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NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN TODAY ARE FREELY PREDICTING BIG PARTY SUCCESS IN NOVEMBER

General Consensus of Opinion Among Party Leaders is That Democracy Has Winning Platform This Year and That Bryan and Kern Will Sweep Country at Fall Election.

JOHNSON WILL DO ALL HE CAN TO HELP TICKET

Mr. Kern Says He is Gratified at Nomination, Is Proud To Be With Mr. Bryan On Ticket, And Will Stump In Interest of Ticket.

(By ERNEST ELI ROESER)

Denver, July 11—Never before have the leaders of the democratic party been so confident of victory as they are this year.

At a meeting of the national committee immediately after the adjournment of the convention, there was assembled a group of men who, with the exception of only one or two, wore expressions of confidence that were born of their convictions and were not the result of an assumption of manner which might be excusable and proper under the circumstances.

With the end in view to establish their convictions, a number of the most prominent democrats attending the convention were interviewed today with the following result:

"It's a Masterful Platform," Says Norman E. Mack. Norman E. Mack, New York—"The tariff, trusts, guarantee of bank deposits, and the regulation of railroad rates constitute the paramount issues of this campaign. The platform handles these subjects in a masterful manner—much better than did the republican platform. I firmly believe that the democratic ticket will be elected this fall."

"Republican Prosperity Snare and Delusion," Says Woodson. Urey Woodson, secretary of the national committee—"Of course the democratic candidates for the presidency will be elected. The republicans have made it possible. The people are awakening to the fact that republican prosperity is a snare and delusion and that their hope of real freedom, real prosperity, and of a real fair deal lies in the election of the democratic ticket."

Daniels Says Victory Must Come to Bryan and Kern. Josephus Daniels, North Carolina—"Bryan and Kern will be elected. One has only to compare the two conventions to distinguish the differences between the chances of the two parties. The tariff, trusts and anti-injunction planks will, in my opinion, form the paramount issue. Of the ultimate result I have no doubt. Victory awaits democracy this time."

"Democrats Will Be Swept In," Gore is Certain. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma—"We have the winning candidates; we have the platform, and we have victory ahead of us. The result of republican administration and of republican failure have made it possible for us to elect. The democratic party will be swept into power with an overwhelming majority."

Tomlinson Says "Panic Will Bring Democracy Back to Power." James W. Tomlinson, of Alabama—"I believe there will be a democratic victory this year, and I know that I am not deliberately deceiving myself. The country has been coming to this for a long time. Mr. Bryan has been a strong candidate on each occasion that he has run, but he has had to contend with a natural, but unprecedented wave of prosperity. The panic of this year and the existing conditions demand a change, and a change we are going to have."

Fleming Predicts Greatest Majority Missouri Ever Gave. Fred W. Fleming, of Missouri—"My state always gives the democratic majority, but this year we will give Mr. Bryan a greater majority than we have ever given a candidate before. The time has come for the democrats to go into power. The entire platform is the issue."

"People Want Bryan This Time," Californian Declares. Nathan Cole, of California—"William J. Bryan and what he stands for forms the issue. I believe the people want him this time, and I am convinced that he will be swept on to victory by a national feeling that he is the man to remedy many existing conditions."

Bryan's Personal Manager Sure As Though Election's Over. James C. Dahlgren, of Omaha (Mr. Bryan's political manager)—"Mr. Bryan will be elected, of course. This is as certain as if the election were yesterday and I spoke from the returns. The tariff, trusts, and the guarantee of bank deposits constitute the principal issues."

"Republicans Have Straddled," Opinion of Alva Adams. Alva Adams, of Colorado—"The national desire to beat Taft and cause a change in the system of government will elect the democratic ticket. Everything the democrats stand for is the issue, for the republicans have straddled most issues."

"Ticket Winner," Says Knight, "Why Say More?" Raymond D. Knight, of Florida—"The platform is as good as could be framed by any body of men with the interests of the country at heart. The ticket is a winning ticket. What more need be said?"

James Looks For Uprising and Change in November. Ollie M. James, of Kentucky—"Bryan and Kern will be the next president and vice-president. It is time this country had a democrat in the white house. Governmental matters have not been going right. There will be a change to meet the desire of the people."

