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## ANTI-BRYAN MEN PRACTICALLY OWN BIG DEFEAT IN DENVER'S CONVENTION

### Admitted Today That Commoner's Editor Will, Barring Accidents and Miracles, Be Named for President On First Ballot--Platform Will Contain All His Planks, Without Change or Variation---Likely to Have Over 700 Votes.

The delegate body is all in Denver today. The convention is called to order at noon tomorrow. The last stages of the preparatory game are in the works today. Tomorrow the curtain will go up on the first act of the real performance.

There is no longer much ground under the feet of the men who have claimed, and who still go through the motions of claiming, that it will be possible, by a coalition of the Johnson and Gray forces, to keep Mr. Bryan from getting the nomination on the first ballot. The anti-Bryans are still conferring and consulting and making statements, but, deep down inside of them, they know they cannot successfully combat the following of the Nebraska candidate. The naming of Bryan on the first ballot seems, at the moment, to be inevitable.

That the ticket will be a Bryan ticket and the platform a Bryan platform is not questioned today, even by many of the bitterest Bryan foes in Denver. The anti-Bryans would like to head off the third nomination of the Commoner's editor, but this seems to be a political impossibility.

Much of today is being taken up with the matter of contested seats and the job of making the temporary convention roll.

One of the de-lighted men in Denver today is President Sam Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, who expects to see the anti-injunction plank of the Denver platform worked about like his anti-injunction plank that didn't get into the Chicago platform.

The vice-presidency is still open, but the second man on the ticket will, in all probability, be a man from the east. If New York can get together on a man, New York will have the candidate for vice-president. If New York can't agree, then the selection will go to the floor of the convention. There are only 39 vice-presidential available, up to today. Judge Gray is still a candidate for president and will not consent to the use of his name for vice-president, and yet some convention prophets say they'll name him, willy nilly.

(By W. G. F. PRICE)

Denver, July 6.—The delegates are here now, practically all of them, and after a thorough canvass of the situation there seems no reason to doubt the claims made by the Bryan men that William J. Bryan will be nominated by the democratic national convention on the first ballot by a safe majority.

It is also reasonably certain that the platform will conform to Mr. Bryan's views in practically all particulars. It will, it is believed, contain a strong anti-injunction plank along lines already outlined, and will follow closely the Nebraska platform on national affairs.

It was also believed an effort will be made to incorporate the Oklahoma plan for the insurance of bank deposits. There will also be planks for the publicity of campaign contributions, the physical valuation of railroads, and for free wood pulp.

That some of these planks will be fought is certain, and that the fight will be successful in securing more than unimportant modification is not at all likely. It is also highly improbable that the fight will be carried beyond the committee-room.

The important work today is the passing on the contested seats by the national committee and the making up of the temporary roll.

The bitter verbal warfare between Mr. Bryan and Col. Guffey, it is believed, will lead to the seating of the contesting Pennsylvania delegation and a desperate attempt to overthrow the Pennsylvania leader in the control of the democratic machinery.

It is generally understood that Tammany is to fall in line for Bryan and that the McCarren people will be left out in the cold.

Vice-Presidential Situation Still Up in the Air.

The vice-presidential situation is still as much in the air as it ever was. The statement from Judge Gray that he would not take second place on the ticket has not entirely eliminated him from consideration, and it may be that he will be named, willy-nilly. The Kern boom is still booming, and the Connecticut men are becoming somewhat enthusiastic over the chances of McNeill. The talk about the dozen or more New Yorkers who are "mentioned" continues, but there is no sign of centralization on anyone yet.

The town took on a real convention look last night. The lobby of the Brown Palace was crowded with delegates and visitors, and they were enthusiastic. Later in the evening Dan Cantrell, of Illinois, assumed the initiative and organized an impromptu mass meeting. "Alfalfa Bill" Murphy of Oklahoma, was one of the picturesque characters. He was put on the main stairway and he roused the crowd to enthusiasm by his exposition of the constitution of Oklahoma and what the state was doing.

If there was ever any doubt as to how the crowd felt, it would have been quickly dissipated when Mr. Murray predicted the unanimous election of Bryan in November. There was a wild whoop and a mighty cheer. When Murray finished Mr. Warner, of Los Angeles, was seized and made a speech in which he claimed that California would, no doubt, cast her vote for Bryan. He made an eloquent plea for the democrats of the country to help break the grip of the Southern Pacific in California.

After loud calls for Senators Gore and Owens, of Oklahoma, Representative Sulzer, of New York, was ushered to the platform and for 10 minutes kept the crowd in an uproar of applause. It certainly looked like convention times.

Denver Will Have 50,000 Visitors by Night.

