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MR. BRYAN'S "ACCEPTANCE"

Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance, which has already appeared in full in this paper, rings like the true utterance of a genuine American citizen who owns his own soul and gives expression to conclusions reached from long personal investigation. Mr. Bryan does not appear in the role of dictator, but as the practically unanimous choice of the democratic masses, whose servant he acknowledges himself to be and as the representative of which he has long been the acknowledged leader. The following declaration is significant:

I shall, in the near future, prepare a more formal reply to your notification, and, in that letter of acceptance, will deal with the platform in detail. It is sufficient, at this time, to assure you that I am in hearty accord with both the letter and the spirit of the platform. I endorse it in whole and in part, and shall, if elected, regard its declarations as binding upon me. And, I may add, a platform is binding as to what it omits as well as to what it contains. According to the democratic idea, the people think for themselves and select officials to carry out their wishes. The voters are the sovereigns; the officials are the servants, employed for a fixed time and at a stated salary to do what the sovereigns want done, and to do it in the way the sovereigns want it done. Platforms are entirely in harmony with this democratic idea. A platform announces the party's position on the questions which are at issue; and an official is not at liberty to use the authority vested in him to urge personal views which have not been submitted to the voters for their approval. If one is nominated upon a platform which is not satisfactory to him, he must, if candid, either decline the nomination, or, in accepting it, propose an amended platform in lieu of the one adopted by the convention. No such situation, however, confronts your candidate, for the platform upon which I was nominated not only contains nothing from which I dissent, but it specifically outlines all the remedial legislation which we can hope to secure during the next four years.

This utterance indicates conclusively that Mr. Bryan is standing squarely upon the democratic platform, which is admitted to be the strongest and most conservative pronouncement the democrats of the nation have promulgated in a dozen years. It is now the party "creed" upon which all true democrats are uniting for a sweeping victory in November.

Space forbids an extended review of Mr. Bryan's really great speech in response to the message conveyed to him by the notification committee. But it speaks for itself and should be carefully read by every citizen who is seeking after information concerning public matters of supreme moment. Mr. Roosevelt and me-too Taft receive attention and the republican party is called upon to answer for the evils which now beset this great American republic. It is democratic doctrine expounded "all the way through."

Former Vice-President, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for governor of Illinois in Saturday's primary election and it is believed that he will win a decisive victory at the polls in November. The fact that Mr. Stevenson was anxious to secure the nomination shows his faith in the fight and, if he carries that State, Bryan and Kern are mighty apt to do the same.

Locke Craig continues to respond to the call of his party. That's right Locke. You are a democrat "after our own heart," one from principle and not for pie.

With democratic prospects, State and National, looking so rosy it looks like the democrats of Henderson County might make a determined and effective fight this year for the county officers, "Where there's a will there's a way."

And Mary Ann Butler has again made an attempt to get his head above the sky line. But don't tell Judge Ewart.

The Iredell county republicans have endorsed Dr. Cy. Thompson for Governor. Here's hoping he will be the nominee. We are sighing for "Cy."

Having failed to induce Secretary Taft to attend their state convention this year the republicans are endeavoring to bring other national leaders to Charlotte on the 26th. It is evident that they feel the need of an attraction of some description.

The republican party lost an able and brilliant advocate in the recent death of Senator Allison, of Iowa, who had served in congress more than forty years, having been a member of the Senate for six successive terms, or thirty-six years. He possessed great ability and the country will miss him no little.

A great reception was accorded Judge Alton B. Parker in Los Angeles, Cal., recently when he delivered an address strongly supporting Bryan and Kern. Democrats are "hopeful" of capturing the electoral vote of California this year, along with that of several other middle and western states. Judge Parker will make numerous speeches during the campaign in various sections of the country. He talks well, too.

Thanks to Mary Ann Butler for his recent interview upon the outlook for Taft and the republican State ticket to carry North Carolina this year. Even the republicans of this State will not take kindly to advice given by this traitor and political acrobat and democrats are glad he has "butted in."

Mary Ann Butler wants Judge Pritchard to run for Governor and essays to believe that thousands of democrats would support him. It is safe to assert that few democrats (no real ones) in North Carolina would support any candidate brought out by Butler, or any of his kind. If Mr. Pritchard wants to try it, let him crack his whip.

