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NEW YORK DEMANDS RADICAL PLATFORM

ENTHUSIASM FOR BRYAN FEATURE OF OPENING OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

TAMMANY DECLARES FOR RADICALISM

Braves Out-Bryan Bryan Whose Friends Are Furious--Declare for Labor's Measures in the Platform

DENVER, Col., July 7.—Tammany Hall has out-Bryaned Bryan. The braves have decided to present to the committee on resolutions the most radical platform ever suggested from the east.

Bryan's Friends Furious. Bryan's friends are furious. They openly assert that Tammany is trying to embarrass him. He did not desire to go so far as to absolutely prohibit the injunction in labor disputes.

Exclusion of Asiatics. The Tammany platform will also please the Pacific coast. It insists on the exclusion of Asiatics and favors an increased navy.

Tammany does not suggest a declaration on the safeguarding and guaranteeing of bank deposits as suggested by Oklahoma, and does not mention it. It also suggests the plan to recommend the ascertaining of the physical valuation of railroads.

The New York delegation unanimously adopted the radical platform substitute this morning.

DOCTOR GETS NEW TRIAL DURING STATEMENT AVAILABLE

SALEM, Ore., July 7.—Holding that the dying declarations of a woman upon whom a criminal operation had been performed were not originally admissible, on the ground that her death was not an essential element in the offense, which was complete without it, but that when her demise as a result of an operation by another person is made by statute an indispensable constituent of the crime as charged, her dying declarations are receivable in evidence.

COUNTY ASSESSMENT ROLL WILL BE REDUCED ONE-FOURTH

HILLSBORO, Ore., July 7.—Assessor Wilcox today stated that the Washington county assessment roll for the current year will suffer a flat reduction of over 25 per cent. All realty values and that a big reduction will be made on timber assessments.

L. A. Martin of Fats Creek district was among the many in Medford during the week.

ADJOURNMENT FOLLOWED ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO CLEVELAND

Convention Called to Order by Taggart Amid Cheers for Nebraskan--Archbishop Delivers Prayer--Bell Makes Keynote Speech--Dunn Offers Cleveland Resolutions

AUDITORIUM, Denver, Col., July 7.—It was exactly noon when National Committee Chairman Taggart lifted his gavel and rapped, but he had to order the sergeant at arms to order the delegates seated.

Just as it seemed that business could be commenced, the Bryan volunteers of Nebraska entered, carrying a gold banner bearing a picture of the Commoner, and many of the delegates rose and cheered. The banner was carried to the Nebraska section and placed upon a stand, but Chairman Taggart declined to permit it to remain, and on his orders it was furled and placed out of sight.

Despairing of Sergeant-at-Arms Martin quelling the confusion Taggart finally called upon the uniformed police men and after difficulty they succeeded.

California Renews Cheering

The cheering broke out afresh as the California delegation seized the opportunity to march down the aisle headed by another Bryan banner. This thoroughly exasperated Taggart and he finally gave sharp orders to the police that no more banners were to be permitted in the hall until the session was ended.

Chairman Taggart then said: "I cannot refrain from calling your attention to the fact that this convention meets amid a scene of enthusiasm and determination that victory shall crown our efforts never before equaled in a democratic convention. Our party faces a bright prospect. We are sure of a triumphant campaign."

He then thanked the city of Denver for the manner in which the convention hall had been arranged.

Archbishop Kean's Paper. Assistant Secretary Edwin Sefton

800 FOR BRYAN ON FIRST BALLOT

DENVER, Col., July 7.—The curious varied effects of the altitude of Denver on the human system have been duplicated with regard to the democratic presidential election.

To some persons the thin, dry air of this town is stimulating, to others it is depressing. The Bryan boom today is the healthiest thing in Denver. It was in pretty good condition when it arrived, and has been taking on strength hourly.

The Johnson and Gray booms, which were young and vigorous when they started for the mountain convention, are now in a sad state of collapse. Not even the arrival of a trainload of Minnesota trained nurses has been able to revive the waning spirits of the Johnsonites, and the last pulse beats of the Gray boom are being counted today.

