

Democratic Candidates Are The Logical Choice

Though Seemingly a Surprise Ticket, Because Nominated After Unprecedented Deadlock, Candidates Were Known to the Delegates Who Cast Final Votes Unbussed

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New York, July 10.—John W. Davis of West Virginia and Governor Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska may be called a surprise ticket, because it came after an unprecedented deadlock, but it is never-the-less the logic of American politics.

Without organization and management, the two men who were selected to lead the Democratic party won their honors.

The delegates unbussed and uninfluenced took four ballots after they had been released from the shackles of pledges and instructions and almost unanimously came to their decision.

But the reputation of both men, their achievements in the past, their integrity, and their principles, had long been known to the delegates. John W. Davis was second choice in the minds of most of the men who came here pledged to McAdoo and a great many of those who supported Smith.

In line with the formula set forth in these dispatches in the early days of the convention when A. Mitchell Palmer's theory about second choices was explained, the nomination went this year as it did in 1920 and in 1912 to the men with the greatest second choice strength before the convention assembled.

Mr. Davis was about as widely advertised a personality as any before the convention. Governor Bryan of Nebraska had made a profound impression in the West as a progressive.

The leaders knew that Mr. Bryan had carried Nebraska for the Democrats in the last election by 50,000 and that this year he had been nominated for governor in the primaries not only by the Democratic party but by the Farmer-Labor party. He must now withdraw from the gubernatorial race but will serve out his term as governor to the first of the year.

What the West has sought from both parties has been recognition. The Bryan nomination may not impress the East but it is an action which Western Democrats understand. The failure of the Republicans to select Kenyon of Iowa for Vice President gave the Democrats their chance to name Governor Bryan.

There is no doubt that the final decision to name the Nebraska governor was influenced by the knowledge that the nomination of Davis would be criticized as a Wall Street appointment for he has been counsel for J. P. Morgan & Company and the Standard Oil Company. It is true he has been counsel also for Eugene V. Debs, Mother Jones, and the Plate Glass Blowers' Union, and he has had every conceivable type of client. Perhaps the situation is best expressed by what William Jennings Bryan said to the writer today: "Of course, I shall spurn the ticket. You will observe that in everything that I wrote or said before this convention made its nominations I was careful to speak of the high regard which I personally have had for Mr. Davis and for his integrity. I simply said that his connections raised a presumption of corporate influence. But I believe every man is entitled to a square deal. And what Mr. Davis has said in his first statement; namely, 'there can be no compromise with reaction' indicates what his views will be. Also he has accepted the most progressive platform any political party ever presented to the Nation."

Mr. Bryan said he would campaign actively for the ticket. It is no secret that he was flattered by the selection of his brother, for John W. Davis himself said he wanted a Western progressive and a "dry" to be his running mate and indicated his desire to have Governor Bryan named. Actions like these were convincing of a willingness to raise the progressive standard. Although Eastern Democrats looked askance, they recognized that the battle of 1924 will not be fought in New York and New England, but in the Middle West and West.

The Democratic hopes lie in carrying West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Western states plus the solid South. Al Smith may run again for governor of New York and will wholeheartedly support the national ticket. Former Governor Cox of Ohio will be an aggressive aid to the Davis-Bryan combination in the Middle West. He counseled the party leaders in the last two days of the convention to agree on Davis.

Altogether the reaction of the delegates to the ticket today was in surprising contrast to their depression of several days ago. Many concede that Coolidge is strong in the East and look toward the West for a decision. But the campaign will turn largely on the issues as unfolded by Mr. Davis who will take the offensive. President Coolidge will stay at the White House most of the time and Senator LaFollette is too old to wage an active campaign. Mr.

SWINDELL IS ALLOWED BOND

Amount Fixed by Court at \$7,500 Which While Not Yet Arranged Believed Defendant Can Give.

Bond in sum of \$7,500 was allowed by Trial Justice Spence in the case charging Joe Swindell, young married man divorced by his wife on the ground of infidelity, with rape of a girl under 14 years of age when at the preliminary hearing in recorder's court Thursday morning evidence put on by the State indicated that the defendant might be guilty of a felony instead of a capital crime as charged.

