

BRYAN BEST MAN FOR DEMOCRATS

Senator Blackburn Points Out Why Nebraskan Should Be Nominated by Democrats.

ELECTION ELIMINATED HEARST AND ROOSEVELT

Public Ownership Idea Has Not Injured Commoner Materially With Voters—President Out of the Running and Realizes It.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 20.—William Jennings Bryan is easily the best man available for the Democrats to nominate for president in 1908, and if nominated he should win. Theodore Roosevelt and William Randolph Hearst were eliminated as presidential possibilities on November 6 by the verdict rendered by the New York voters, when the entire Democratic state ticket, excepting Hearst, was elected. It matters not whom the Republicans nominate for president in 1908, the party must grip one horn of a serious dilemma. If they name a man of the Roosevelt caliber and ilk there will be division in the ranks, and if they choose a reactionary, discontent will be a threatening factor. These three propositions constitute the first political deliverance from Senator Joseph C. Blackburn of Kentucky since the present situation came into conspicuous view. He continued: "Admitting that the injection of the government ownership question into his Madison Square Garden speech was unwelcome and untimely, I fail to see wherein Mr. Bryan blundered sufficiently to eliminate him as a presidential candidate. We must not lose sight of the important fact that he spoke only as a private citizen and in an unofficial capacity. This fact is accentuated by the greater fact that the congress and not the president is the



United States Senator Blackburn.

source of our laws, and I am sure that no congress controlled by Democrats would submit to usurpation or interference by the executive chief. Senator Blackburn then detailed a private conversation lasting two hours which he had with Mr. Bryan in Louisville. The senator said he told Mr. Bryan that he had erred in his reference to government ownership and that the mistake had raised a storm which would rage around his head for a long time. He told the Nebraskan also that this reference had one saving clause, to wit: "But I am heartily in favor of the rate law enacted at the last session of congress being given a thorough and fair trial." With this rounding of his position, Senator Blackburn thought, Mr. Bryan had secured a safe and soft landing for himself. "It will be recalled," continued the senator, "that in his Louisville speech Mr. Bryan modified his Madison Square Garden allusion to government ownership. Mr. Bryan simply meant to warn the railroads that government owner-

THE GOULDS HAVE CLOSE CALL IN FEARFUL STORM AT SEA



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ship was shot in the locker of the public should they attempt to defeat the relief sought by the Hepburn act, and viewed in the light of warning, I cannot see where Mr. Bryan has committed a serious wrong. Concerning Mr. Bryan's indorsement of William R. Hearst for governor of New York, Senator Blackburn said: "Mr. Bryan had to indorse Hearst, who was waging a battle under the party's colors. Then, too, there were certain elements allied with Mr. Hearst that made the indorsement a wise move for Mr. Bryan from the standpoint of good politics in the Empire state. "But one thing sure, the result of the New York election was the absolute elimination of Roosevelt and Hearst as presidential candidates in 1908. Neither now has a ghost of a chance in the face of the verdict rendered by the people of New York. Prior to the election both Roosevelt and Hearst were candidates for president and a pronounced victory for either party would have brought one or the other to the front in that role.

Both Out of Running. The election of the entire Democratic ticket, excepting Mr. Hearst, effectively ended Mr. Roosevelt's aspirations for another term in the White House. The verdict of the New York voters made it also clear that a change in the administration of national affairs would be very acceptable to the country. Mr. Roosevelt realizes this, for he is the best politician in the United States. "I am frank to say," concluded the senator, "that I am well pleased with the result in New York, especially with reference to Mr. Hearst. His election unquestionably would have been disastrous to the Democratic party, for with the machinery of the great state of New York in his hands for two years, with his liberal means of publicity and almost unlimited wealth, he would have built up a machine powerful enough to seriously cripple it, if he did not do greater harm to it."

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PROSECUTION COLLAPSES
(Continued from Page One.) perjury for swearing to affidavits which he had not sworn to. The witness was called to the stand and he was asked to swear to the affidavits which he had sworn to in the witness stand. He refused to do so and was discharged. The prosecution then collapsed.