Indications today are that Bryan will receive over 800 votes on the first ballot. There is a strong possibility that when the roll call is called and before they are officially announced the states voting for Johnson and Gray will draw their ballots and cast them for the Nebraskan, thus giving him the entire 1002 votes of the convention.

SELECTION OF BRYAN'S MATE STILL IN AIR

If New York Can Unite Upon a Man, That One Will Be Selected as the Man for Vice President

(By Henry E. Eland, staff correspondent of the United Press.)

DENVER, Colo., July 7.—At it appears today, the chances are good that there will be a fine democratic row over the naming of the vice-presidential candidate. Of the half hundred aspirants and "receptive" candidates, the two most prominently mentioned now are Representative James of Kentucky and Charles A. Towne, formerly of Minnesota and now of New York.

There are one or two absolute facts connected with the situation. If the delegates of New York will or can unite on a man that man will be nominated. If the Empire state does not desire to avail itself of this privilege, Bryan will indicate his choice, and whoever he names will be the nominee. Another fact is that even many of the radicals are desirous of naming a conservative for second place.

Ollie James' Boom.

George Fred Williams of Massachusetts is responsible for the Ollie James boom. He picked out the big, popular Kentuckian, who does not quite look like his first name sounds, as a likely runner, partly because of his oratorical ability, but particularly because he is a southerner and would "creek" the democratic vote in the south, which is none too friendly to Bryan.

Cleveland Resolutions.

At the close of the session resolutions in respect of the death of the late Grover Cleveland were introduced by Delegate Dunn of Nebraska, who will be Bryan's nominator.

They were immediately adopted and the convention then adjourned until tomorrow as a further mark of respect. The resolutions were prepared by Ollie E. James of Kentucky and were afterwards submitted to and approved by the full committee on resolutions.

They read as follows: "As it has pleased the ruler of the universe to take from our midst Grover

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800 FOR BRYAN ON FIRST BALLOT

The weather of the morning of the 224 quadrennial convention democrat was ideal. The sky was cloudless and the air cool and crisp, in pleasing contrast with the sweltering torridity of St. Louis four years ago.

A few little odds and ends remained to be cleared up by the national committee, and some state delegations before the convention was called to order. The work of the Bryan "pledgers" has been somewhat interfered with by a couple of monkey wrenches thrown into its laps by the Illinois and Pennsylvania delegations. Hitherto the machine had operated silently and relentlessly, and its chief engineer was there fore rudely shocked when Roger C. Sullivan and James M. Gaffey were chosen national committeemen over his protest.

Disposing of Contests.

At 10 o'clock this morning the national committee held an adjourned meeting to dispose of the Pennsylvania and Idaho contests. The subcommittee appeared to hear the former, which was not ready to report last night. In the Idaho case the subcommittee sustained the contentions of the Dubois delegates at large after the adjournment of the night session of the entire committee.

The vice-presidential situation is still "in the air," and will probably remain there until the platform is out of the way, when some decisive word is expected from Lincoln, Neb.

GOMPERS DEMANDS ON BRYAN

Labor Leaders Ask Plank Prohibiting Use of Injunctions. When Bryan Would Regulate Them

(By Gilson Gardner, staff correspondent of the United Press.)

DENVER, Col., July 7.—Samuel Gompers is still hopeful that he will come to satisfactory terms with the platform committee. What Gompers and his associates are asking is a plank substantially as follows: "We pledge ourselves to the enactment of a law to prohibit the issuance of injunctions in cases arising out of labor disputes when such injunctions would not apply when no labor disputes existed; and in cases injunctions be ordered when there exists a remedy by ordinary law, and which act shall provide that in the procedure for the punishment of contempt of court the party cited for contempt shall, when such contempt was not committed in the presence of the court, be entitled to a trial by jury."

What Bryan Really Wants.

The fundamental difference between the Gompers demands and with the Bryan managers will be concerned in a clause which has been added to the Nebraska plank, making it possible for injunctions to issue when there is a threat of "irreparable injury to property," or menace to life. The labor men assert that this clause opens the door to interference by injunction in labor strikes and leaves the situation substantially as it is today.

