

KANSAS STRONG FOR COMMONER

Democratic Party's Banking Plank Will Prove Strong Vote-Puller.

By Thomas J. Pence.
Chicago, Sept. 12.—"In Kansas the Republicans have turned to the national Democracy for a platform and there is no doubt in my mind that Bryan will get the electoral vote of that state," said John E. Atwood, chairman of the speakers' bureau at Democratic national headquarters on his return from a visit to the Sunflower state.

"The big issue in Kansas this year," continued Mr. Atwood, "and for that matter in all the surrounding states, is the plan of guaranteeing bank deposits. The Republicans in their state party council declared almost unanimously in favor of the Democratic national convention, Senator Long, who was present at the council in the capacity of Mr. Tatt's personal representative, prayed a full night and day with the delegates for the purpose of ignoring the Democratic plan for the guaranteeing of deposits. In all of his appeals to his fellow Republicans he said that an endorsement of the leading plank in the Democratic national platform would be rightly construed throughout the country as a slap at Bryan. He said that Senator Long declared that Kansas Republicans could not afford to rebuke in this open way the man who was to be the presidential candidate when a vote was finally reached. Senator Long was the only man in the council who opposed the endorsement and approval of the Democratic banking plank.

"This incident affords a complete demonstration of the Kansas Republican position on the banking plank. It is of interest to recall that on the day following the action of the Kansas Republicans, Mr. Tatt gave out an interview at Hot Springs, in which he repeated without variation the arguments advanced to Kansas Republicans by Senator Long the day previous in opposition to the guaranteeing of bank deposits. This incident shows where the people of Kansas stand in this contest regardless of party. They understand this question and have expressed themselves regarding it with practical unanimity. They know that Kansas Republicans, while sincerely opposing the guaranteeing of bank deposits, are helpless. Their state platform has no force or effect with the party in a national way. Their only hope is in the Democratic party, which has declared in its national platform for this principle of banking.

A poll taken in Kansas last week demonstrated the fact that the bankers are for the guarantee of bank deposits. Out of 137 bankers who were approached, 117 declared for the Democratic plan as against the Republican remedy of postal savings banks.

The talk of breaking the solid south, which seems to be the most hopeful sign that comes from the various Republican headquarters throughout the country from day to day, possesses an amusing side, according to R. E. Folk, state treasurer of Tennessee, who is a brother of Missouri's aggressive chief executive. Speaking of this phase of the campaign, Mr. Folk said today:

"Along about this stage of the campaign in every presidential contest, like republican politicians in the south bring glad tidings to the Republican national committee to the effect that the solid south is going to be broken for the first time. This element in the southern political equation, which consists largely of liberal officeholders, is to be broken on schedule time this year. The object is the same as it was 20 years ago. They know they are talking solely for pub-

First President to Attend the W. C. T. U. Silver Anniversary

One of the interesting characters that will be in attendance at the silver anniversary of the Oregon W. C. T. U. will be Mrs. L. A. P. White, the first president of the organization in the state. She was appointed by the national officers.

It was Mrs. White who issued the call for the first convention which this memorial meeting will celebrate. Her mother, Rebecca Clawson organized the local union that took part in that notable convention, a gathering that marked the beginning of aggressive reform work by the women of Oregon. Frances Willard and her faithful secretary and friend, Miss Gordon, were in attendance and organized into a permanent organization which had been so nobly begun by these pioneer women.

The meeting was held in the Taylor Street B. E. church and it is a pleasure to the officers of the state W. C. T. U. that their suggestion that we would like to hold the anniversary upon this historic ground was met with such a hearty assent by the officers of the church. We present the picture of Mrs. White which looked in the days when in the heyday of her early womanhood she called the Oregon women together and not less more faithfully meeting the honors of a sweet lined face with its silver crown of hair whose every look is an evidence of a life well spent.

Other women who were at that historic meeting will be with us, Mrs. Heald, J. Shams for so long the state treasurer, Mrs. Blain, Mrs. E. J. Clinton then a young wife, now one of the business women of which Portland women are so proud. Both of these women have been connected with the W. C. T. U. since that time. Mrs. H. W. Wagoner is reported as the first leader of the work among the children.

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brave and goodly women who have worn the white ribbon and worked for all that it stands for all of these years. The way was long when we could only prophesy of the things that we had faith would be. It is comparatively easy work now when we can speak with justification of the things that now are.

while nearly everywhere there are Republican fights, which will mean Democratic success. Information that I have received makes the situation very hopeful in New York. Tammany is a unit for Bryan, and I feel confident that he will carry the state. It seems to me that conditions are ripe for an old-time Democratic victory this year. The Republican full dinner pail is empty. Union labor is with the Democrats, and the conservative element will support it. There will be a hard fight in California, but Bryan will surely have Oregon and Washington. The Independence league, founded by Hearst, is not making much headway out on the coast, or elsewhere. The Socialist ticket will get more votes in San Francisco than the Independence league. In New York the Democrats elected Hughes two years ago because they did not want Hearst. This year it will be different.

The news that comes from New York is very encouraging to those on duty at Democratic headquarters. A letter received from Chairman Mack, who has been surveying the situation in the metropolis, gives great hope of a Democratic victory all along the line in New York state. Mr. Bryan's growing strength in New York was indicated in a letter from Walter Wellman to the Chicago Record-Herald, a staunch Republican paper. Mr. Wellman said in his correspondence from New York:

"The truth is the Democratic national ticket is showing unexpected strength in this state, and while the probabilities are that it will get the state by a fairly small margin, Bryan's chances are good enough to warrant every effort to put the best foot forward and run the race out to the end. Chairman Connors is no fool as a politician. His declaration today that Bryan will carry New York state by a 100,000 majority over Taft, and that he will risk all his prestige as a politician upon that prophecy, worries the Republicans a little. The fact is, there are elements in this state which do promise to give Bryan fighting chance, and the best thing the Republicans can do is to accept the advice of their astute leader at Oyster Bay and stop deluding themselves with their present over-confidence."

Vice-Chairman P. L. Hill, who is in charge at Democratic headquarters, was asked for an expression regarding the statement attributed to former President Grover Cleveland with reference to the presidential election. He said:

"I have talked with more than 25 Democrats of all factions about the published paper, none of whom expressed the slightest resentment and all of whom expressed regret regarding it. If Mr. Cleveland were now living and could see the efforts now being made by Democrats once more to unite the Democratic party, he would be among the foremost to counsel and advise in the burying of all differences. It is regretted, even by those who were most bitterly opposed to the late president, that this matter should be made public after his death. It is regarded by them as a political trick and they believe the American people will resent the indecency of the publication at this time. Nobody can answer a posthumous statement. So far as political effect is concerned it will do the Democratic party no harm. The motive of those publishing such a statement now is too apparent."

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