The defense offered no testimony but claimed on the ground of the evidence offered by the State that the defendant could not be guilty of anything worse than a felony. The State has not abandoned the contention that the defendant is guilty of rape but did not resist bail provided that it was "in keeping with the offense." Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer suggesting that bail required should be not less than \$12,000 or \$15,000.

E. F. Aydtlett, attorney for the defendant, compared the crime of his client with larceny and asked that bond of not more than \$400 be required, in view of the fact that the defendant is financially unable to give bond in large amount. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, private counsel assisting in the prosecution of the case, expressed indignation at the comparison of such a crime as the outraging of childhood by a "mature" man of known lecherous inclination with larceny and declared that for the crime which had been committed the bond suggested by Prosecutor Sawyer was certainly not excessive.

Though Swindell was still in jail when this newspaper went to press, it was believed that he would be able to arrange the bond required by the court.

Swindell's alleged victim was not in court, the State relying on the testimony of Elwood Barelay, member of the night automobile party which is alleged to have led up to the crime, and of one of the physicians who made examination following it, and on evidence showing the girl to have been under 14 years of age when the alleged crime was committed.

The case now goes up to Superior Court where it is set for trial during the week of August 18. It is believed that the girl who is expected to be the prosecuting witness at that trial was not put on the stand at the preliminary hearing so that she might be spared at least one recital of her version of what occurred.

Davis will have an opportunity to travel extensively and speak by radio everywhere. He likes campaigning, is a forceful speaker and has a magnetic personality. He is not the kind who is given to demagoguery and the country can expect an intelligent campaign from him.

Newspaper comment even from the Republican press heralds Davis as giving Bryan credit for a courageous record in public service and for genuine ability. But it isn't likely to be a campaign of personalities. The Democrats themselves concede that President Coolidge is highly respected and that Senator LaFollette is credited by the West as being a sincere advocate of radicalism.

The issues are more likely to be national problems, the record of the Republican Congress, the capacity of the Republican party to rule based on the four years gone by and the capacity of the Democrats to govern based on the eight years they were in power. The struggles of members of the House and Senate for reelection as well as the state contests will furnish local issues which here and there will influence the fate of the National ticket of all parties.

DAVIS FOR PRESIDENT



John W. Davis of West Virginia is the choice of the Democratic party for the Presidency, with Governor Bryan of Nebraska for the Vice Presidency.

McCABE AND GRICE BUY THEIR BUILDING

J. T. McCabe in Making Announcement Thanks Friends and Customers for Patronage

Announcement of the purchase of the Bradford Building by McCabe & Grice was made Thursday by J. T. McCabe. The building, which has been occupied by this firm for 24 years, is one of the most favorably located in Elizabeth City, at the corner of Main and Poindexter streets.

Mr. McCabe authorized the following statement in connection with the announcement: "We want to thank our friends and customers and the public in general for their very liberal patronage over this long period. We have endeavored during this time, a quarter of a century, to be fair in all our dealings."

"We are proud of the fact that we can name numbers who have been customers of this store during this entire time. "Our aim is to modernize the building taking in the entire second floor, a space 50 by 90 feet which will be devoted to ladies' ready to wear, curtains, upholstery goods and kindred lines.

"The front of the store will be changed and the entire store renovated, making it much easier for our customers to trade. The changes in contemplation will double the space for displaying the large stock. "It is also our plan to install a passenger elevator, which will relieve our customers of the labor of walking up to the second floor.

"We will continue to cater to our old friends and customers and also to many new ones, who will always find the 'at home' feeling when they enter our store. "We feel proud of our record for the past 24 years and realize that it has been our friends and customers who have so loyally supported us that they have made us the leading store of this section."

DAVIS HEARS BY RADIO OF HIS NOMINATION

New York, July 10.—John W. Davis received the news of his nomination Wednesday afternoon at the home of Franklin Polk where he had been much of the time during the National Convention.

He had been listening to the proceedings by radio. His first comment was "Apparently I'm nominated, so that's all there is to it."

