

# PLATFORM EVASDES, CAMPAIGN ISSUES, THE OF BRYAN

Commoner Criticizes Action of the Democratic Convention in Defeating His Amendments.

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San Francisco, July 3.—The platform adopted by the Democratic convention now before the country is the most important subject for discussion. It is well written, covers many subjects and, except on a few strongly controverted points, is quite as good as could be expected.

The writing of a platform is not an easy task. Straight forward statements of the party's position are always difficult to make on subjects that divide those within the party. The only easy thing to write is in denunciation of the opposition.

**BRANDED AS EVADERS**  
We have heard a great deal of the evaders, and the very name stirs the heart and quickens the pulse. If those who control the convention are to be considered evaders in this campaign, they are more likely to be branded as evaders. It may be worth while to note a few illustrations of the spirit of evasion that manifest themselves in the platform.

First—The platform evades the liquor question. One hundred fifty-five and a half votes were cast for my resolution declaring position in favor of the amendment and enforcement law and opposing any increase in the alcoholic content or other weakening of the law. Three hundred sixty-five voted for Mr. Cockran's amendment in favor of light wines and beer. If the dry vote is added to the wet vote, then the total vote cast on the liquor question is 520. The total vote cast on the liquor question is 520. The total vote cast on the liquor question is 520.

**DRYS AGAINST HIM**  
The evaders outnumbered those who voted either for a dry or wet plank. No matter what the reason was more than half of the convention refused to commit the party to either side of the liquor question. A few of these may have been wets, but nearly all of them were from dry states. It is easy to understand why the wets voted against a dry plank, but the average man and woman will have difficulty in understanding the attitude of those who, although themselves the advocates of prohibition, were afraid to express satisfaction in the Democratic party's leading part in the bringing of national prohibition. In 1862, 1872 and 1874 the Democratic party wrote into its platform a plank declaring its acceptance of the slavery amendment. It took three campaigns to assure the country that slavery was dead and that the Democratic party was opposed to reviving it. The Union party, a party of the question, we nominated a New York Democrat to run in each of the years mentioned. This year we have 52 delegates—almost one-third of the convention—clamoring for a reopening of the question and yet the evaders try to excuse themselves by saying the question is dead and even denounce the dries for wanting to mention the subject in the platform.

**PROFITING QUESTION VITAL**  
The convention evaded the profiteering question also. As there was no roll call on my profiteering plank I have no way of knowing the exact number of evaders on this subject. As the reading of these articles have before them both the platform plank and my plank on this subject they can, if they like, make comparisons.

To make the comparison more intelligently, it will be well to first compare the Democratic plank with the Republican plank. While not identical the same tone runs through both. There is no attempt to induce the profiteer in the future. I find this. My plank points out specific remedies so that officials elected on such a platform would be bound to carry out specific SPECIFIC REMEDY LACKING

The men in control made no effort to take a single specific remedy mentioned in my plank and add it to theirs. They had full charge of the subject and the full committee and they had a large majority of the full convention and they used it to force through a plank on profiteering which was not satisfactory to the general public. It offers no hope of relief.

The evaders also dodged the question of universal compulsory military training. They contended that it was not an issue. But the real reason, as frankly stated in the committees was that, the secretary of war having recommended a system of universal compulsory military training, a plank opposing such a system might seem like a rebuke to the president, although the president asked the Democrats in the house of representatives to leave the subject for the national convention to deal with. It will be remembered that the Democrats of the house caucused on this. Notwithstanding the fact that action seemed necessary the president asked for a postponement, with a view to leaving this very convention to define the party's position on the subject. The Democrats in the caucus declined to accede to the president's request and declared against universal compulsory military training by a vote of 106 to 17 and by so doing defeated the Republican program on this subject in the house.

The convention evaded also any specific remedy for presidential corruption. The facts brought before the investigation committee developed into a scandal that made two of the Republican candidates unavailable.

It was found that Governor Lowden had spent about \$375,000 of his own money on his candidacy and that General Wood had spent something like a million and a half of money subscribed by friends. Here, surely, was an opportunity to take advantage of popular indignation already raising because of

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# Bryan Charm Is Captivating He Is Peter Pan of Politics

By Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank  
(Member Executive Committee National Democratic Committee)  
(Written for the United Press.)  
San Francisco, July 3.—Glimpses: Platform submitted, and a fight on Mr. Bryan within 10 feet, opening the minority report, mellow-voiced and mellifluous.

