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Publisher's Announcement.

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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

At the National Democratic Convention in Denver, Col., last week Hon. William Jennings Bryan was nominated for President on the first ballot, and the nomination was quickly made unanimous. Really it was equal to nomination by acclamation.

Hon. George Gray, of Delaware, and Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, were also placed in nomination; but soon after the balloting commenced it was seen that Mr. Bryan would get more than two-thirds on the first ballot.

John W. Kern, of Indiana, was nominated for Vice-President. And while several others were named Mr. Kern's nomination was also almost by acclamation.

It was a great convention, characterized by great harmony and there were evidences on every side that the delegates from all the States left with strong faith in the leaders selected and high hopes of victory in November.

For twelve years and more Mr. Bryan has been in the eyes of the Nation, having been twice before nominated by the Democratic party for the same position.

In 1896 Mr. Bryan was nominated by the National Democratic Convention in Chicago. He was defeated by William McKinley. In 1900 he was again nominated by the Democratic Convention in St. Louis and again defeated by William McKinley.

In 1904 Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, was nominated by the Democratic Convention in Albany, N. Y., and was defeated by Theodore Roosevelt.

Through all these years, in the face of defeat, Mr. Bryan has been held in high esteem by the Democratic party, and there seems more hope and chance for his election now than he has ever had. His record is too well known as a political leader of the present for any sketch of his life to be necessary now. He is perhaps the best known American citizen to-day, and some doubt if any man on the globe is more widely known than William Jennings Bryan. He is also one of the most versatile men in the world; and with all his wonderful powers, his great popularity and the enthusiasm behind his nomination, it is reasonable for the Democratic party to hope for his election.

Dawson Items.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

Dawson, N. C., July 13, 1908. Mr. L. W. Barnhill has just returned from Richmond where he went to purchase his fall goods.

Miss Jessie E. Messenger is spending a few days in Weldon visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Deberry spent Saturday in Enfield visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Virginia Pendleton and Kate Tillery have been visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Messrs. O. P. and C. C. Stallings, Enfield, came down and spent Sunday with their friends.

Miss Annie E. Lawrence took a flying trip to Weldon one day this week to spend a day and night with her brother, Mr. E. W. Lawrence.

Mrs. J. M. Tillery, of Scotland Neck, spent some days with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Holliday.

Mr. C. A. Camp came down from Rocky Mount on business. His friends were glad to see him.

Mr. Paul Willey, of Enfield, spent Sunday here with his brother, Mr. C. L. Willey.

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GOVERNOR GLENN'S SPEECH.

His Tribute to Mr. Bryan, Claiming for Democracy and Praise for The South.

In seconding the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for President, Governor R. B. Glenn spoke before the Democratic National Convention at Denver as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention:—North Carolina has no candidate for President on the Democratic National ticket, but I arise in the name of my State to most earnestly second the nomination of that profound and progressive statesman, brilliant and persuasive orator, patriotic and law-abiding citizen, and true and humble Christian gentleman, William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska.

"From 1891 to the present time, Mr. Chairman, the section from which I come has made no recognition either on the Democratic or Republican National ticket, but we have been content, in a quiet way, by industry and thrift, to build up our waste places and add to the material wealth and glory of our beloved Nation. In evidence of this I need not state these significant facts: In 1870 we were the poorest section of the Union, the actual value of all our property being only \$2,150,000,000, while ruin, want and death stared us in the face. Not so in 1903, for, Phoenix-like, we have arisen from our ashes of poverty, put out the carb of plenty, and are to-day worth \$19,000,000,000.

"Last year every day the majestic sun ran its course from east to west the South added \$7,300,000 to the wealth of our Nation, while Great Britain, with all its agencies, could only produce \$7,000,000 per week. In 1907 we raised 12,000,000 bales of cotton and manufactured 2,750,000 bales, while 9,347,000 spindles made sweet music to the industrial ear. We furnish one-third of all the standard timber in the Nation, 75 per cent. of all the cotton made in the world, all the rice made in this country, all sugar made from cane, and 99 per cent. of all peanuts. During the last five years the value of the South's cotton crop has exceeded the total output of the world's gold and silver by \$385,000,000, and the rattle of looms and hum of spindles would not be heard to-day in our borders were it not for the cotton of our Southland.