His wife was with him when he received the radio announcement; that he had been chosen as the Democratic Presidential candidate.

ADOPT LITTLE GIRL
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ward, 222 South Dyer street, are the proud possessors of a lovely little eight months old girl. She was adopted by them recently through the Children's Home Society of Greensboro and has been named June Page. She is thriving in her new home and seems very happy.

SECRETARY JOB RESIGNS POSITION

Accepts Secretaryship of the Chamber of Commerce at Gainsville, Georgia, Effective August 12.

Richard C. Job, for four years Secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce today mailed his resignation to Vice President S. H. Templeman of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Job has accepted a position as Secretary of the Gainsville, Georgia, Chamber of Commerce and his resignation will take effect on August 12 or sooner if his successor can reach Elizabeth City before that time.

Serving the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce for four years Mr. Job has made a good many friends in Elizabeth City and in the surrounding counties.

Following is Mr. Job's letter of resignation:
July 9, 1924
The President and Board of Directors,
Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce,
Elizabeth City, N. C.
Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary of The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, same to become effective August 12th, or before if my successor has been elected. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking those who have given their support and co-operation during my administration at Elizabeth City.
Sincerely yours,
Richard C. Job Sec'y.

NINETY PER CENT POTATOES SHIPPED

With ninety per cent of the potato crop already shipped the total number of cars to leave the freight station up to Thursday morning numbered 1494. This makes a total of 295 cars since the last Federal Government report issued here on July 3.

In New York Thursday morning potatoes were selling from \$3.00 to \$3.25 while on the Philadelphia market they ranged from \$2.50 to \$3.10 per barrel.

Shipments of sweet potatoes were expected to start about August 1 or not later than August 5. The sweet potato acreage is smaller this year than last. The yield will be good, provided the recent rains have not done serious damage to the crop. Prospects are considered bright for a good market on the sweet potato this year, in the opinion of Earl Griggs, manager of the Carolina Potato Exchange.

COTTON MARKET
New York, July 10.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 30.25, a decline of 30 points. Futures, closing bid, July 29.25 Oct. 24.40, Dec. 23.73, Jan. 23.57, March 23.80, May 23.85.

Waves Of Bitterness Have Been Swept Away

With Nomination of John William Davis of West Virginia and Governor Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska the Democratic Party Is Once More Happy and Harmonious

ANXIOUS TO OPEN DETENTION HOME

Directors Busy But Appeals Have Met With Little Response and Cause Will Be Presented from Pulpits.

Appeals to the people of the community to investigate their attic and donate furniture to start the County Detention Home running have met with such meager response that the board of directors of the home are all but discouraged.

A meeting was held Wednesday afternoon in the office of Supt. M. P. Jennings to discuss plans for meeting the serious situation.

There are eight children waiting to be placed in this home and its opening is delayed because the furnishing of the building can not be accomplished.

To bring the matter more seriously to the attention of the people, the pastors will present the Detention Home at the church services Sunday, explaining the situation and asking for help.

In the meantime, all who can donate furniture or money or can offer a way out of the difficulty are asked to communicate with Rev. G. E. Hill, Dr. S. H. Templeman, Supt. M. P. Jennings, G. F. Seyffert, Noah Burfoot, Sr., or Mrs. W. Ben Goodwin.

Everything is needed for the Home, furnishings for the kitchen, the sitting room, the bedrooms, and in fact the entire home. Nothing will be refused, and as soon as enough furniture and furnishings can be collected to open the home, it will be put into practical use.

The County Superintendent of Public Welfare, Mrs. Anna B. Lewis, is out of the city attending the Public Welfare Institute at Chapel Hill, and will return the last of next week.

The directors of the Detention Home are very anxious to have all in readiness to open the building when Mrs. Lewis returns. To do this means that they must have the whole-hearted cooperation of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County people. The sooner this is secured the better for the eight pathetic little people who are awaiting admittance.

LAD'S PLAYMATES TENDER RESPECTS

Simple Funeral Rites for Calvin Coolidge, Jr., at Northampton Church of Which He Was a Member.

