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### BRYAN ACCEPTS.

W. J. Bryan, in his speech of acceptance delivered yesterday at Lincoln, Neb., to the notification committee, confined most of his discourse to the criticism of Mr. Taft, and the things Mr. Taft said and did not say in his speech. He charges the Republican party as being responsible for all the known abuses during the past ten years, but fails to give it credit for anything. He said in part:

"I cannot accept the nomination which you officially tender, without first acknowledging my deep indebtedness to the Democratic party for the extraordinary honor which has been conferred upon me. Having twice before been a candidate for the presidency, in campaigns which ended in defeat, a third nomination, the result of the free and voluntary act of the voters of the party, can only be explained by a substantial and undisputed growth in the principles and policies for which I, with a multitude of others, have contended. As these principles and policies have given me whatever political strength I possess, the action of the convention not only renews my faith in them, but it strengthens my attachment to them.

"I shall, in the near future, prepare a more formal reply to your notification, and, in that letter of acceptance, will deal with the platform in detail. It is sufficient, at this time to assure you that I am in hearty accord with both the letter and the spirit of the platform. I endorse it in whole and in part, and shall, if elected, regard its declarations as binding upon me. And, I may add, a platform is binding as to what it omits as well as to what it contains. According to the Democratic idea, the people think for themselves and select officials to carry out their wishes. The voters are the sovereigns; the officials are the servants, employed for a fixed time and at a stated salary to do what the sovereigns want done, and to do it in the way the sovereigns want it done. Platforms are entirely in harmony with this Democratic idea. A platform announces the party's position on the questions which are at issue; and an official is not at liberty to use the authority vested in him to urge personal views which have not been submitted to the voters for their approval. If one is nominated upon a platform which is not satisfactory to him, he must, if candid, either decline the nomination, or, in accepting it, propose an amended platform in lieu of the one adopted by the convention. No such situation, however, confronts your candidate, for the platform upon which I was nominated not only contains nothing from which I dissent, but it specifically outlines all the remedial legislation which we can hope to secure during the next four years.

"The distinguished statesman who received the Republican nomination for president said, in his notification speech: 'The strength of the Republican cause in the campaign at hand is the fact that we represent the policies essential to the reform of known abuses, to the continuance of liberty and true prosperity, and that we are determined, as our platform unequivocally declares, to maintain them and carry them on.'

"In the name of the Democratic party, I accept the challenge, and charge that the Republican party is responsible for all the abuses which now exist in the Federal government, and that it is impotent so accomplish the reforms which are imperatively needed. Further, I can not concur in the statement that the Republican platform unequivocally declares for the reform that are necessary; on the contrary, I affirm that it openly and notoriously disappoints the hopes and expectations of reformers, whether those reformers be Republicans or Democrats. So far did the Republican convention fall short of its duty that the Republican candidate felt it necessary to add to his platform in several important particulars, thus rebuking the leaders of the party, upon whose co-operation he must rely for the enactment of remedial reform.

"As I shall, in separate speeches,

discuss the leading questions at issue, at this time confine myself to the paramount question, and to the far-reaching purpose of our party, as that purpose is set forth in the platform.

"Our platform declares that the overshadowing issue which manifests itself in all the questions now under discussion is, 'Shall the people rule?' No matter which way we turn, no matter to what subject we address ourselves, the same question confronts us: Shall the people control their own government, and use that government for the protection of their rights and for the promotion of their welfare? or shall the representatives of predatory wealth prey upon a defenseless public, while the offenders secure immunity from subservient officials whom they raise to power by unscrupulous methods? This is the issue raised by the 'known abuses' to which Mr. Taft refers."

### AS OTHERS SEE US.

(Oregon Journal)

The scenic wonders of the Klamath country and of Crater lake have so impressed the Portland party which made the trip to that country last week that it will be a long time before the members tire of talking of what they saw. Crater lake, according to C. S. Jackson, of the Journal, who was one of the party, is the greatest natural wonder in the world.