The press of the country speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Bryan's speech to the notification committee at Lincoln on Wednesday. A wide difference between that and the one Secretary Taft delivered to the republican committee is pointed out both as to brevity and expression. No agency was appealed to for approval by Mr. Bryan, except his own conscience. Not so with Candidate Taft, who journeyed all the way to Oyster Bay for the purpose of securing the o. k. of President Roosevelt and thus avoid coming in contact with the big stick. Pitiable plight for a presidential candidate to be in, to say the least. But it is now too late to rectify the blunder.

The Hustler takes an optimistic view of the political situation this year, firmly believing the democracy will carry everything before it in the contest at the polls on November 3rd.

Missouri is coming back to her own this year. One experience will suffice. Sure!

The "Horse Show" next week. All should unite in the effort to make this attraction a brilliant success.

Have you made your entries for the Horse Show? It isn't long until the affair will be pulled off. And a mammoth affair it will be, too. No doubt about that.

Presidential Elector W. W. Zachary, of Transylvania county, has run Anderson, of Clay, his republican opponent to the "tall timbers" where he can join John Grant. A pretty pair, now, aint they?

Col. A. B. Andrews has secured a rate of one cent a mile for the old soldiers who wish to attend the state reunion at Winston-Salem on the 19th and 20th. He always does the square thing by the old "Confeds."

Let us not forget to "go after" those county superintendents who meet in Morehead City the latter part of this month. A cordial invitation should be extended for them to hold their next annual meeting in Hendersonville.

Bryan's chances this year are admittedly good. In union there is strength and democrats are uniting all over the country, which means defeat and humiliation to Secretary Taft and his allies, if the present tide to Bryan and Kern continues.

There is trouble in the camp of West Virginia republicans, but Senator Elkins promises Secretary Taft that the matter of the split ticket shall be adjusted in some satisfactory way. Fact is republicans are not much enthused over their candidate and thousands of them will either support Bryan and Kern or stay at home on election day. Mark it.

The sixth annual Farmer's Convention will be held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, August 25, 26 and 27th, 1908. It is proposed to make this meeting of great benefit to every agriculturist who attends, as many subjects of practical interest will be discussed. Speakers have been secured from the United States Department of Agriculture, and from neighboring States, who will be assisted by the leading agricultural workers of our own State. The management announces that reduced rates are offered by all the railroads; that lodging will be free and meals served at cost. Henderson county should send a large delegation.

The National Democratic Executive Committee wants from \$500,000 to \$750,000 for the purpose of financing the legitimate expenses of the campaign and appeals will be made to the democratic organization in each state for help. The soliciting committee in North Carolina is headed by Mr. Thos. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, who will impress upon our people the importance of contributing liberally to the cause, North Carolina ought to help a good deal.

Secretary Taft is not sure of his election to the presidency, and realizes that a hard fight must be waged. After being closeted with Chairman Hitchcock and other republican leaders on Thursday, Mr. Taft gave out the following statement:

"We went over the situation every state where it is recognized that a vigorous campaign must be made. Particular attention was given to Maine and Vermont, not because of any doubt as to the situation in those states, but because the election there is held earlier than in other states"

We are glad to note the editorial expressions of commendation of Mr. Bryan's speech to the notification committee on Thursday in Friday's Charlotte Observer. That paper has not supported the Nebraskan in former campaigns, but is doing valuable service for him this year. And it will do good. The Observer predicts a handsome democratic majority in North Carolina in November and says all democrats can unite on Bryan. Looks like they are going to do it, too, Brother Caldwell.

The committee appointed by National Democratic Chairman Mack is hard at work on the campaign text book and announcement has been made that it will be issued early next month. Speaking of the matter to the Associated Press at Lincoln, Neb., recently National Committeemen Josephus Daniels of this State said:

"Josephus Daniels of North Carolina said the book will not be laden with wearisome figures and tables, but each will be illuminated with favorable comments, not only from the democratic press and democratic statesmen, but from the republican press.

Candidate Taft declines to attend the republican state convention to be held in Charlotte on August 26th. He told the North Carolina radicals, at their convention two years ago, that it would be better for them if all the Federal offices were held by democrats. As much as to say: You fellows are a lot of pie hunters who care nothing for the republican party except for the loaves and fishes it has been, or might again be, able to dispense among you. And feeling as I do about the matter I have to say that my party in North Carolina is sorely in need of respectable leadership." In view of this opinion, is it any wonder the ponderous secretary refuses to again get mixed up with that crowd?

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