

FRIENDS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE NEW YORK CANDIDATE

Senator Carmack of Tennessee and Mr. Wright of Georgia Second Nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker

St. Louis, July 8.—Senator Carmack of Tennessee seconded the nomination of Judge Parker. He commenced his speech at 10 o'clock and was frequently interrupted with cries of "Bryan!" "McClellan!" "Hearst!" So great was the demonstration that at times it was impossible to hear the speaker. Senator Carmack said:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the convention—I speak for the state which holds in her bosom the ashes of "Old Hickory," and among whose people his spirit is abroad.

In few words and simple fashion I shall discharge the duty imposed upon me by my delegation and by the unanimous voice of the democracy of Tennessee.

One of the largest and most representative state conventions that ever assembled, with unparalleled enthusiasm and without one dissenting vote, instructed us to cast the vote of Tennessee for that profound jurist, that unflinching democrat, that stainless gentleman, Alton B. Parker of New York. This was not done in haste, but upon mature deliberation in which the character and qualities of every possible nominee were carefully weighed in the balance. Nor did we fail to consider all the criticisms and accusations that have been made against him, with the result that in our judgment the character of our candidate stands out clean and clear, unspotted by the reckless defamation that has raged around it.

I should no longer detain this convention but that some of these criticisms seem to deem a passing notice. The fact that Judge Parker is being supported by men who are blessed with a larger amount of this world's goods than most of us have been able to assemble, it is strangely urged as an objection to his nomination. Sir, I deny that the democratic party is the party for the poor man. It is the party for every rich man who respects the rights of the poor and it is the party of every poor man who wants to be rich. It is the party of every man who loves the dollar he has honestly earned and the security of his liberty and it is also the party of every man who loves the dollar he has honestly earned and the security of the property that is rightfully his. No man is barred from its council because he is poor and no man is barred because he is rich. I believe it was a democratic convention, of which it was written, "the rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all."

The charge has been recklessly made that influences of Wall street are behind the candidacy of this upright and incorruptible judge. The charge is based upon no scintilla of evidence, or upon such evidence only as no adult understanding ever before stooped to consider. I can tell the author of that accusation that the power of Wall street has in a feeble way been felt in this convention, and that it has been striving as earnestly as he to defeat the nomination of quite another candidate. I can tell him further that its one and only hope of success has been based upon the attitude of himself and his followers in this convention. I can tell him further that the movement referred to would never have been visible or audible here if Wall street and the distinguished gentleman from Nebraska were not dissatisfied with Judge Parker, the nominee of the democratic party. Another objection is that Mr. Parker has not taken upon himself the office of this convention to declare the will and purpose of the democratic party.

Mr. Chairman, I trust it will be long before the democratic party will repeat the spectacle presented by its adversaries of a great convention assembled merely to record one man's opinion, and to execute one man's will. Sir, this convention has assembled not to receive but to give instructions to its nominee. It may be, sir, that our candidate is not as voluble and vociferous as some would have him be; but I have yet to learn that laryngeal activity is the supreme test of statesmanship. I have yet to learn that the width of a man's mouth is commensurate with the breadth of his understanding, or that the length of his tongue measures the depth of his wisdom. When the Almighty wanted a leader to conduct the children of Israel out of the house of bondage, Moses objected to his own selection on the ground that he lacked the gift of

ready eloquence and he suggested his brother Aaron as a fit leader of the people. Aaron did not have much judgment but he could talk. But the Almighty preferred the silent wisdom of the great lawyer to the voluble unwisdom of the great orator to lead the party in that campaign. And he did not forget Aaron, either. He found a place for him. And, Mr. Chairman, while the democratic party prefers its Moses in this campaign, it wants the help of its Aaron too.

Mr. Chairman, we enter this campaign under such conditions as never before confronted the American people. Never before has the personal character of the candidate been so important to the country as this campaign. The republican party, that was once proud to be called the party of Lincoln, has become a helpless slave to every caprice of one irresponsible man. It has been subdued to the lawless will of one man who bestrides it like a colossus, while its petty leaders in congress creep between his huge legs to find themselves dishonorable graves.

"When could they say till now that talked of Rome that her wide walls encompassed but one man?" The will of this one man is not directed by wisdom and patriotism, but it is characterized by an impatience of all legal and constitutional restraints, desire to thrust his own militant figure into the foreground of every picture, by a morbid craving for sensationalism and excitement.

The course of the present administration has justly alarmed all conservative citizens, who feel that the peace as well as the prosperity of the country demand the defeat of the present occupant of the White House.