WAIT FOR CORNELIUS
(Continued from Page One.) readiness; all he has to do is to come and jump into the harness. Delegation to Meet Burton. A delegation of union men will meet the 5:55 train from San Francisco this evening to welcome W. B. Burton, international vice-president of the Amalgamated Street and Electric Railway Employees of America. Burton was sent here by Cornelius to take charge of the strike until the arrival of the noted organizer. Cornelius is expected tomorrow night. The strikers believe that their chances of winning will be greatly increased by the coming of the international officers. It is asserted that they will come with new plans for effective work and that the whole situation may be changed within a few hours after their arrival. It is believed, too, that this will greatly increase the desertions of the men now working.

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struck him in the stomach. His injury was slight and he was soon able to resume his work. Five railway torpedoes were placed on the tracks at Williams avenue and Fremont street last night. They were fastened to the rails at regular spaces, and the explosions sounded like the reports of a rapidly fired revolver. Some of the passengers were badly frightened, but no damage was done. Investigation by the carmen today showed that the torpedoes had been stolen from the O. R. & N. shops. A shot was fired at a Woodlawn car last night. The only damage was a broken window.

WANT TO GO BACK
Discharged Men Angry at Strike Leaders. Bay Doty. "Of the men who left this barn Saturday, 10 came to me last night and said they would be willing to return to work. They had been discharged and I had no authority to reinstate them. From what they told me, I inferred that Secretary McKenney of the carmen's union was at the head of the strike. President Sorenson of the union knew nothing about the strike until after it had been called, and my visitors intimated in a way not too gentle that they would like to see about getting 45 men together and extend an invitation to Mr. McKenney to leave the city."

SERVICE IS NORMAL
Cars Run on All Lines Today on Their Schedule Time. Car service in Portland is practically normal once more and in the opinion of General Manager F. I. Fuller and the other officials of the company there will be no further disturbance of any moment or interference with the operation of the cars. Today a normal service was maintained on all lines and tonight the regular schedule will be in operation throughout the city with the exception of the St. Johns line which will not be served after dark. It has been found that more trouble is experienced by the crews on the St. Johns cars than on any other line and that more threats have been made. The company has therefore decided that wherever carmen are disturbed or threatened no care will be operated after dark.

trip. No one was hurt in either of these cases. Defiant passengers were kept on the anxious seat last night and during the early morning by the antics of a band of young hoodlums from Albina, who kept the Union avenue track well lined with torpedoes. These exploded with a loud noise and many of the passengers believed that the strikers were attempting to dynamite the cars. It was reported this morning that the working carmen had made application to General Manager Fuller and also to the police department to be allowed to carry firearms for their protection. Chief of Police Gritzmacher, however, denies that any such request was made and says he would not have granted it if it had been. General Manager Fuller knew nothing of such a request on the part of his men.

JUST COMMERCIALISM
So Says Strikebreaker on Washington Street Car. No union pickets were seen at any of the car barns this morning, and some of the carmen say that none of the strikers or representatives of the strikers have called on them since Tuesday night. Very few of the strikers, according to the story of the carmen, have boarded any of the cars since the strike began, and those who did so tendered nickels for their fares. No effort was made by them to induce others to leave the company.

MEN ARE ANNOYED
Many Petty Acts Are Perpetrated Along the Lines. Only the timely discovery by an incoming motorman of a plan of young hoodlums to disfigure or disable carmen saved Motorman Harry Davis of the St. Johns line from injury last night. As Davis was making his outward trip he was cautioned by the other carmen that a suspicious-looking young man was hanging over the track near Williams street. Davis was so suspicious that he struck the guy wire had been cut. Davis ran ahead slowly, and near the station he saw a large rock dangling at the end of a rope attached to the guy wire. The rock was so suspended as to strike the window on a level with the motorman's eyes. When Davis saw it he applied the brakes, but was unable to bring the car to a stop. The rock crashed through the window, but Davis dodged. Another employee of the company named Foley was just behind Davis. He also dodged, but was not so quick enough, and the rock

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