

BRYAN THE HERO OF OMAHA

Cheers Greet His Every Movement.

DELEGATES PLEDGED TO HIM

Convention Adopts Platform Which He Prepared.

POPULISTS WITH HIM, TOO

Leader Acknowledges Debt to Allies. Orator and Platform Radical on Railroad, Tariff, Trust, Labor and Finance Questions.

OMAHA, March 5.—Instructing their delegates to vote as a unit for the Presidential nomination of William J. Bryan at Denver next July, the members of the Nebraska Democratic convention today made clear officially that his home state will support Bryan principles throughout the National convention of the party. They followed this action by turning out en masse tonight to cheer a platform which admittedly reflected Mr. Bryan's views on National affairs and to greet their leader with an outburst of cheering that brought a flush of pleasure to the countenance of the recipient.

All the proceedings of the day were planned with an ascending scale of enthusiasm in view. How well this worked out was evidenced by the scenes in the convention hall tonight. Close to 1000 delegates, hundreds of other active party members and thousands of private citizens flocked to the Nebraska Democratic convention today to support Bryan principles throughout the National convention of the party. They followed this action by turning out en masse tonight to cheer a platform which admittedly reflected Mr. Bryan's views on National affairs and to greet their leader with an outburst of cheering that brought a flush of pleasure to the countenance of the recipient.

Debt to Populists Admitted.

Two points were noticed in Mr. Bryan's speech. In one he acknowledged his debt to the Populist party and in the other he repudiated criticisms of his policies which Secretary Taft is reported to have uttered in a recent speech in Oklahoma. He said:

My creed is to exterminate the private monopoly. A legitimate corporation can be regulated, but a criminal corporation is beyond the reach of regulation. Mr. Taft said I was to annihilate business combinations, while he declared himself content to regulate the great corporations. I accept this issue, and in reply will call attention to the fact that trusts have regulated the Republicans, not the Republicans the trusts.

Concerning the Populists he said: If any Democrat has a prejudice against Populists, I would admonish him that a Populist who crosses the road to vote for a Democrat is not to be despised by a Democrat who has merely to vote the ticket of his own party.

Drives Points Home Hard.

Mr. Bryan was in splendid voice. As he warmed to his subject, he emphasized his points with clenched fists and stamping foot and drove his arguments home with a vocal vigor that carried his tones to the farthest corners of the big auditorium. He began his address at 9:30 o'clock and for nearly two hours preached Democratic doctrines to a willing congregation. After a review of his early political struggles in Nebraska, he thanked the delegates for their action in indorsing him for the Presidency. Then came his reference to the Populists and thanks for the indorsement of their state convention here today. He said further:

Republicans and Trusts.

Our trouble used to be to persuade the Republicans to accept Democratic policies; our work now is to expose the imitation by them of Democratic ideas and to point out wherein they come short in their effort to appropriate Democratic doctrines. Take for instance the trust question. We have difficulty in convincing the Republicans that there were trusts. Now they admit trusts exist. We have to convince them that the trust which should be enforced against trusts, now they admit it should be enforced, but fail to enforce it. In fact, as they have acted against the trusts at all, they have acted along the lines laid down by the Democrats, but the trust magnates are still at large, the trusts are still flourishing and even the supporters of Mr. Taft have no specific remedies to offer. Relief and trusts arise while Republicans are boasting of their crusade against them.

Same Old Tariff Promises.

On the tariff question the Republican leaders have admitted that tariff reform is now necessary, but a careful reading of their promises shows that they use language identical with that employed in former platforms, which have been the basis for the present extortions. What reason have we to believe their promises are worth more now than they have been in the past 20 years? The Republicans now admit that railroad legislation has been needed and yet for ten years the Republican party allowed it to be overruled by the railroad lobby at Washington, and having, with the aid of the Democrats, secured the relief, the Republican leaders now rely upon what has been done and outline no programme for further legislation.

Under Republican rule the relations between capital and labor have become more strained, and yet the Republican leaders resist each attempt to bring employers and employees into more harmonious relations.

Instead of applying American ideas to the Philippine question, the Republican leaders limited the empire of the old world and entered upon a colonial policy which has involved us in enormous expense, brought us weakness instead of strength and humiliation instead of glory.

Wall Street Runs Finances.

The present financial stringency is another illustration of Republican incompetence. In the full possession of power, it has allowed the country to be run by Wall-

OTHER NATIONS FEAR OUR POWER

Regard Roosevelt as Military Genius.

THEY RESPECT HIS POLICIES

is Putting Definite Policy for Army in Effect.

NAPOLEON'S MAXIM IS HIS

Believes in Concentration of Forces Against Part of Enemy—Will Keep Fleet Together on Same Principle.