STATE TAX APPOINTMENT DECIDED TO BE UNFAIR

MCMINNVILLE, Ore., July 7.—That the law prescribing the apportionment of state taxes conflicts with the Oregon constitution and is therefore invalid is the gist of a decision rendered in the circuit court here by Judge Gallaway.

The case at hand was the suit brought by Yamhill county to prevent payment of alleged excessive taxes to the state treasurer. The suit reads: "County of Yamhill vs. County Treasurer Foster and State Treasurer Steel," wherein the former is enjoined from paying and the latter from collecting the sum of \$22,482 excessive state tax for 1907, alleged to have been wrongfully and arbitrarily apportioned to this county by the state board, and arguments on that demurrer were heard Friday.

Attorney General Crawford, who appeared for the state, contended that the money collected by the county was for a specific purpose and must be turned over to the state if levied and collected for the purpose of being applied to the payment of state tax; furthermore, that the taxpayers and not the county should have brought the suit.

Towne Has Some Strength.

There is a strong suspicion, however, that Murphy has an understanding with Bryan on this question. There is an even stronger suspicion that Bryan is now in favor of Towne as his running mate.

Thomas Greely, the Tammany member and friend of Murphy, is said to have been selected to put Towne in nomination.

Towne declared today that he would have at least half of the New York delegation and that he had received assurances from enough others to make his nomination certain.

Former Senator Pettigrew, who is one of Bryan's closest friends, said today that he thought it might take a number of ballots to determine who would be the vice-presidential nominee. While he is very friendly to Towne, he expressed himself as doubtful of his nomination. Other of the democratic leaders are equally skeptical and declare that in their opinion the question as to who would be the nominee for the second place on the ticket was still "in the air."

SHORT'S SAFE CRACKED IN STORE AT MERLIN

MERLIN, Ore., July 7.—Charles Short's store here in Merlin was broken into some time during the night of the 24 and the safe was blown up. The burglars entered the store through a hole bored in the floor. Several watches and other pieces of jewelry were stolen. The safe was completely demolished, but very little money was secured by the burglars. This makes the second time Short's safe has been blown up. No clues have come to light so far. The robbers are evidently experts.

"Look out for paint" (July 10).

DEATH IS WINNER IN AUTO RACE

Car Overturns in Grand Prix Race in France--Lautenschlager Ahead--American Not in Contest

(By Gilson Gardner, staff correspondent of the United Press.)

DIEPPE, France, July 7.—Cissac, driver of one of the French cars and his mechanic, were killed and one man seriously injured in the Grand Prix automobile race today. Lautenschlager, in a Mercedes, won first place, making the run in six hours, 35 minutes and 33 seconds. Henry, in a Benz car, was second and Hanriot, driving a Benz, finished third. The distance was 478.13 miles.

Strang, who drove the American entry, a Thomas, was never a serious competitor for a place. Cissac was driving a French Panhard, at 120 kilometers, when the accident took place. The car rounded a bad curve at terrific speed and overturned. Both men were crushed to a pulp.

Spectators rushed to the scene and carried away the mutilated bodies of the racers and hastily removed the broken machine.

As soon as the debris was removed the racers continued to pass the scene as though nothing had happened. Harrison, driver of the Weigel car, the English entry, was probably fatally injured when his car overturned, throwing him violently to the ground. The doctors pronounced his condition critical.

GRANTS PASS BOOKLET ADVERTISING JOSEPHINE

The pamphlet issued under the direction of the Commercial club, descriptive of Grants Pass and Josephine county and their resources, after much delay in the process of printing, is now out, and the first installment was received by Mr. Andrews, secretary of the Commercial club, Monday. It is a neat little booklet of 64 pages and cover, printed on fine enameled paper. It is profusely illustrated with half-tone views presenting the various resources of the county. The first page of the cover bears at the top "Grants Pass, Rogue River Valley," and at the bottom, "Southern Oregon," while in the center is a bunch of Tokay grapes, done in two colors.