"Klamath Falls," says C. S. Jackson, who is very enthusiastic about the trip, "is a live town of about 2500 people. It has the good fortune to have a live chamber of commerce which looks after the comfort of the strangers, is very alert as to the resources of the country and is now backward about displaying them to good advantage. The town has been noted for its horses and cattle, and will now be more or less prominent as to development by irrigation.

"There is not only an abundance of land capable of being irrigated, but there is an abundance of water, and now that the government has overcome the barriers between the land and the water great progress and development will follow. This part of Klamath county is destined, to become thickly settled and very rich and prosperous.

"One trouble is that the people are more or less used to the old environment. Some of them are trying to conduct irrigated farms on horseback. Most of them are endeavoring to cover too much land instead of being content with 40 acres or less.

"Another need in that part of the country is more and better roads. They spend enough money on roads but cover too much ground and do not build roads as they should be built. It would be better if they would spend \$25,000 a year and get five miles of good roads, rather than to spend the same amount and get a hundred miles of the kind of roads they have now.

"A portion of the Portland party continued the trip from Klamath Falls on to Crater lake, passing by Fort Klamath, prominent in the history of southeastern Oregon, and going by easy stages about 60 miles on to Crater lake, which is situated in the northwestern end of Klamath county near the lines of Douglas and Jackson counties.

"Scenic Crater Lake.  
The rim of Crater lake is 7,035 feet above the sea level. The surface of the water is about 6,900 feet above sea level. The greatest depth of the lake, as sounded by the government, is 1,996 feet. In extent it is six miles long and about four miles wide. The shore line is something

more than 25 miles long. The boat of the water at a depth below the surface is 20 degrees, the same as that of sea water at an equal depth. The lake water is of every variety of blue, from the darkest to the lightest and most beautiful tints, except along the edges, where it is green. The reflection of the high mountains surrounding the lake is simply beyond description. Every twig, every blade of grass, the pebbles on the shore, the leaves, the trees, are reflected in the clear water. The tints of the hills are brought out perfectly in the water, just as they are but more in 1908.

"The water of the lake is approached by a trail about 2,500 feet in length, exceedingly steep and quite thrilling to the pedestrian, particularly when he looks down at the water far below, dancing and glistening like a great mirror, with waves of light playing over it.

"Patches of snow are to be seen for miles on all sides. When we were there there were no mosquitoes or horseflies. It frequently snows at Crater lake in August, but so far there has been no snow this month, and only one thunderstorm.

"Crater lake is the greatest natural wonder on the face of the earth. There is nothing like it in the world. The wonders of Yellowstone National park, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and of Yosemite are repeated in several parts of the globe, but there is no other Crater lake.

"The government is spending only \$2,000 a year now looking after the forest reservation and the national park as well as the lake, but as soon as the people of the coast realize the value of the lake as a scenic attraction and as a natural wonder, means and ways will be found to build good roads both from Klamath Falls and from Medford, respectively, the extreme southern and northern points in Oregon of approaching and leaving the lake by the railroad, and it will be visited by thousands of people annually, resulting in advertising Oregon as she has never been advertised before, and inspiring the visitors with the immensities, wonders and resources of this state."

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### Chess Players Will Meet.

The chess players of the city are invited to meet with J. L. Yaden Friday night. All who are interested in chess playing and in the formation of a club are invited to be present. In speaking with one of those interested in chess and in the organization of a club, he said:

"It is commonly supposed that chess is a very difficult game to learn. This, however, is a mistake, for most any person of average intelligence can learn the moves of the game in less than an hour, and in a few weeks time by giving his attention to the game he can acquire enough skill to afford pleasant pastime for not only himself but also for his teacher. There is no other game that affords such intelligent pastime and it is the sensible boy and the sensible girl who desires to learn the game.

"There are between twenty and thirty chess players in this city and some of them are fine players, but we should have more people in this city interested in chess so that we could have one of the best clubs in the state. We will hold meetings once a week in the future and we will be especially glad to see strangers and beginners."

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