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deal, yet they look happy and content.

Democracy's big task is over. It has announced its principles and selected its candidate for President.

The session that began at 7:45 o'clock last night and lasted until 3:42 o'clock this morning was record breaking in almost every respect. And as the delegates and spectators filed out through the doors at Denver's beautiful auditorium, with the early light of the morning sun already streaming against the snow clad tops of the rugged mountains that make the edge of the "great divide," and dissipating the shadows stretching eastward across the plains, all agreed that their efforts had been well spent.

As was anticipated, Bryan was named on the first ballot. The record shows that his nomination was made unanimous. But the actual count of the ballots, before this action was taken reveals the following:

For William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, 892 1/2 votes.

For Judge George Gray, of Delaware, 59 1/2 votes.

For Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, 46 votes.

Not recorded, 8 votes.

Insert Vote by States.

Following is the vote by states as recorded before Bryan's nomination was made unanimous this morning: For Bryan—Alabama, 22; Arkan-

sas, 18; California, 20; Colorado, 10; Connecticut, 9; Florida, 10; Georgia, 4; Idaho, 6; Illinois, 54; Indiana, 30; Iowa, 26; Kansas, 28; Kentucky, 26; Louisiana, 18; Maine, 10; Maryland, 7; Massachusetts, 32; Michigan, 28; Minnesota, 0; Mississippi, 20; Missouri, 36; Montana, 6; Nebraska, 16; Nevada, 6; New Hampshire, 7; New Jersey, 0; New York, 78; North

Caroline, 24; North Dakota, 8; Ohio, 46; Oklahoma, 18; Oregon, 8; Pennsylvania, 49 1/2; Rhode Island, 5; South Carolina, 18; South Dakota, 8; Tennessee, 24; Texas, 36; Utah, 6; Vermont, 7; Virginia, 24; Washington, 10; West Virginia, 14; Wisconsin, 26; Wyoming, 6; Alaska, 6; Arizona, 6; District of Columbia, 6; Hawaii, 6; New Mexico, 6; Porto Rico, 6. Total, 892 1/2.

For Johnson—Connecticut, 5; Georgia, 2; Maine, 1; Maryland, 9; Minnesota, 22; New Hampshire, 1; Pennsylvania, 3; Rhode Island, 3. Total, 46.

For Gray—Delaware, 6; Georgia, 20; New Jersey, 24; Pennsylvania, 9 1/2. Total, 59 1/2.

Not voting—Maine, 1; Pennsylvania, 6; Vermont, 1. Total, 8.

Total number of votes in convention, 1006; necessary for choice, 671.

**Nomination Made Unanimous.**

Before any announcement of the vote could be made, W. S. Hammond, of Minnesota, who made the speech nominating Governor John Johnson, got recognition and moved that the nomination of Bryan be made by acclamation. This was received with vociferous cheers from the delegates and the applause had no time to die out before the Gray and Johnson forces seconded the nomination. Chairman Clayton's voice was gone, but he had the reading clerk put the motion and with one tremendous "aye" Bryan was nominated.

**Solitary "No."**

There was but a solitary "No." It came from the New York bench and represented the opposition of J. K. O'Connor, of Utica, who had forced Tammany Leader Charles F. Murphy to go on record individually for Bryan by demanding a pool of the state delegation during the roll call.

The session began at 7:45 o'clock with the auditorium filled and hot as an oven.

**Women Faint.**

The inevitable result was that several women fainted and required medical attention. Congressman... medical attention. Several Democrats of national prominence delivered brief addresses until 8:40 when Congressman Ollie James announced that the resolutions committee would be unable to report until midnight.

**Nominations.**

Then the Kentucky salon moved that the rules be suspended in order that nominating speeches might be made making the proviso, however, that the vote on the candidate for President should not be taken until

after the platform could be adopted. The motion prevailed and then I. J. Dunn, assistant city attorney of Omaha, was recognized to place the leader of the Nebraska Democrats in nomination.

**Pandemonium Reigns.**

When Dunn reached his climax and mentioned Bryan's name for the first time there was a mighty roar from the delegates and galleries. At this signal someone in the flies released a great oil painting of Bryan and it dropped into midair directly over the speaker's stand.

**Lasts Hour and Quarter.**

Then pandemonium set in and reigned for one hour and 15 minutes. Delegates, doffing their coats to more readily withstand the heat, yelled like mad men, threw their hats in the air, stamped the floor and bedlam reigned.