The crowd is so glad to see him that it is difficult for him to start, but, once he is off—stillness. He reads his recommendations. He is followed by Bourke Cockran, who seizes this opportunity to make a last desperate plea for light wines and beer. He calls on Christ and humanity to restore to the liquor dealer the community ready to his hand. He appeals to the Southern states through their negro problem and in his specious brief he overlooks the fact that we once fought a war to determine forever the question of the right of a colored man to settle things for himself. He is brilliant and powerful and gifted with a rich flow of eloquence muddled by the essential earthiness of his argument. After him, Mr. Bryan is like a large, placid lake, absorbing and purifying all little streams which are so carefully poured into it. He is like whole wheat bread after Turkish delight.

**PETER PAN OF POLITICS**  
Mr. Bryan, great hearted, human, clean minded, plausible, sentimental and witty as a dove. He is speaking with an expense of vitality which leaves him breathless and makes one realize that he is getting older. Growing old, yes, but getting the facile emotions of men, and getting shame-faced, defiant New Yorkers from their feet to testify, amid cheers, that they are glad the nation is done forever. He is the Peter Pan of politics. Sweeping his auditors along in a whirlwind of enthusiasm, optimism, charm and unparalleled eloquence, he is the most lovable public man in the world. One may question his wisdom, but never his essential honesty of soul. He may agree with him or not, but mostly not—one may think him inspired or misled, but one may concede that his people love him. It is this extraordinary charm of his, which he makes such shameless use when speaking.

**APPLAUSE IS AFFECTIONATE**  
A roar of affectionate applause swells out as he finishes, and presently the speaker rises to his feet. He is one they bring their standards to him on the platform and he takes "Nebraska" and stands with the staff in his hand. They come on—first the dry states, then slowly but inevitably the others, until even Illinois, New York and Wisconsin have come up, and there is a scuffle, and a breathless woman delegate is shoved to the front, holding high in her hand the torn name "California." Through it all Mr. Bryan, still a little breathless, with smiling eyes that keep a keen watch on states, stands waiting. He never forgets what he

The Newberry scandal, but the convention contents itself with denunciation without presenting any effective remedy. My amendment proposing a national bulletin was defeated by the resolutions committee by only one majority, but it was shouted down by the convention after Chairman Gillett and Secretary Colby had heaped scorn on it.

**GOMERS NOT SUITED**  
We go before the country with a labor plank that does not suit Mr. Gomper, and which does not contain any definite plan for the protection of the general public, who, while not directly interested in a strike or lockout, suffer from all strikes and lockouts. Here, again, the evaders carried out their policy.

But the greatest triumph of the evaders was won on what they call their paramount issue. They ask the country to endorse the party's position on ratification of the peace treaty when they deliberately evaded the real issue. The plank as originally proposed declares for ratification without any reservation surrendering any of the original provisions. This, of course, is indifferent. The party is asked to make a fight for a thing which nobody has defined.

**OLD GUARD IS SET AGAINST WILSON GROUP**  
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that helped Wilson in Baltimore in 1912—South Carolina, Texas, North Carolina—held tightly for McAdoo. The former secretary of the treasury went as high as 384 on the seventh ballot, and then to 264 on the eighth. The face of the attack by the Cox forces who managed to go to 683 by the fifth ballot. The stamina of the McAdoo forces was sufficient to prevent the drive for Cox from being converted into a stampede. Through the 18 ballots, the McAdoo people dropped a total of 47 votes from their high mark. What Palmer kept slipping gradually until at 267, to 184, a net loss of 183 votes. These losses are insignificant if there is any chance of winning such big states as New York, California, Ohio or Illinois. With 58, but the populous Eastern states chose to line up against the Wilson people, and it became apparent that the only chance for a candidate bearing the absolute stamp of Wilson is that of a combination of McAdoo and Palmer leaders.

