

CHICAGO, April 23.-William J. Bryan addressed a large audience tonight in the Armory of the Second Infantry, at the corner of Curtis street and Washington boulevard. The place was packed to its utmost capacity, and a large number of people were unable to get through the doors.

The meeting was entirely an affair of Mr. Bryan's, he having rented the Armory and paid all expenses of the meeting He was particular to have it understood that his address was not in favor of, or against, any particular aspirant for the Democratic nomination for President. His subject was; "The New York Platform." This he repeated several times during the course of his speech.

In order that his address might not have he appearance of being delivered under any particular political influence, Mr. Bryan was his own presiding officer and introduced himself to his hearers. His address was chiefly as follows:

"As it is somewhat unusual for a political speech to be made as this is tonight, let me proface my remarks with an explanation. I have hired this hall, and I introduce myself, because I do not cars to speak under the auspices of any club or organization which is committed to any particular aspirant for office. My concern is not about the name or the personality of the nom but about the principles for which the Democratic party is to stand.

"While many of the papers seem to assume that the contest for the Democratic nomination is necessarily tween Judge Parker and Mr. Hearst and that every Democrat must either he for one or the other, such a position is ilogical and without foundation. Those who are classed as reorganizers, and by that I mean those who would carry the party back to the position it occupied under Mr. Cleveland's administration are not entirely agreed among them-selves as to the proper candidate upon whom to concentrate their votes, and so those who are in sympathy with the spirit of our recent platform may dif-fer as to the relative availability of those who represent the progressive element of the party.

His Position One of Neutrality.

"My position is one of neutrality. I regard as available all candidates who are in favor of making the Democratic party an honest, earnest and courage ous exponent of the rights and interests of the masses, and I regard as unavailable all who are in sympathy with or obligated to the great corporations that today dominate the policy of the Republican party and seek through the re-organizers to dominate the policy of the Democratic party. I have no favorites among those on our side, and no special aniagonism to those who represent the reorganizers. I believe the line should be drawn between principles, not between men, and that men should only nsidered as they may be able advance or retard the progress of the The reformation of Chadwick. Page 53.

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ident, Albert M. Anderson, Indian Agent at Colville, Wash., and E. T. McArthur, bonded superintendent in charge of Nez Perces reservation in Idaho, today severed tion of two buildings at the Puget Sound their connection with the Government service. Charges were brought against Anderson some time ago, which resulted in an investigation by Indian Inspector Nesler and Special Agent McNichols. These nvestigations disclosed serious irregularties at the Colville agency, particularly n money matters, and while it was not shown that Anderson profited in any way through the irregular transactions, it was concluded that Anderson could not longer be continued in office. On recommendation of Secretary Hitchcock, he was dis-

missed McArthur was not dismissed outright, out his resignation was called for and oday accepted, Like Anderson, McArthur ecame involved in irregularities, but is

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not believed to have profited personally. Rainler reserve, Washington.

Bid for Puget Sound Work Too High. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23 .- Bids were opened at the Navy Department today for the erecnavy-yard. T. Rynn, of Seattle, was the Alaska. lowest bidder on the three-story boat shop, asking \$165,000, while the St. Paul

Foundry Company, of St. Paul, was the lowest bidder on the steel storage building, his figure being \$39,725. As only \$100,000 has been appropriated for the boathouse, it is likely bids will be asked for again. The storage shed bid comes within the appropriation.

Northwest Grazing Permits.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23 .- The Secretary of the Interior today issued grazing permits for 5500 sheep in the northern division of Nation before the world," he declared. the Cascade reserve, and 2000 sheep in

Bills were passed "for the protection of the public forest reserves and National narks in the United States." To amend the act extending the coal land laws to

The bill for the Interstate Commerc Commission to investigate the merchant marine was taken up and Grosvenor (O.) announced that a vote was to be reached this afternoon.

He then yielded one hour to Hepburn (Ia.). Hepburn referred to the criticism of the President by Kitchin (Dem., N. C.) yesterday.

The gentleman, he said, was a membe of a co-ordinate branch of the Government, "yet you listened to the bitter, yea the criminal, denunciation of the President. This was a degredation to the

Turning his attention to Democratic Presidential possibilities, Hepburn said

Dalzell (Pa.) asked Cockran if he had the same views when he was making Republican speeches in 1896. Cockran responded that he never made

a Republican speech in his life; that he supported McKinley when the people had forced a financial plank in the platform which met his (Cockran's) approval. "I will state that I have been informed that it was profitable to the gentleman from New York to support McKinley when he did," remarked Dalzell (Pa.)

amid applause and laughter on the Republican side "That is a statement," replied Cockran

with vehemence, "which has been made wherever there has been found a mouth foul enough to utter words behind which there was no conscience. (Democratic an plause.) I challenge the gentleman and all the cohorts of vice and crime and corruntion that are embodied in the Republi can party to show that the National Com-

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Coroner, F. P. Witter. Dalzell's Remark Angers Him. Surveyor, J. M. Snow,

School Superintendent, M. B. Watkins, Commissioners, George H. Collins, Wiliam Connelly.

Justices, J. D. Hinkle, Georga W. Stocker.

Constable, Fred Saling.

State Senators, Dr. C. G. Brown, Walker Henry, E. C. Bratt.

Representatives, Dan Hoch, Jesse Huxtable, W. D. Scott, D. P. Bowers, C. A. Ratcliffe, J. A. Fancher, George T. Crane, N. E. Linstey, Dr. George T. Doolittle, J. B. Lindsley.

Little Prospect of Fight.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 23.-(Special.) There is little prospect of a fight in the Democratic County Convention on Monday. Though the Hearst men probably have a shade the better of it in the county representation an understanding has been reached between John Y. Terry, the Hearst representative in this state, and L. C. Gilman, who has led the fight against Hearst, whereby both men will be recommended for National delegates. Terry would, unless tied up in another direction, support Hearst, while Gilman would fight his nomination bitterly.

This programme, sanctioned by the Hearst lenders, is bitterly resented by some of the hotter-headed Hearst fol lowing, who wanted to keep Gilman at home. The latter, however, has been so long in the front of Democratic fights in the county that he will be indorsed on account of his standing.

It is an open question whether there will be any effort at instructing the delegates to the State Convention. Some of the Hearst leaders declare they will be satisfied with the election of a mafority of known Hearst followers on the state delegation.

TURNER FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

Stevens County Democratic Convention Instructs Only on This.

COLVILLE, Wash., April 23.-(Special.)-The Stevens County Democratic Convention today elected the following delegates to the State Convention, instructed only on the support of the state delegation for Judge George Turner for Vice-President: M. J. Maloney, C. A. Mantz, Dr. L. Harvey, J. E. Alstrom, W. H. Brownell, J. C. DeHaven, J. W. Dunlap, M. Kulzer, M. M. Sammons, M. C. Peltler, E. Oppenheimer, T. E. Irish, W. W. Dixon, W. O. Van Horn and S. L. Magee,

The resolutions invite the attention of Stevens County voters to the vast difference between members of the Legislaure elected on the Democratic ticket and the disgraceful record of State Senator M. E. Stansell, elected by the Republican party in Stevens County.

The Stevens County Democratic party, which itself favors an appointive railroad ommission, insists that the Republican party is not sincere in demanding a raiload commission. The convention intorsed Judge George Turner and joins in he movement to nominate him for Vice-

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BEYAN-"THERE'S ONLY ONE ABLE-BODIED DEMOCRAT IN THE BUNCH."