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Pacifism, Not Preparedness, Is Dominant Note at Democratic Convention.

ULTIMATE ISSUES AVOIDED

Platform That Calls for Peace Fails to Take Into Account Effect of Foreign Policy That Is Loudly Applauded.

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ST. LOUIS, June 17.—(Special.)—

The Democracy has named its ticket and adopted its platform. Its leaders are hastening home to summon the fighting boys to the trenches in defense

of power, place and pork.

This is to be a hard campaign. Four years of office have whetted appetites; have developed a proprietary interest in the Government and its perquisites that resents Republican challenge, and resents it the more because Republi-canism is reunited, when, by all the auguries as read by Democratic oracles, it ought to be divided.

The convention has presented certain salient features that are instructive.

Deep Conviction Lacking.

To begin with, except for one or two instances, it was a convention of manufactured enthusiasm. The spirit of deep conviction that provokes emotional outbursts under pressure was wholly lacking. Never were the efforts to stirthe distributions of the second statement of the second sec the delegates to applause and cheers more unashamed than at the Coliseum

"Dixie," "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America" were employed over and over again by the band to excite and resuscitate the flagging spirits of the

The demonstration for Wilson, wehn the vapid speech of his nominator ended, was sustained only by repeated injections of tonic music. If the dele-gates sat down the National anthem was at once played to get them on their feet. The truth is there were only three real enthusiasms in the cononly three real enthusiasms in the con vention-for office, for pacifism and for Bryan, the pacifist.

Pacifism and Bryan at Front.

Pacifism and Bryan stand out as the Pacifism and Bryan stand out as the dominating spirit and personality of the convention. Nobody seemed to care about preparedness. Mention of it was always perfunctory and apologetic. It won no "hand" from these Democrats, who seem imbued with the belief that the pen of Wilson is mightier than the sword of King or Kaiser.

The demand for Bryan was maintained until the last hour of the last seasion.

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This Bryan worship shows how short of memory and shallow of thought are the men who go forth to lead the fight for Wilson and Marshall. They have evidently forgotten that Bryan is the man who broke with their nominee on the wisdom and propriety of the very policies which for four days they lauded with every adjective in the vocabulary of praise.

It was a convention of unrealities and insincerity. It was unreal in that it falled to face fairly and squarely the big issues that confront the country. It failed to face the ultimate issue of the foreign policy it so loudly applauded. No man spoke with understanding on the future relationship of America to the nations of the world. America to the nations of the world

Practical Measures Not Considered. The platform called for peace—for measures to preserve peace after the war is ended—but it took no account of how this is to be accomplished.

It failed to face the real significance of the preservity America now enjoys. or the dangers that may threaten it after the fictitious and temporary stim-ulus of Europe's war is no more effec-ive. Men like Senator James and ex-Governor Glynn and Bryan prefer to Governor Glynn and Bryan prefer to believe that prosperity is due solely to the Federal reserve bill or some other Democratic measure and that the re-

turn of peace will bring no menace to its stability and persistence.

It failed to face the issue of pre-paredness definitely and courageously.

Its spokesmen dodged that issue or Its platform speaks the language of like.

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Chairman Not Selected.

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that will be thorough and business-like.

Buncombe, slapstick and cabaret appeals will be left to the Democrats—rowed the field of eligibles to two or the page.

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PRESENT ROUTES ARE GOOD

paign, it is said for him. If capital and corporations expect him to denounce labor to appeal to their sentiments, and if labor expects him to denounce capital on a wholesale plan to get the labor vote, then both are riding to a fall. He will do neither, it is asserted. He will stand for the righteous thing in both and condemn the unrighteous thing in both and condemn the unrighteous thing in both, according to men who think they know the trend of his thought and purpose.

Another charge that is to be attempted is that Huhes is cold, unsympathetic, a piece off of royalty—a sort of Alton B. Parker type. But that is not disturbing Mr. Hughes, who undoubtedly will be the warmest, humanest, squarest antagonist in the whole campaign. And when they begin hitting helow the belt, if they do, he will tear them to tatters. He is a verifiable whale of a campaigner. New York knows this full well, and all the country will seen know it. \$5000 Highway Commission Proposes to Take From Wasco County Is Needed for Columbia Mr. Hughes devoted most of his time today to consideration of whom he would select as chairman of the Re-publican National Committee. He dis-

State Help for New Road to Portland Absurd, He Says.

SALEM, Or. June 17.—(Special.)— Expenditure of \$5000 by the State Highway Commission to survey a com-mercial road in the Portland city lim-

Its platform speaks the language of generality and conveys no real meansurably and the convention was exemplified most forcibly in its treatment of the women suffrage issue. But the word subject to the convention was a shameless in attended to sufformery of the majority report of the majority report of the majority report of the support of the support of the majority report of the support of the support of the majority report of the support of

Money Declared Not Needed.

"There is an ordinance preventing commercial travel on Terwilliger boulevard, but this can easily be repealed. This boulevard cost the city of Portland \$400,000, and the business interests of the city will not permit that splendid a street, hard-surfaced 30 feet wide, to lie idle or to be used for pleasure vehicles alone.

"This makes it unnecessary to have any more connecting lines into the city besides, Multnomah County does not need or require any state funds, especially within the city limits of Portland. It would be wasted if used as no line is feasible, in addition to what we have got, to wind around through private property in the hills within the city limits.

Funds Wanted for Highway.

Highway, He Thinks.

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mence.
"I also strongly advise against any experimenting by the Highway Commission with hard-surfacing. There is already enough hard-surfacing of different kinds laid in Oregon to observe experimental pavement, There are several kinds within a short distance of the Carticle A. Salem, and many kinds. PRODUCING BURNER a Capitol at Salem, and many kinds Portland."

WORK ON ROSEBURG LINE MAY BE-GIN EARLY NEXT MONTH.

Centative Arrangements for Supplies Made by Mr. Kendall and Traffic Agreement Renched.

Walla, announced at the conclusion of the most fight announced that actual construction work on the proposed Roseburg & Eastern Ralling and probably would be ginearly in July and would be prosecuted vigorously until the line is completed and in readiness for operation.

Mr. Kendall's announcement came after he passed a day in Portland conferring with the officials of the Southern Pacific company regarding a traffic regarding a tra



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