Every regular train yesterday and today, and scores of specials, have crowded the city. It is estimated by the Denverites who are looking after the crowds that not less than 50,000 visitors will be in the city before night. And Denver citizens are entertaining them royally.

In the Oklahoma delegation, which arrived here today, are several full-blooded Indians. They are quiet, well-dressed men, and, while having little to say, they take a keen interest in the proceedings.

### Interior of the Denver Convention Hall Where the Democratic National Convention Convenes Tomorrow.



## NICK LONGWORTH IS FAIR-MINDED

### When Crowd Cheers Wife and Her Father, He Leads Cheer for Bryan

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Omaha, Neb., July 6.—Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of President Roosevelt, cheered William J. Bryan just like a Bryan boomer. The Longworths, in a special car, were at the depot with hundreds of others en route to Denver, when one of the Michigan delegates saw Nick.

"Three cheers for Nicholas Longworth," he yelled, and the crowd answered.

"Now, three for his wife!" yelled another, and another three followed.

"Three for Roosevelt!" and the democratic crowd gave this three with a will.

The Longworth train started just then and Nicholas, jumping on the step, waved his hat and yelled: "Three cheers for Bryan!" Then the crowd went wild.

### PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY.

1. Chairman Taggart of the national committee calls the convention to order at noon.
2. Secretary Woodson reads call for convention.
3. Prayer by Archbishop James J. Keane.
4. Announcement of temporary officers agreed upon by the national committee.
5. Chairman asks for further nominations.
6. No further nominations, chairman puts question on agreement to the recommendations of the national committee.
7. Chairman appoints committee of two delegates to escort Temporary Chairman Theodore A. Bell, of California to the chair.
- 8 and 9. Introduction and speech of temporary chairman.
10. Call of states for members of the following committees: Credentials, permanent organization, rules and order of business, platform and resolutions.
11. Probable adjournment or recess.



Interior of the Denver convention hall and below, from left to right, are R. M. Johnson, Urey Woodson, J. C. Dahlman, Mr. Bryan's personal representative at Denver; J. E. Osborne, Roger Sullivan, candidate for national chairman; Edward Sefton, "Tom" Taggart's private secretary; Norman E. Mack, the New York national committeeman, and the present national chairman, Thomas Taggart. Below to the left is Theodore A. Bell, whom Bryan's preference made temporary chairman of the convention, and on the right J. J. Dunn, of Nebraska, the man who will make Bryan's nomination speech.

## New Bern Club Out of Carolina League

### Players Paid off and Forfeit Money of \$350 Waived--Directors Meet in Goldsboro Tonight to Hear Proposition From Three Cities--League Will Continue.

The New Bern baseball club is no more. The managers of that club Saturday night paid the players, released them and forfeited \$350, which was put up by that town as forfeit money. The New Bern team, however, through the efforts of President Tom Washington of Wilson, is being kept together until after the meeting of the directors at Goldsboro tonight.

Instead of Wilmington's playing at New Bern, the New Bern team in this afternoon playing at Wilmington.

It is not thought that the disbandment of the New Bern team will seriously affect the baseball situation in the league. Three other cities—Henderson, Fayetteville and Petersburg, Va.—are desirous of taking New Bern's place and each of these cities will submit propositions at the meeting of the directors in Goldsboro tonight. President Pearce, of the Raleigh Athletic Association, and Director Albert L. Cox, will leave this evening for Goldsboro.

In case arrangements cannot be made for accepting some other city in place of New Bern, it is probable that the league will be continued as a four-club affair. It is very probable, however, that one of these cities will be taken in and the league continued until the end of the season.

No reasons are given by the management of the New Bern club for withdrawing, but it is understood that there were two factions in the city, each warring against the other, and that the bitterness was shared by the players. Under these circumstances it was considered best to pull out.

The management paid off the players, waived the forfeit money and dropped out of the baseball history for this year at least of eastern Carolina. The crowds attending baseball in that city had been rather small and the management must have lost several hundred dollars.

It is to be hoped that the directors will be able to meet the crisis and that a strong club will be formed in some other city to take New Bern's place. Good crowds in Raleigh.

Large crowds, with a few exceptions, have attended the ball games in this city. Last Saturday, when Wilson and the Red Sox played ten innings to a tie, there were at least 2,000 persons present. In the other towns good (Continued on Page Seven.)

## MUST BE BRYAN, SAYS BLYTHE

### Veteran Political Writer Emphatic In Belief That Nothing But Miracle Can Work Defeat for Nebraskan Orator---Antis "Up in the Air."

Denver is a mile up in the air, according to Colorado geography. But the anti-Bryan men are several miles up in the air and going higher into the blue vault every minute of the day.