"Not only as producers and manufacturers of every kind of product have we added to the material growth of the Nation, but, truly believing that the welfare of the people and the upbuilding of the country would be best preserved by the promotion of the fundamental principles of pure Democracy, our section has ever stood for the political doctrines enunciated by Thomas Jefferson and practiced by Andrew Jackson. Coming, then, not as paupers, but co-workers and builders, as the section that has stood, and will ever stand, for the eternal truths of Democracy, while requesting no place on the ticket, we ask—aye, demand—that the man whom we nominate shall be broad enough to love every locality, brave enough to protect the rights of every creature, and National enough, when he comes to his own as President, to give each section its just part in administering the affairs of our government; and we urge as such a man the name of Mr. Bryan; for, sir, he has broken bread with us in our homes, mingled with our people in social converse, charmed our assemblies by his eloquence and patriotism, camped with our boys as a soldier in the Cuban war, and sympathized with us in our sufferings at Galveston, New Orleans and Charleston.

"But I hear some say it will never do to nominate Mr. Bryan, for he is narrow in his views, socialistic in his principles, contracted in his ideas of statesmanship, and has twice been defeated for the Presidency, and, therefore, cannot, as our leader, command the votes of the people and lead us to victory in November. Let us faithfully analyze these charges, and, if true, let us demand a new champion of our rights; but if false, let us rally still more determinedly under his standard, and compel a recognition of his policies.

"Mr. Bryan stands for the widest, broadest, most progressive and soundest principles of Jeffersonian Democracy; so Democracy must be shallow, or else Bryan is intensely profound. If it be narrow to stand for a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, giving equal rights to all and special privileges to none, then Mr. Bryan is narrow, for he believes in protecting the poorest, humblest creature, whether the natural or artificial man, as well as the strongest and most powerful, showing the mighty and proud the full enjoyment of all their rights; but, like the Master, who will not suffer even a sparrow to fall to the ground unless he listeth, he will not permit God's poor to be needlessly trampled upon by the heel of greed and avarice.

"If it is socialism to believe in the revision of the tariff, so as to let the burdens of taxation fall less heavily upon the necessities and more on the luxuries of life, placing into competition with articles controlled by trusts, then Mr. Bryan is a socialist, for he stands for a reduction that tends to restore the tariff to a revenue basis, with a just discrimination in favor of industries over articles produced by protected monopolies.

"If it is socialism to seek to destroy all trusts, to prevent the rich from crushing out all competition by the weak, and allowing no individual or corporation, by combination, to control or monopolize the entire business in any one commodity, then Mr. Bryan is a socialist; for with no uncertain voice, in the name of Democracy, he has demanded that, while every business shall be amply protected and encouraged in the enjoyment of all its privileges, it must and shall not lay the weight of its finger on any smaller concern or individual to either destroy or lessen its producing power, else it, too, shall be controlled,

even though it be necessary to blot out its existence.

"If it is to be contracted to believe in State's rights in its widest sense, giving the State government absolute and entire control of all its own affairs and forbidding Federal interference, only allowing such authority to be exercised in cases where State courts can give no adequate relief, then Mr. Bryan has a contracted mind, for he advocates a State controlling its own affairs, free from Federal court injunctions and habeas corpus, only granting the right of a centralized court power in cases where no remedy can be offered by the State, as in the matter of the prevention of monopolies, the regulation of interstate commerce and the preservation of interstate resources. And, as declared by Mr. Bryan, there is no twilight zone between the State and Nation in which exploiting interest can take refuge from both, for where one ends the other begins. Mr. Bryan is broad enough to advocate these great truths, and brave enough to see that every violation of law shall be prosecuted, catholic enough to embrace in his creed every condition and type of man, and filled with the Christian spirit, to proclaim brotherly love, as taught by his Master, the Prince of Peace.

"The Democratic party stands for the protection of all the individual rights of every class of people, not suffering unjustly from the exactions of the rich, thus causing all classes to dwell together in brotherly love, and the country not to be shocked and convulsed by strikes and strife. We, likewise, in the interest of fair elections and to prevent corruption, demand that the utmost publicity be required from all candidates and their committees, showing the amount of the funds received, and how used, and the source from which they were obtained.

