

A STRONG TICKET.

The Democratic party has donned its fighting clothes. It scent victory in the air of 1908. It has chosen two capable gladiators to lead the fight.

The thunderous demonstrations at Denver differed from those of other years in that they were inspired by harmony and not by strife. The outbursts of enthusiasm were not of the sort manufactured to stampede the delegates to or from any man. They testified rather to the revival of hope, the discarding of differences that had rent the party hopelessly assunder, and to the deep-rooted virility of Democracy.

Mr. Bryan is at the very flood-tide of physical strength and mental vigor. The immaturity that was charged against him in other years can be no longer urged. Never a mean antagonist, he has developed and grown through years of travel and study until he has become an adversary worthy of the strongest man's steel. In the present campaign he cannot fail to take advantage of a condition that militated largely against his success in 1896. No candidate was ever more prone to put his finger on the canker spots than Mr. Bryan. There was much in the Denver convention to indicate that he has back of him this time an earnest, determined, united fighting party.

John W. Kern of Indiana, nominee for the vice-presidency, has long been conspicuous in public affairs. While known better in his own state than elsewhere, his fame as a jurist and advocate has spread far through the land. Judge Kern is in the very prime of life. Though defeated for Governor of Indiana on two occasions he is very popular in his own state, and is held in highest esteem even by his political opponents. Indiana is still regarded as a battleground in presidential elections, and no man is better fitted to win the suffrages of this doubtful state than Mr. Kern.

The ticket nominated at Denver is a good one. It combines many elements of strength. Both of the candidates are splendidly equipped mentally and physically. Both are excellent campaigners, with a broad knowledge of public affairs. Each is of impeccable character. They go forth to battle as unsullied knights, strong in the confidence of those whose champions they are. There is going to be a fight in this year of grace, 1908, and a good one.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

DAIRY FARMS.

Josh Billings used to begin one of his lectures with the remark that he had heard a great deal about milk, but the best thing he had ever seen on it was cream. Nearly \$1,000 an acre has been offered for an 18 acre farm in Benton county near Albany, and what heightens interest in the episode is that the owner refused to sell. It was garden land, but all Willamette valley soil can be made garden land. That end is approximated in Washington county, where the land is worth \$150 to \$200 per acre, because the farmer makes that off of it annually. Dairying is the means, and it is dairying that restores the land to its primitive fertility. The human family can not exist without milk. It could forego meats. It could get along passably well without cereals, but milk to make the baby grow, and milk to sustain life is essential. A philosopher once said that the best things are those that are cheapest and most abundant. He referred to air, grass, water and milk.

Every ton of wheat taken from the soil removes \$7 worth of fertility, but a ton of butter removes but 50 cents. A ton of wheat is worth \$20 to \$25; a ton of butter \$600 to \$800. It costs but 2½ cents a pound to ship butter to England and there is no duty to keep it out of competition with the product of sky-priced land and narrow confines in Holland. Western Oregon condensed milk brings higher prices than that of any other part of the country, because food and other conditions make it better. Oregon butter brings better figures than the celebrated Elgin, Illinois, product, produced on the costliest land in the country and under a hostile winter sky, requiring six months feeding for cows. The dairy products of the United States aggregate nearly \$700,000,000 annually, one and one-half times as much as the annual gold and silver product of the world, and it comes mostly from seven states.

The Benton county gardeners refusal of nearly \$1,000 an acre for his land illustrates the possibilities; the dairy prices and conditions point the way.—Oregon Sunday Journal.

The Republican party platform as adopted at Chicago last month is apt to become famous for the plank it failed to adopt rather than for those it did adopt. A political platform should represent the principles and policies for which a party stands and which would be enacted into law should that party be successful at the polls. Yet, it is safe to say, the Republican party does not desire to go before the country as being opposed to the election of U. S. senators by the people. When the plank favoring the change of the constitution so that the popular election of senators would be possible, it was rejected by an overwhelming majority. Every voter should keep this fact in mind next November. The same was true of a half dozen other propositions which are generally demanded by the people. They were all turned down. In fact the Republican party is retreating from positions taken in former national conventions. It has ever posed as the friend of labor; but when organized labor asked that some limit or restriction be placed upon the use of the injunction in labor disputes, the measure was turned down by an 8 to 1 majority. The convention seemed to assume, no matter what kind of a platform was erected, the Republican party would be successful. In other words the g. o. p. owns the country and can do with it what it likes.

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