The bulk of the delegates don't really want Mr. Bryan. The politicians, they know, don't want him. But they have gotten the idea that the folks back home want him and, to avoid being burned in effigy when they get back, these delegates are going to put their votes into Mr. Bryan's side of the hat.

The pre-convention groups are listless. Enthusiasm is a real rare article except when Charlie Bryan (the Lincoln orator, like Candidate Big Bill Taft, has a fond and attentive Brother Charlie) drops into line. Brother Charlie generally says, "Bill wants you to do this," or "Bill doesn't want you to do that."

(By SAMUEL G. BLYTHE.)

Denver, Col., July 6.—One of the proud boasts of Denver is that it is a mile high in the air, but when we consider the position of the anti-Bryan men at the convention it seems to be in a deep depression below the sea level, for the anti-Bryan men are several miles up in the air and getting nearer the Milky Way every minute. More than this, they are all spraddled out in the blue expanse, with their ballast gone, their drab ropes fouled, and not a parachute at hand with which to make a seemly drop.

When they last conglomerated, just beneath the forelegs of Ursus major, they came to the decision that there are but two ways to defeat Bryan, to-wit: (a) by a miracle, and (b) by two miracles.

Inasmuch as there is not even an apprentice miracle worker in the anti-Bryan forces, it seems reasonable to believe that the inevitable will be projected on the screen along about Thursday of this week, when a large number of madly-enthusiastic delegates will take chances on their hearts rub-a-dubbing too fast in the high altitudes and will give the Peerless leader another chance to prove whether his label describes the goods or should again be changed to that melancholy designation, the Cheerless Leader, mingled, the while, with the hoarse huzzahs and a few raucous observations such as, "we hope he chokes."

You see, his is another instance where the politicians—that is, the delegates—are here to vote with wild acclaim for a man they don't want. Get on a confidential basis with almost any set of delegates and you will find they intend to vote for Bryan because they think the people want him, not because they want him themselves. If some genius would come along with the scheme that would let a lot of these delegates in on a method whereby they could vote against Bryan and escape being burned in effigy when they got back

home, these delegates would march boldly to the front and cast their free and untrammelled ballots for other persons.

No such genius appeared. Whereupon Mr. Bryan bids fair to be nominated; nominated by men who are starting listlessly around the balance hotel and discussing such topics as, "who was this here Bro who built this hotel?" and "kin, take as many drinks out here as you kin at home?"

The Amalgamated Protective Association of Vice-Presidential Candidates has received many accessions today. It is now proposed to hire the Auditorium for a mass meeting tonight, for there is no room in any of the local hotels large enough to hold the full membership of the organization. Fresh enthusiasm was aroused when Charles Bryan, brother of the Peerless, appeared and announced that no specific action will be taken on the vice-presidency until the platform has been agreed upon. Of course, the platform has been agreed upon at Lincoln, but Mr. Bryan meant until the platform was agreed upon at Lincoln had been presented to the convention with a brief note on top of the page reading:

"Please adopt at once—W. J. Bryan."

And duly agreed upon there. This gives the Amalgamated Association full swing for three more days and all the members working earnestly. Col. J. Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, himself a prominent member of the association and also a general all-around candidate for anything else that may be open, either in Denver or in Illinois, sought to spurge the motives of some of his colleagues in the race by saying:

If Not Vice President, Legislator.

"Many a man gets himself mentioned for vice-president here so he can go home and run for the legislature."

This was not clubby of Col. Jim (Continued on Second Page.)

Minnesota State Chairman Predicts That There'll Be No Contest In This Tame Convention.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Denver, Col., July 6.—"There is no contest. Bryan will be nominated on the first ballot in the tamest convention ever held by the democratic party. It is too bad, because the Nebraskan is doomed to certain defeat, though doubtless his brilliant personality will win him a large vote."

The foregoing statement, made by Frank A. Day, represents the gloomy state of mind of the chairman of the Minnesota democratic state central committee, the man who, more than anyone else, is responsible for the rapid rise of Gov. John Albert Johnson of the Gopher state. Johnson, according to Mr. Day, has absolutely no chance to win even one-third of the votes on the first ballot, although Minnesota will stand by her colors and cast her first vote for the governor.

Minnesota Will Stand Fast.

"We will do this," said Mr. Day, "just to prove how decisive our victory over the Bryan element, which attempted to sidetrack Johnson resolutions in Minnesota, was. I must admit that the governor entered the race too late to make a good showing in the convention."

"Mr. Bryan will be the absolute dictator of the convention body. Every resolution which he favors certainly will be passed, and no measure will slip through without his O. K. He will have the power to choose his running mate, but let me say that Gov. Johnson under no circumstances will accept second place on the ticket."

The governor will probably retire from office far several years and devote himself to the lecture platform.