The pamphlet as a whole, is a gem of typographical neatness. It is intended as a guide book to prospective visitors to Grants Pass and Josephine county, containing, as it does, a volume of general information as to resources, climatic and other conditions of this section of the wonderful Rogue River valley. Twenty thousand of these pamphlets are being issued.—Rogue River Courier.

NO STREET PAVING FOR GRANTS PASS

Grants Pass mossbacks have apparently won the day in the fight over street paving. Bonds for \$60,000 were recently voted, but the remonstrance petitions have prevented action by the city council. The matter has been fought over for months, and it now looks as though the unprogressive element have won the fight, as they have in Ashland.

FIGHTS ARE UP TO CONVENTION

DENVER, Col., July 7.—The flood failed to stop Theodore Bell of California, grand worthy president Fraternal Order of Eagles and temporary chairman of today's national democratic convention. After an all night ride, first on a locomotive and later on a special train over the B & O Island railway, he arrived here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. He went at once to his hotel.

With the certainty of at least an interesting opposition before its labor was over, the democratic national committee assembled today prior to the national convention to pass upon the contests remaining—those from Idaho and Pennsylvania.

The Idaho situation was admittedly perplexing to the committee. The sub-

CERTIFIED CHECK GOOD SECURITY

Council Finance Committee Votes to Accept Nuveen's Bid for City Water Bonds at Discount of \$18,250

That a certified check given by a firm upon itself and certified to by itself is good security was the decision of the finance committee, who Tuesday morning voted to accept the proposition of Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, who bid 95 cents on the dollar for \$365,000 of Medford 5 per cent 30-year water bonds.

Nuveen & Co., in their bid, failed to enclose a certified check as required by the city. They wired that a certified check would be mailed if their offer of par, less 5 per cent, for commission and expenses, was accepted. When the check arrived it was found to be drawn for the correct amount, \$18,250, upon the firm of John Nuveen & Co., signed by the cashier and certified to by the assistant cashier.

Reason for Check.

In their letter, accompanying the check, Nuveen & Co. state: "We prefer to send our cashier's check, verified, rather than to have a draft on the First National bank certified, thereby tying up the money for probably some months to come, as the city no doubt would want to hold the check until the final delivery of the bonds."

The matter comes up for final action tonight. The council will tonight act upon the Nuveen liquor license application, the first made since the recent election. It is understood that no fight will be made against the license, for even a majority of the prohibitionists think that if the city is wet Medford ought not to be dry.

DOCTOR CREATES SENSATION SAYS WOMEN WILL RULE SOON

PORTLAND, July 7.—At the late meeting of the Oregon Medical association, Dr. F. W. Van Dyke of Grants Pass opened the scientific discussion by reading a very interesting paper entitled "Three Reasons Why Men Break Down." Dr. Van Dyke attributes premature old age and the great majority of nervous disintegrations to the use of narcotics, the prevalence of venereal diseases and the slavish devotion of modern men to business. He showed the relations of all three contributory causes to each other and the general effect on the human organism.

In connection with the topic he said that from 10 to 20 per cent of the mortality of the human race was directly attributable to the use of alcohol. He deplored the spread of the drug habit, which, he says, is rapidly on the increase, especially among the professional classes. He said that statistics prove that the prevalence of the narcotic habit is evident especially in the ranks of the medical fraternity. He showed how the contraction of disease led to the use of opium and cocaine and other pain deadeners.

Dr. Van Dyke concluded his remarkable paper by drawing a dreadful picture of the 20th century businessman. He showed that to the wild pursuit of money and the strenuous rush of competition more than to any other cause is the breakdown of the human system and the resultant premature old age due. Men are under such a continuous strain that in their brief moments of rest they are led to seek ease by the use of drugs and forgetfulness in the cup of pleasure.

"Statistics show," he said "that six women graduated from institutions of learning to one man," and that if such conditions continue America is to become a government operated by the fair sex. "The accumulation of wealth with its attendant tendency to luxury is sapping the vitals of the nation and threatening its very existence."

The home of W. H. Nazzross at Central Point was burglarized July 4, while the family was away attending the celebration. Jewelry and trinkets valued at \$125 were stolen.