WALTER WELLMAN TO THE CHICAGO RECORD

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(Special.)—Now that there is so much talk of the inefficiency of the American military establishment, both Army and Navy, and the international air is filled with rumors of impending war between Japan and China, with all its possible consequences to the general peace, every American citizen who loves his country is interested in this question:

Do foreign nations look upon the United States as a weak and inefficient military power?

The answer is that they do not. They do not subscribe to the current criticism of our Army and Navy. To the contrary, they hold our entire military establishment in high esteem. They respect its strength, its technique, its efficiency in all departments, its officers and its rank and file. And, above all, they admire, and in a purely military sense, fear the policy which directs it, namely: the policy of our constitutional and actual Commander-in-Chief, of the Nation's Army and Navy.

Fear Roosevelt's Genius.

"No fear wars with the United States, ever," said a member of the Diplomatic Corps in discussing this question with me, "but most particularly none with your country while Mr. Roosevelt is in the White House. 'You ask why? It is very simple. We know something of his policies and they command our respect. We know that if your country should become involved in a foreign war while Mr. Roosevelt is President, he would actually take command, and he is a military leader of extraordinary ability. It is no secret here, it certainly is not with us, whose business it is to study these things, that Mr. Roosevelt

CONCENTRATION NOW IN FORCE.

This concentration policy of the President is already in force. Three months ago naval officers thought a part of our fleet would be left in the Pacific. On their representation I wrote something about that being possible, but it was wrong. President Roosevelt has issued his orders. The fleet stays together. Wherever it goes, it all goes. As long as Mr. Roosevelt is in the White House, American naval power will not be split up into small units. If there were to be war, the Army would be disposed on the same principle.

HANDY GETS NEW RECORD

Hundred-Yard Swim in Fast Time at New York.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Swimming in his best form in the 100-yard race, breast stroke, at the sportsman show in Madison Square Garden tonight, Henry J. Handy, of the Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago, established a new world's record at this distance and style, making the 100 yards in 1:17 3/4.

JAPAN PREPARED TO COERCE CHINA

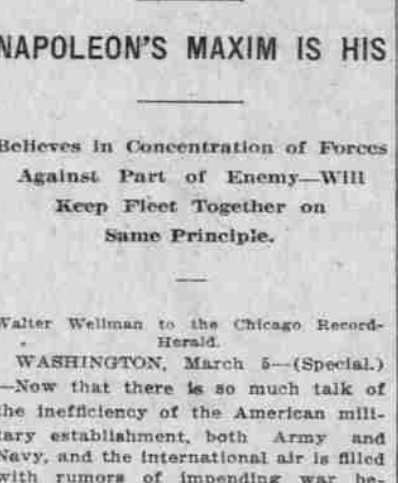
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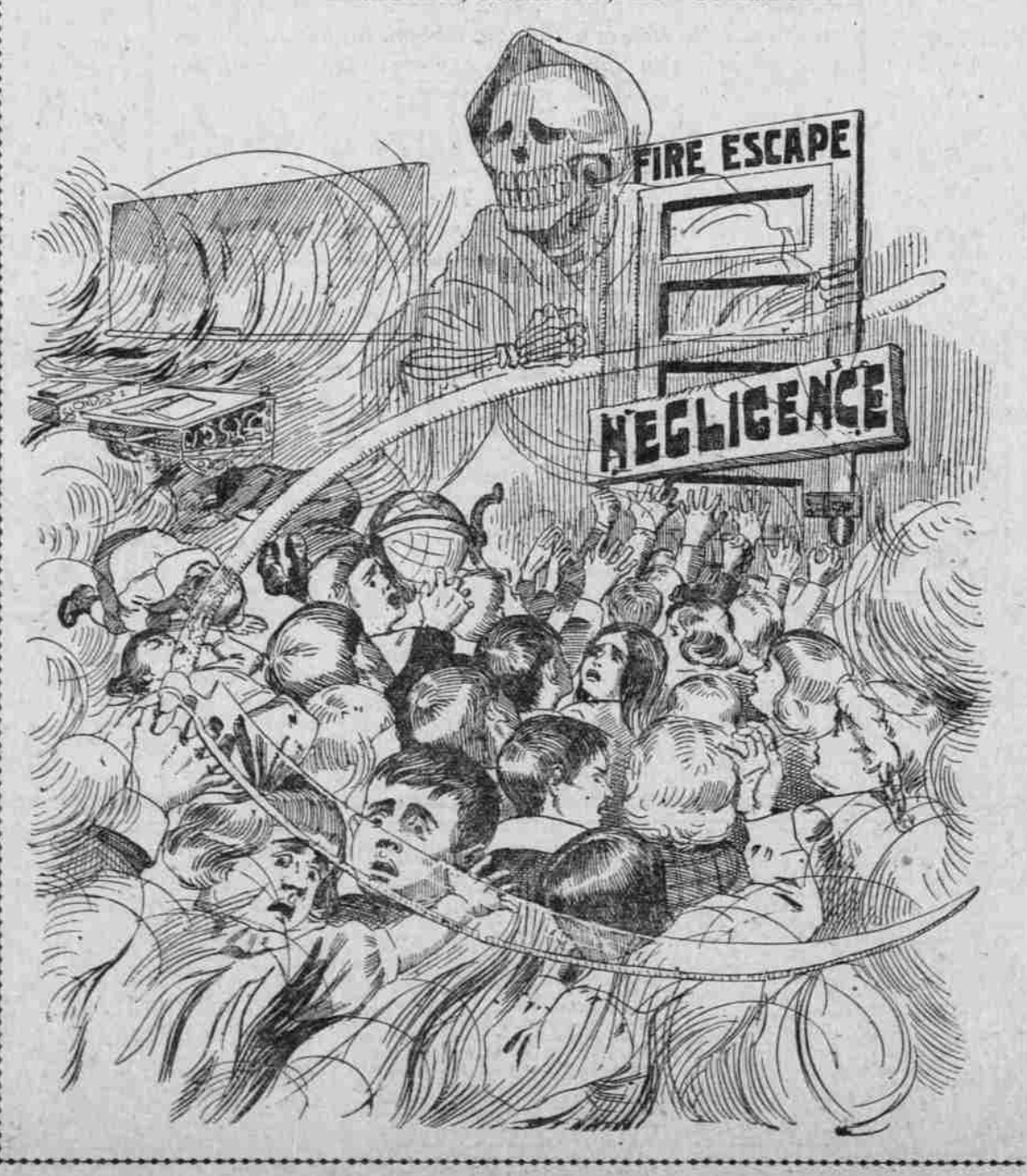
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M'COURT CHOSEN TO BE ATTORNEY