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Snapshot taken at Denver showing from left to right Roger Sullivan, James C. Dahlgren and Charles Boehmshensta. On each side are sketches by Igoe, one of Col. Johnson of Texas with a rough rider hat and cigar and the other of Judge Gray's manager, Josiah Marvel.

GOV. JOHNSON WILL SUPPORT MR. BRYAN.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

St. Paul, Minn., July 11—Gov. Johnson will support William Jennings Bryan for the presidency. Gov. Johnson said he would do all in his power to bring about the election of Mr. Bryan. He sent the following telegram to Mr. Bryan at Lincoln: "William J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb. Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your nomination and the splendid victory which it implies. You will have no more earnest supporter than I, and I hope to be permitted to contribute to your success and to that of the party." (Signed) "JOHN A. JOHNSON."

Annual Outing of Sunshine Band

Raleigh Young Folks to Leave Tuesday for Beaufort—Sunshine Baseball Team to Accompany Party—Beaufort Good to Raleigh Sunshiners.

Next Tuesday morning bright and early, Col. Fred A. Olds and his band of Sunshiners, accompanied by Mrs. C. H. Gattis, will leave Raleigh for the fourth annual outing at Beaufort. In the party will be twenty-four young ladies and forty young men, and more may be added by night.

That the young people are anticipating a great time goes without saying, for the people of Beaufort each summer give the Sunshiners a royal time. The Sunshine baseball team will entertain the afternoons with games with Beaufort. The team is composed of Phil Utley, pitcher, Willis Holding, catcher; Dan Allen, first base, Andrew Green, second base; Maple Mills, third base, Bruce Jones, Sam Lewis, Arthur Holding and Herndon Briggs, outfielders.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. KEANE.



Recent photograph of the Right Reverend Archbishop John J. Keane, who opened the Democratic National Convention at Denver with prayer.

BISHOP POTTER BETTER; RESTS WELL AND EATS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Cooperstown, N. Y., July 11.—With the aid of the heroic efforts of his attending physician, Bishop Potter rallied wonderfully, and today it was announced that his condition is once more hopeful. His pulse, respiration and temperature are about normal and he takes nourishment well.

KERN ADMIRER IN HOME STATE

Indiana Regards Him as Worthy Successor to Thomas A. Hendricks, Who Ran on Ticket With Sam Tilden in 1876—One of Self-Made and Eminently Progressive Men of Middle West—Worked Way Through School.

JOHN WILLIAM KERN

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

1849—Born at Alto, Howard county, Indiana.

1874—Family removed to Warren Co., Ohio.

1864—Family returned to Alto, Ind.

1866—Entered University of Michigan.

1868—Graduated from law school and began practice at Kokomo, Ind.

1870—Defeated for the legislature.

1872—Chosen city attorney of Kokomo.

1884—Elected reporter of state supreme court and removed to Indianapolis.

1888—Defeated for reporters' office.

1894—Elected state senator.

1894—Re-elected to state senate.

1897—Elected city attorney of Indianapolis.

1899—Re-elected city attorney.

1900—Defeated for governor of Indiana.

1904—Again defeated for governorship.

1905—Democratic candidate for senate.

1908—Democratic vice-presidential nominee.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 11.—John W. Kern has been regarded for years in Indiana as the worthy successor of Thomas A. Hendricks, who was the running-mate of Samuel J. Tilden in 1876 and was elected vice-president on the ticket with Grover Cleveland in 1884. For more than a decade it has been said that if he could not carry the state it was useless for the democrats to try.

Is Known in Virginia. He was born in the village of Alto, Howard county, Indiana, December 20, 1849, and, with the exception of

a few years of his boyhood, when he resided with his father in Independence, Ia., all his life has been passed in the Hoosier state. His father, Dr. Jacob H. Kern, was a distinguished physician who died only a few years ago in Roanoke, Va. In his old age Dr. Kern purchased a country place in the mountains there and his son, John W., became a frequent visitor to Roanoke. The members of his family still go there, and it is said that in western Virginia he is almost as well known as in Indiana.