**COALITIONS ARE FRAIL**  
Coalitions are not usually well made which are hastily put together and there was no certainty of a Palmer-McAdoo combination to withstand the splendid floor management of Ed McKeen of Ohio, who pulled votes for Governor Cox from every direction. The Cox people fought the reeve because they had slipped back fourteen votes from their high total when the breathing spell came, but a good deal of false value attaches to recedes especially when taken for so brief a period. The opportunity for each side to reform its lines of attack is equal.

During the recess the Palmer and McAdoo men talked about John W. Davis of West Virginia, who is now ambassador to Great Britain. His record was searched. Some said his vote against women suffrage when he was a member of the House of representatives made him unavailable. Others gave currency to a rumor that Davis was a conservative and had voted against the Adamson eight-hour law, and sponsored by President Wilson. It was whispered that organized labor, which received so many planks in the Democratic platform was opposed to Davis because of alleged hostility to labor.

**COLBY OR CUMMINGS**  
Should Davis be unacceptable, the choice of either Homer Cummings or Bainbridge Colby was considered. Both men have wet leanings and would be acceptable to the forces which wanted Cox on the earlier balloting. Bryan attacked Cummings because the latter ap

# CONVENTION AT BALTIMORE MORE LIKELY TO BE REPEATED

Delegates Face Long Drawn Out Session Such as That Which Nominated Wilson, Says Guffey.

By J. Bart Campbell  
San Francisco, July 3.—(I. N. S.)  
"History is repeating itself. Baltimore, eight years ago, is being reproduced at San Francisco tonight. This will mean that the balloting will have to go on on Monday."

**GUFFEY IS CONFIDENT**  
Cox and McAdoo have been eliminated, Guffey declared. Palmer, he said, is still in the running.

"We said last night that McAdoo would not be nominated," said Guffey. "We thought tonight that Cox will not be nominated."

"In our judgment it may be necessary to continue the balloting after tonight," he continued.

"That will mean that the balloting will have to go on Monday, but while we regret the inconvenience this may cause delegates who had planned to start home tonight and tomorrow, we will stick to the finish."

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**47 BALLOTS AT BALTIMORE**  
"It will be recalled that 47 ballots were necessary to nominate at Baltimore. At Baltimore the vote for Woodrow Wilson by the Pennsylvania delegation on the first ballot was 73. It never dropped below 71, and on the last day the latter spell victory to the man who calls them home. The total score is announced. To some it is more than satisfactory."

Another ballot—and more satisfaction, or the reverse. Friends dare to look triumphantly at one another. They smile in their chairs and relax, while adversaries sit looking gloomily out over the delegates. It is a delightful moment.

A motion to adjourn! Horror sweeps over the friends of the leading candidates. It is put to the delegates and carried by the chairman overwhelmingly. They have been in session since 10 o'clock in the morning and it is now 9 at night. They go out like locusts, calling it a day.

Through it all the Republican senator from California, Hiram Johnson, sat inconspicuously beside the platform. I wonder what he thought all day.

**OREGON DELEGATES VOTE TO ADJOURN**  
Motion of Connecticut Delegate Carries by Vote of 619 to 459.

**M'Adoo at Summer Home Is Silent on San Francisco Fight**

Huntington, N. Y., July 3.—William Gibbs McAdoo apparently had no knowledge tonight of the battle being enacted in the Democratic national convention at San Francisco to choose between himself and Governor Cox of Ohio, leaders in the race for the presidential nomination.

Spinn like McAdoo maintained his aloofness at his summer home, South down cottage, where he had spent the entire day yesterday, enjoying himself to the many reporters who swarmed to, but not over the estate.

They were met at the gate by employees who informed that McAdoo could not be seen by anyone.

So far as could be learned, no messages were received at the cottage regarding the convention.

Believing the former secretary of the treasury would break his silence if given definite news of the voting, reporters tried by sending word that Cox had sprung into the lead on the twelfth ballot to coax from him a statement. There was no reply.

McAdoo did not go to his law office in New York today.

**Cox Follows Vote in Own Newspaper Shop**

Dayton, Ohio, July 3.—(I. N. S.)  
Seated at the operator's elbow in the office of the Dayton News, his own newspaper, Governor James M. Cox is keeping step with the activities of the Democratic convention at San Francisco as they are being flashed across the wires of the International News Service.

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