"To-day, in no uncertain language, I arraign and denounce the Republican party for its hypocrisy and false assertions, as set forth in its National platform at Chicago. In blatant assertion it assails the Democratic party as the party of adversity, and praises itself as the party of prosperity, when all reading, thinking men remember the fact that the panic of 1893, with which to-day they taunt us, commenced under Harrison's administration, and was brought about by laws of a Republican Congress and transmitted to us before Mr. Cleveland took charge of affairs or a single Congress had assembled under his administration; while all know that the panic of 1907—the worst in ages, with the Republicans' boasted tariff and financial laws in full force and effect—happened at a time when the executive, legislative and judicial departments were all under the absolute control of the Republican party, and that breaking and dissolving banks, signing the money market, driving out of jobs, and emptying their purses, gave the lie to its cry of prosperity and prove it unfit to control public affairs.

"I arraign it for falsely declaring that it stands for higher wages, when, by the panic produced under its methods, thousands and tens of thousands of honest toilers have been deprived of work by the shutting down of mills, the taking off of trains for want of freight to haul, and the closing of mines for the lack of money to operate. And as we listen to the cry for 'bread' from hungry children, and see the ranks of desolation and desperation on the faces of strong men out of employment, with wives and little ones dependent on them and begging for help, we can but denounce a party which, in honeyed language in its platform, boasts of 'Prosperity and high wages' but, in practice, gives to the hungry a stone instead of bread and a serpent instead of fish.

"I denounce the assertions of the Republican party when it declares it stands for 'law and order,' equal rights to all, and no special privileges to rich or poor, when its protective policy has produced monopolies, built up the rich at the expense of the poor, by its injunctions and other writs in its courts, shielded trusts, while denying to the laborer even the sacred right of a trial by jury. I defy any honest man to deny the two charges—that we are to-day under the control and dominion of trusts, created under Republican laws, and that no relief has been attempted against this wrong, until the President himself was compelled to cry out, saying, in a special message to Congress, that the laws favoring trusts and monopolies are so unjust in their robberies that they would justify every form of criminality on the part of labor unions, and every kind of violence and fraud, from murder and bribery to ballot-box stuffing.

"I arraign the Republican party for its utter inconsistency in declaring for the preservation of our forests and the deepening of our waterways, when it is well known, though petitioned by conventions, asked by the Governors' Conference at the White House, and demanded by public necessity for the preservation of our national resources, with a majority of over one hundred in the House of Representatives, it yet remained deaf to our entreaties and silent to our demands, and let Speaker Cannon wantonly throttle the voice of a free people.

"I pass over with contempt, as unworthy of a great party and a brave people, its slurs and thrusts at the South, and its attempt to gain votes

by raising the cry of sectionalism; for, standing here, the son of a Confederate soldier, who died for a cause he believed just and right, and making no apology for the acts of my father, I denounce as absolutely false the charge that the South is disloyal or untrue to the Union, but assert that it yields to no section in love for our glorious flag and devotion to the Nation's truest interest; and we are brave and generous enough to return to our enemies love for hate, and kindness for abuse.

"Likewise hold up before the gaze of a just people the miserable subterfuge the Republicans placed in their platform as a remedy against government injunction, and criticize as cowardly their refusal, by a vote of 880 to 94, to allow publicity as to the funds received in their campaigns, and the manner of using them, and from whom tried out or collected.

"Strip the Republican party, as set forth in its platform, of the progressive ideas incorporated into it by the President, such as rate legislation, protection of our natural resources, the eight-hour labor law, and the employer's liability act—all of which were approved or appropriated by the President from Mr. Bryan, with his knowledge, but without his consent—and there is nothing left but the old, hackneyed plank for a protective tariff which even they admit has been repealed, and the endorsement of the 'harry Alkhis' financial bill, which means turning over the control of our finances to the stock gamblers and money masters of Wall Street, thus putting the destiny of the people into their hands, to destroy or keep alive, as they will.

"In pleasing contrast to the principles of the Republican party, standing as it does for a monopoly protective tariff, a financial system, not for the consumer and producer, but manufactured in Wall Street for the money power; a strong centralized government, almost denying State rights and proclaiming government by injunction; no income tax, but revenues collected from necessities and the poor, and hatred and malice, as shown by their mention of the South as 'pests'; and the grand principles of Jeffersonism, as contended for by sound Democracy and now championed and upheld by the logic and eloquence of Bryan.