(By The Associated Press)
Northampton, Mass., July 10.—Former playmates and neighbors in the town where he was reared to the approach of manhood today tendered their respects to Calvin Coolidge, Jr.

President and Mrs. Coolidge when they came here from Washington with their dead were consoled by townsfolk of Northampton at the simple rites the family had wished. These were held today in the Edwards Congregational Church where Calvin as a boy was taken into membership.

BRIGHT RESIGNS AS HEAD JEWELRY FIRM

H. C. Bright, former manager and treasurer of the H. C. Bright Company, has resigned his position with the firm and W. P. Skinner has been named to fill the vacancy until a permanent manager can be secured.

"The firm will continue to do business as usual," W. G. Gaither, president of the concern, said Thursday morning.

"There is every reason to believe," Mr. Gaither said, "that the business can be conducted profitably."

Waves Of Bitterness Have Been Swept Away

LIBERATING on the one hundred and third ballot as choice for the Presidential nomination, the West Virginia lawyer and diplomat swept away the great waves of bitterness churned up during the 15 preceding days of the stormy conflict, then taking command immediately the new head of the party guided the convention swiftly toward the selection of his running mate, the brother of William Jennings Bryan, his most vigorous opponent throughout the balloting.

When the convention adjourned at 2:24 o'clock this morning it had filled many pages of political history, rising in dramatic force from the violent struggle 12 days ago over the naming of the Ku Klux Klan in the party platform through the record-breaking deadlock between supporters of McAdoo and Smith that held through 100 ballots before the Presidential nomination was in sight.

Then in the closing scenes came a new precedent in the personal appearance of the nominee to acknowledge his gratitude, and his prompt assumption of command.

Bryan Vice President
Madison Square Garden, New York, July 10.—John W. Davis of West Virginia for President and Charles W. Bryan, governor of Nebraska, for Vice President, is the ticket which the Democrats will offer the country in November.

Davis was named on the one hundred and third ballot Wednesday afternoon and Bryan was named on the first ballot about two o'clock this morning.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh previously had declined the Vice-Presidential nomination and E. T. Meredith, former Secretary of Agriculture, also declined it. Bryan was the choice of Mr. Davis and his adherents for the place.

George L. Berry, president of the Pressmen's Union, led Bryan during most of the first ballot and only when word went out that Davis wanted Bryan did the delegates shift their vote to Bryan—and make possible the nomination.

The final vote after several states changed was Bryan 739, Berry 269 and 2. Several other candidates got a scattered vote. The convention then adjourned. Davis addressed the convention during the night and so did Governor Bryan.

Governor Bryan is a brother of William Jennings Bryan who had fought the nomination of Davis but the Commoner early today said he was well satisfied and would support the ticket.

Postpone Re-Organization
New York, July 10.—Approving the suggestion of Davis and Bryan, nominees of the Democratic National Convention, the National Committee today agreed to postpone the re-organization session of the committee until after the formal notification of the candidates the dates of which have not been agreed upon.

Davis and Bryan attended the meeting and were given an enthusiastic reception. The present organization will be continued until a new chairman is selected, it was agreed.

RED SPIDER DOING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

Okisko, July 10.—The red spider is thriving under wet weather conditions here and some of the farmers predict a loss of fifty per cent of their crop from this pest.

Some farmers here, however, believe that the spider is given credit for more damage than he is really guilty of. Wet weather, they say, sometimes causes leaves to fall from cotton, especially in instances where soda was used and the ground gets sour.

Stephen Reid, Elizabeth City Route Five, who first reported the spider damage to Mr. Falls, does not expect to get a quarter of a bale to the acre on a plot where he made over a bale to the acre last year. A negro, working on the Reid farm, who was employed in Beaufort County last year, states that the red spider is dreaded more than the boll weevil in that county and did great damage there last year.

Reports reaching here from Perquimans County are to the effect that the spider is doing considerable damage to the cotton crop in that county this year.

HUGHES NAMED HEAD OF AMERICAN BAR

Philadelphia, July 10.—Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of State, was today elected president of the American Bar Association at its annual meeting here.