Oregon Delegation at Last Agrees.

YOUNG PENDLETON LAWYER

Bourne Gives Formal Consent After Decision.

AGAIN TRIES FOR DELAY

Colleagues Give Him as Rough Treatment as He Gave Them. Appointment and Confirmation Will Soon Follow.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, March 5.—John McCourt, of Pendleton, who was a student at Willamette University under Representative Hawley, who practiced law before Representative Ellis, as Judge, who is a warm personal friend of Senator Fulton, but who is absolutely unknown to Senator Bourne, was today unanimously recommended by the Oregon delegation for United States District Attorney. His nomination is expected next Monday and, if it materializes, he will be promptly confirmed.

BOURNE'S CONSENT FORMAL.

Mr. Bourne's decision was not unexpected, but, as anticipated, underwent further to postpone action. In this he was unsuccessful, for his colleagues were anxious as the President to have the matter cleared up, and they very quickly agreed upon Mr. McCourt as a man thoroughly competent to fill the office and one who, it is believed, meets all requirements imposed by the President. Mr. Bourne's acquiescence was purely formal, for, as stated, he does not know Mr. McCourt. If he had other preferences, he did not make them known.

ROUGH TREATMENT FOR BOURNE.

While no member of the delegation will discuss the inside of today's conference, it is apparent that Mr. Bourne's colleagues administered to him a sound spanking. When Mr. Bourne stood as high at the White House he took advantage of that fact to embarrass his colleagues by recommending Schuebel, in violation of his agreement to abide by majority rule. Today Mr. Bourne could not get Mr. Schuebel appointed, if his colleagues should withdraw and give him the unhampered right to recommend a District Attorney. He has fallen from grace at the White House. His eternal third-term claim has destroyed his influence. But when Mr. Bourne had it in his power, he ruled rough-shod over Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hawley and Mr. Ellis; today they rode over him.

PROMPT ACTION ASSURED.

After the recommendation of Mr. McCourt had been written out and signed, the entire delegation called on the Attorney-General orally to urge his appointment. The Attorney-General expressed gratification that it had agreed and, while he made no promises, left it to be inferred that the delegations' recommendation would be speedily acted upon.

M'COURT DIDN'T ASK FOR JOB

Selection Comes Without Effort on His Part—His Career.

PENDELTON, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—Attorney John McCourt, of this city, who was unanimously recommended by the Oregon delegation for United States District Attorney for Oregon, is 34 years old. He is City Attorney and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District. He has been engaged in the practice of law for 12 years, since his graduation from the law department of the Willamette University, at Salem, and was a member of the Legislature for one term. He has never been mixed up in any factional fights and has never been an attorney for persons accused of land-frauds. He has made a splendid reputation as an attorney, especially as a prosecutor, and no man in Pendleton stands higher in the estimation of his fellows. Universal regard has been ex-

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