So soon as the cheering settled down to one long settled roar of the magnitude of half a hundred steam calliopes, the march of the standard set in.

Delegates were now striding about the hall from every direction, waving flags, banners and bunting, alternately cheering for Bryan or jeering at those who sat stolidly in their seats refusing to join in the demonstration. This outburst differed materially from that of the day before. Then the floor conducted the demonstration, but now galleries were striving to outdo the delegates and almost for half an hour it seemed as though nearly every person in the building was cheering. One enthusiastic clambered on the rostrum with a beautiful little girl, garbed in pink and white, clinging to his neck and waved a big American flag for 15 minutes without apparently tiring of his self-appointed task.

For a solid hour the applause went on uninterruptedly and then Chairman Clayton attempted to check it and restore order. For a time he failed signally. At last the cheering died down, caused more by physical exhaustion than anything else, and the naming of candidates was continued.

**Gainr Seconds Bryan.**

Former United States Senator Gearin of Oregon, got the floor to second Bryan's nomination through the generosity of California which surrendered its place on the roll call. He made a good impression by his speech, the feature of which was an appeal for more rigid Asiatic exclusion laws.

**Johnson Cheered.**

W. S. Hammond, of Minnesota, mentioned the first of the rival candidates, Governor Johnson. When he concluded his candidate was cheered for 15 minutes.

Delaware was called and Former Congressman L. Irving Handy placed the name of Judge Gray before the convention. He had just gotten fairly well started on his speech when the committee on resolutions made its appearance. Handy was permitted to conclude his speech. Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, chairman of the resolution committee, was then introduced.

At the conclusion of the reading Haskell moved the adoption of the platform and this was carried without a dissenting vote. The committee and sub-committees had been in almost continuous session for 54 hours.

**Majority Rule Defeated.**

A proposition offered by Governor Noel, of Mississippi, that "hereafter a majority vote shall be sufficient to testify the nomination of any candidate for president of vice president in the national Democratic convention," instead of the two-thirds rule now existing, was defeated.

**Polygamy Not Condemned.**

The most interesting incident, however, in the closing hours of the session of the committee was the refusal to put into the platform a declaration in condemnation of polygamy offered by Former Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho.

**Johnson Sends Congratulations.**

St. Paul, Minn., July 10.—Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, today sent the following telegram to W. J. Bryan:

"W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.—Please accept my hearty congratulations on your nomination, especially the personal victory which it implies. You will have no more earnest supporter than I. I hope to be permitted to contribute to your success and that of the party.

(Signed.) JOHN A. JOHNSON  
Johnson says he is willing to take the stump or assist Bryan and the ticket in any other way possible.

**Democratic Senator Says Bryan Will Lose.**

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 10.—Bryan's defeat both in New York and the United States as a whole is predicted by a former Democrat U. S. senator from whom President Roosevelt received a letter today. The writer declares his intention of voting for Taft. He says he is so confident that

his prediction will be fulfilled that he is willing to bet upon it.

He explains that he has written to Tom Taggart offering to bet \$10,000 to \$5000 that Bryan will be defeated and has made a second offer of the same amount that Bryan loses New York. He says Taggart has not replied to his offers.

## DEMOCRATS HONOR ABE LINCOLN

Denver, Colo., July 10.—After the adoption of the platform by the convention at 1 o'clock this morning came a distressing episode. John E. Lamb, of Idaho, was recognized to move the adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas, The hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln occurs on Feb. 12, 1909.

"Therefore, be it resolved by this Democratic National Convention that we recommend its appropriate celebration throughout our land."

Chairman Clayton put the motion and received a thunderous volley of "ayes."

He then said:  
"As the son of a Confederate soldier and former slave holder, and appreciating the splendid character and sentiment of this resolution I decline to call for the yeas on it. I declare the resolution unanimously carried."

As the declaration was made former Attorney General I. L. Strauss of Maryland jumped to his feet.

"I object to being recorded against my will," he declared, "and I move to reconsider the vote by which this resolution was passed."

"You are out of order, sit down," yelled Clayton, while at the same time a storm of hisses and cat calls went the rounds of the room. Its cries of "sit down," "cut it out," "we don't intend to stand for you," were going the round of the hall and Lamb, maker of the resolution, His motion was carried amid a fusillade of cheers and applause, during moved to table the Strauss resolution which Strauss stood still vainly trying to secure recognition. He finally gave up and fell back into his chair.

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