The democracy of Tennessee has declared that in this crisis the party should present a candidate of judicial temper; one imbued with a deep reverence for the constitution; with a respect for law, with a just regard for established precedents and traditions, with a sane conception of the duties and responsibilities of public office, a candidate, in short, whose whole life and character will be in vivid contrast with the recklessness, the lawlessness, the epileptic and convulsive strenuousness of this administration. We believe we have such a man in the distinguished jurist from New York. The fact that he has always supported the nominee of his party shows his fidelity to the party organization.

The fact that he was elected by a majority of 60,000 as a member of the highest court in New York shows his ability. His action in cases where the rights of labor and the unlawful combination were involved show that he has never bowed to the power of wealth. The fact that throughout a long official career he has remained poor shows that he has never been touched for greed of gain. His political enemies testify to the purity of his life and the incorruptible integrity of his character.

Choose this man for your leader and the plans of democracy will throng to his standard filled with the hope and the inspiration of victory, assured that the party which follows his stainless banner will never know dishonor and never taste defeat.

Gentlemen of the convention, in the name of the Andrew Jackson democracy of Tennessee, I second the nomination of Alton B. Parker of New York.

Wright's Seconding Speech.

Wright of Georgia, seconding the nomination of Judge Parker on behalf of the Empire state of the south, said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: It was claimed in a recent national convention that Georgia blood coursed in the veins of the nominee of the republican party. This may be true, but with Georgians democracy is thicker than blood. We bring to you today the message that from among the old red hills of Georgia there will come later tidings of democratic victory for 1904 surpassing all the glorious achievements of the past.

In striking contrast with the solemn occasion, when our republican friends met and "stood pat" is the genuine enthusiasm of this great gathering.

The spirit which gives birth to this enthusiasm is the spirit of victory. The smiles of contentment which we wear today are in contemplation of the political harvest which we expect to reap in the fall. As for our republican friends the frost seemed to fall in the

early summer convention, and their prophecies were blighted ere the autumn hours. We shall demonstrate to those who have predicted discord that ours will be a united party joined in harmonious fight against the enemy. We shall present to the American people a platform which declares the will of the party fearlessly and with no uncertainty; which boldly attacks the injustice and unfairness of the republican policy and offers a remedy therefor. The platform we offer strikes a death blow to the unlawful trusts and unjust tariff which fosters and protects them.

We go to the people with a policy which knows no discrimination north, south, east or west, but is tender in its consideration of the rights of every section under the American standard. Realizing the bright prospects of victory in 1904, the south began early the solution of the problem of selecting the strongest leader obtainable for the democracy's standard bearer. We believe that we have selected wisely and well. We looked for a leader with a clean life, possessed of a wise conservatism and a broad statesmanship; one who stood by democracy in sunshine and shadow; was equally loyal to the party in stormy hours of defeat and in the brighter days of victory.

We found such a leader. Georgia claims the honor. The Empire state of the north, with her favorite son, shall reap the fruit of this convention, it was the county of Lincoln, in the state of Georgia, which first instructed a delegate to vote first, last and all the time for Alton B. Parker of New York. This instructed Georgia delegate was the beginning of the tidal wave which has swept the states and insures today the nomination of the great New Yorker.

Georgia is glad today to second the nomination of one whose strength of character and simplicity of life has endeared him to the American people. A learned jurist who glories in the recreation of his rural home, where on his farm he finds delight in honest pursuits followed by the great mass of the American people; a man whose name has become the synonym of victory; one whom the people have tried and approved; whose honesty, ability and statesmanship have stood the test and who seems to meet the emergency of the hour to fill all the requirements of an ideal leader of a great party.

No man can doubt that the vast majority of the people will turn from the restlessness and uncertainty of the present administration toward Alton B. Parker with a feeling of restfulness and hope.

Let us remember today that we are gathered together to carry out the will of the people; that their voice is sovereign; that they are the final tribunal. What is the will of the people? Certainly if the delegates ever knew the man whom the rank and file of the democratic party wanted them to nominate, they know today. No organized movement was ever behind the candidacy of Judge Parker. The people, having learned of him, trusted him and felt an unbounded confidence in him.

Across the continent from the woods of Maine to the peach-covered hills of Georgia, where the ripening elbertas are being kissed into golden color by the sunlight, there is a trusting confidence of a people confidently awaiting the tidings of Judge Parker's nomination. Let us meet in a spirit of fraternity and carry out the will of the people.

The Empire state of the south, Mr. Chairman, second the nomination of the favorite son of the Empire state of the north and prophecies victory in November with Alton B. Parker as the standard bearer.

Naming a Bicycle. Congressman Rhea of Kentucky tells of a constituent who had three boys,

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