Mr. Kern paid his own way through college, graduating with high honors at the University of Michigan, and afterwards won the degree of bachelor of laws in the law school of that institution, all before he was 20 years old. He was admitted to the bar at Kokomo, Ind., in 1869 and almost immediately began to win fame in the criminal courts.

Ran For House at 21. Mr. Kern was "drafted" when 21 years old to run for the legislature in the republican county of Howard, but was defeated. He was chosen city attorney of Kokomo for six terms over republican aspirants. In 1884 he was elected reporter of the supreme court. Since then Indianapolis has been his home. He has worked in every campaign, has served the county in the legislature, and was the leader of his party in the state senate. He was city attorney under the last two administrations of Mayor Thomas Taggart from October, 1897, to October, 1901.

In 1900 he was nominated for governor, but was defeated. He was again the candidate in 1904, but was beaten by Gov. J. Frank Hanley. Before the St. Louis convention four years ago Mr. Kern's name was prominently mentioned among the vice-presidential possibilities.

Mr. Kern has been president of the Commercial club and has always been conspicuous in state and civic movements. He has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Julia Ann Hazzard, whom he wedded in 1870. By her he had two children, the eldest of whom, Frederick Kern, served with Gen. Shafter in Cuba and died two years ago. His first

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WILSON'S LETTERS BEING SCANNED

Quaker City Police Hope In This Way to Get Clue to Doctor's Murder

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Philadelphia, July 11.—Fifty hundred letters, discovered in a safe drawer in the home of Dr. Wilson, the physician, who died after drinking poisoned ale, are being scrutinized today for a clue to the doctor's murderer.

The letters contain certain information that amazes the police. They practically form a complete record of four years of illegal practitioners' cases. Most of them are from women. Many bear the names of persons of wealth and high social standing.

Will Unravel Mysterious Fracture. It is the belief of the detectives that, aided by these letters, they will not only be able to arrest the murderer, but that they will unravel much of the deep mystery which surrounds the career of Dr. Wilson.

Already it is known that two persons, a man and a woman, are under police surveillance in Philadelphia, and that arrests may be made at any time. The delay in police action is declared to be due to the desire of the police for the fullest proof of guilt before these persons are taken into custody on the charge of murder. This full proof is believed to be contained in the secret letters.

Cipher Records Are Found. Search is being made among the physician's effects for a key which will make possible the translation of cipher records found in the Wilson house.

These cipher records are expected to furnish much information to the police. In the event of no key being found, they will be turned over to code experts, as it is a matter of record that few codes ever have been invented that could not be deciphered by skilled men in the employ of the secret service department in Washington.

Doctor's Wife Collapses. Mrs. Mary Wilson, wife of the slain man, is in a state of collapse and under the care of a physician as the result of her appearance yesterday before the coroner's jury and the strain of her tragic recital of the circumstances leading up to the death of her husband.

CRAZY SNAKE INDIANS HAVE NOT ARMED FOR UPRISING.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, July 11.—Commissioner Wright and Agent Kelsey, at Muskogee, Okla., have notified the Indian bureau that there is no foundation for the report that the Crazy Snake Indians have armed for an uprising. Their armed guards were posted for the purpose of protection against whiskey agents and peddlers. In the big gathering of Indians there were many women and children.

DURHAM PRIMARIES COME AUGUST 29.

(Special to The Times.) Durham, July 11.—The meeting of the executive committee this noon resulted in the election of S. C. Brawley as chairman and W. J. Brogden as secretary. The committee named August 22 for primary, August 29 for the convention. Jones M. Fuller resigned, as he is the candidate for solicitor in the ninth district.

FIRST ELECTION BET IS A HEAVY ONE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, July 11.—The first political wager to be recorded in Chicago on the presidential election was made between H. G. Merry, of Baltimore, and N. E. McBride, of the Auditorium annex. Mr. Merry wagered \$1,000 against \$500 that Taft and Sherman would be elected.

He declared he would accept similar wagers to the amount of \$50,000, declaring Bryan will receive the lowest electoral vote of any presidential candidate in years.

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