under the direction of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Now we are glad to learn the U. S. Department of Agriculture is making arrangements to start co-operative demonstration work in North Carolina, with Mr. C. R. Hudson, Special Agent of Dr. S. A. Knapp, in charge and in South Carolina with an agent whom Dr. D. N. Barrow is now selecting in charge.

"The object of this work is to show that by better methods of preparation and cultivation, a more judicious use of home-made and commercial fertilizers and better varieties of seed to plant the average farmer can make more stuff per acre, and consequently more profit, than he is now making. Dr. Knapp, as our readers know, has had this work in the south for several years. The records he keeps show conclusively that farmers who have help from the department, through its agents and literature are making from 10 to 50 per cent, and in exceptional cases 100 per cent, more than formerly. Taken by counties or larger areas, the figures show a decided increase in production.

Among other things, good systems of rotation of crops are advocated. This includes a liberal planting of leguminous crops and the incorporation of vegetable matter with the soil.

"As far as limited supply of highly-bred corn and cottonseed will allow, these will be introduced into various counties. Along with this work will be taught the principles of plant-breeding and the improvement of farm crops by the careful selection of seed.

"For the present the work in North Carolina will be confined to eight or ten counties, but may be extended later if results show as they have elsewhere.

"Mr. C. R. Hudson, whom we have mentioned as the Special Agent of the Department in this work, will probably have headquarters at Raleigh. In each county where the work is established a good, reliable farmer will be selected to assist in the work. From time to time he will hold farmers' meetings and, together with other competent men make talks upon various farm topics.

"In South Carolina Dr. Barrow will select one state agent and a district agent. These will select about six sub-agents in different counties of the state who will keep accurate records of the work done and its results.

"This co-operative farm work costs the farmer nothing, while he gets the benefit of the knowledge and experience of the department. The expense of this work runs up into millions of dollars, but is largely borne by the General Educational Board working through the National Department of Agriculture. Every farmer who has the opportunity should avail himself of the assistance thus offered."

Editor Compared With Doctor. "If an editor makes a mistake he has to apologize for it, but if a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. If an editor makes one there is a lawsuit, swearing and the smell of sulphur, but if a doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and a smell of varnish. A doctor can use a word a yard long without knowing what it means, but if an editor uses it he has to spell it. Any old college can make a doctor. You can't make an editor; he has to be born.—Success Magazine.

Thanksgiving Day—Orphans' Day.

The work of the orphanages' homes of North Carolina appeals strongly to our judgment and to our sympathies. It merits our heartiest support.

In helping to provide for homeless, orphan children a home, at tender care, and an opportunity to obtain training for life, we perform a service the value of which is at present great and, in the future, will be multiplied beyond measure.

The Thanksgiving season has been set apart by the good people of this State as a time of special effort for and aid to our orphanages.

This is a beautiful and practicable expression of the spirit of gratitude and is, we are sure, pleasing to the great and loving Father of the fatherless.

The thank-offerings at Thanksgiving are a real factor in the maintenance and improvement of our orphanages' homes.

We bespeak for this most worthy work even the greater love of a people who are signally blessed of God, a people who have abundant cause for gratitude. We believe the offerings will be made gladly and that they will be truly large and liberal.

A Notable Acquisition.

The Observer this morning carries the announcement that Rev. Plato T. Durham has been added to its staff and this announcement, simple in itself, will be of more than State-wide interest. While not speaking by authority, we feel safe in the conclusion that Mr. Durham's intention is to devote practically all of his time to the pursuit of his new profession, such duties of a religious character as he may retain to be of a quasi nature. In the joining of his fortunes and the devotion of his talents to the press, Mr. Durham has taken a step in the direction of the advancement of his fellow-men. The pulpit loses, yet it will not lose, for he will have each day in the year a congregation a thousand fold greater than he has heretofore reached but once a week. It means a broadening of his sphere of usefulness, both secularly and and spiritually, for the writings of a man of his mind could not but be of the right sort of inspiration, whatever the subject discussed. The acquisition of a man of Mr. Durham's stamp to the press of the State, is a matter for congratulation. The press will be infinitely the better for it follows that this benefit will be shared by the reading public. The thought of Mr. Durham and the following of it up to fruition, is an admirable exhibition, of the sagacity of the genius that guided the course of the Observer.—Charlotte Chronicle.

"In God We Trust" Will Stay Off the Coins Unless Congress Interferes. "In God We Trust" will not be upon any United States coin designed in the future if President Roosevelt can prevent it. He has written a vigorous letter on the subject, copies of which are mailed to all correspondents who send him protests against the absence of the words from the new gold pieces. In his letter he says he doesn't approve of the motto on the coinage. To use it is irreverence dangerously near to sacrilegious. It is eminently unwise to cheapen such a motto by its use on coin. "All my life I never heard any human being speak reverently of the motto on the coins. Throughout the long contests of the free coinage question the existence of this motto was a constant source of jest and ridicule, and this is unavoidable. If Congress directs me to replace on the coins the sentence in question the direction will be immediately put into effect, but I earnestly trust the religious sentiment and spirit of reverence of the country will prevent such action being taken."

Mills in Good Shape.

"Twelve million bales is a high estimate to make of the season's cotton crop," declared a prominent North Carolina mill man, who was in the city yesterday to attend the spinners meeting. "The general condition of the country, however, will, in my estimation, hold the price down to 12-13 cents as the maximum. There will not enough be made to make this a fair price under normal conditions, but the financial troubles through which the country is now passing, will keep down the price.

"The mills of the State, so far as I know, are in good condition. Yarns are down to the extent of eight cents less than we were receiving same months ago, but the mills are well supported. They will not suffer much except such loss as comes through closed doors. It may be necessary to shut down for awhile owing to the over-supply of the market—to curtail production—but aside from this, the textile situation will not be seriously disadvantaged by the present money situation."

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