"Democracy stands for all the people, not a special few—for each to bear his burden, but the burdens on the helpless to be less than on the great and strong; protection to all, destruction for none; employer and employee both safeguarded alike, injunctions in industrial disputes never to issue without notice and a full hearing; no injunctions in labor troubles that would not lie in other cases, and contempt proceedings to be tried by jury, unless committed in the actual presence of the court; senators to be elected by direct vote of the people; and a financial system, elastic but strong, not made for Wall Street, but for the protection of the people, and requiring banks to abundantly secure all deposits.

"We likewise declare for the protection of our forests, the preservation of our waterways, not by idle pretensions, as the Republicans did in their platform, but by words and acts of our members in Congress as they strove against Cannon for relief at the last session.

"And, last but not least, we demand at once a fair and honest revision of the tariff, giving protection to the poor and rich alike.

"Republicanism, Mr. Chairman, stands for sectional hat.

"Democracy, for brotherly love.

"Republicanism fosters crime, breeds corruption, and protects only the powerful and great.

"Democracy denounces vice, prosecutes crime, and shields all alike.

"Republicanism arrogates to itself almost the power of Divinity, and boastfully professes to do all things good; while Democracy, asking help from a Supreme Ruler, and vaunting not itself, points to its past history of a hundred years as a guarantee of its record of the future.

"Then when such principles and so great a leader coupled with the mistakes of his opponents, bringing in to our Nation suffering instead of rejoicing, and poverty instead of prosperity, how can we lose the victory this year?

"It is true that the Democratic party has twice placed its banner in Bryan's hands, and it is likewise true that he did not carry it to victory, but, as he said of himself, he kept the faith and returned that banner to us four years ago unstained and unsullied and to-day, though twice defeated, has arisen stronger and grander than before, and is remembered and beloved, while his opponents have long been forgotten. The very fact that from every section comes the cry, 'Bryan! Give us Bryan!' shows he is not dead, but still lives deep in the affectionate hearts of a grateful people, who are more determined than ever to nominate and elect him President of the Nation.

"If you want a man, pure yet

strong, brave but tender; generous and still patriotic, the very highest type of American manhood, against whom can be charged no act of disloyalty, dishonesty or corruption, but who stands fearlessly the champion of the poor and needy, proclaiming to the oppressor, 'You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold,' that man is Mr. Bryan.

"Nominate him, and he will certainly be elected. The reading of the stars, the signs of the times, the needs of the hour, the demands of the people, all predict and declare it; and when he comes to his own, as he will next March, he will make the greatest President of the grandest Nation the world has ever known.

"Mr. Chairman, a man who is faithful and true in his private life will be honest and just in his public career. A man who believes in humanity and truly serves his God will never be false to his country or unjust to his people. Such a man is Mr. Bryan.

"And now, once more voicing the wishes of the Nation, as well as my own State, that first had the honor of suggesting him for President, in 1896, and has remained loyal to him ever since, I again second and urge the nomination of this peerless, brainy, towering, intellectual giant and statesman, beloved at home and honored and respected abroad, the great Cornerstone of the world—WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, of Nebraska."

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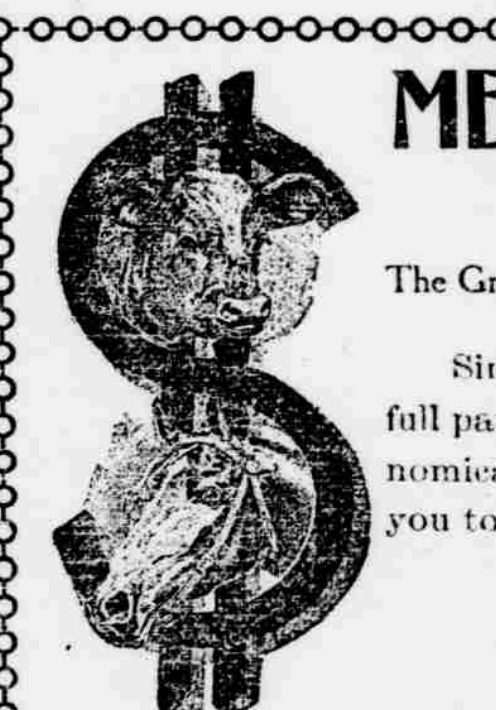
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