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The Vice-Presidential Nomination.

As yet no one has proceeded so far as to provide any one of the prospective presidential nominees with a running mate, not due however to any lack of material. The material exists, but the question is, who best combines the necessary qualities. Above everything else, the nominee must add strength to the ticket. Therefore, if possible, he should be selected from a doubtful locality. If Johnson should be nominated in Denver, a Democrat from the Northeast would be most available, for instance, Governor Douglas, who, like Johnson, has become widely known in the gubernatorial election of his State. Or if the South located a candidate, no better man to assist Johnson could be found than that loyal Democrat, John W. Daniel. The latter might also be mentioned in connection with Bryan, were not for the former's avowed hostility.

With Bryan heading the Democratic ticket, however, a Southern man seems desirable, and in this case Ex-Senator Carmack might well be selected. More favorable still, the choice might fall upon the distinguished jurist of Delaware, Judge Gray, who would probably prove a factor in the North and Middle East. In addition to the above are Culbertson and Folk, but who, coming from the West, likewise are not so suitable.

How Fares the Fray?

From present indications we shall have a contest on and after May 4 that will go down serene and magnificent throughout the future history of Democracy. Hardly a man in the entire student-body is apathetic with regard to the Lexington Convention. From H. O. Dold's to Castle Hill and from Economics Library to Athletic Field the Bryanite is grateful that he is

not as other men are, even as yonder deluded supporter of Johnson, and a small but enthusiastic Carmack contingent regards itself with pride as an ornamental fringe to the fabric of contemporary interest. More than one Ulysses has stopped his ears with the wax of determination when siren strains come borne on the winds of Nebraska, and the hammer of the Minnesota Thor strikes goodly blows of might. Some there be who make elaborate distinctions between talking and doing, and base upon their disquisitions earnest appeals by all that is good and holy to come out from the ranks of the unrighteous, while others maintain that talking is genetically one with doing, and will prove to you by all the authority of the Declaration of Independence and the New York Journal that you are a liar and the truth is not in you. All of which, pro and con, looks good to the Editorial Board.

How Will the Delegations Go?

Consensus of Opinion a Week Before the Convention.

Alabama	.....	Bryan
Alaska	.....	Johnson
Arizona	.....	Doubtful
Arkansas	.....	Doubtful
California	.....	Bryan
Colorado	.....	Johnson
Connecticut	.....	Doubtful
Delaware	.....	Doubtful
District of Columbia	.....	Split
Florida	.....	Doubtful
Georgia	.....	Doubtful
Hawaii	.....	Bryan
Idaho	.....	Doubtful
Illinois	.....	Doubtful
Indiana	.....	Doubtful
Iowa	.....	Bryan
Kansas	.....	Doubtful
Kentucky	.....	Doubtful
Louisiana	.....	Doubtful
Maine	.....	Bryan
Maryland	.....	Johnson
Massachusetts	.....	Bryan
Michigan	.....	Johnson
Minnesota	.....	Doubtful
Mississippi	.....	Bryan
Missouri	.....	Doubtful
Montana	.....	Carmack
Nebraska	.....	Doubtful
Nevada	.....	Johnson
New Hampshire	.....	Bryan
New Jersey	.....	Doubtful
New Mexico	.....	Johnson
New York	.....	Doubtful
North Carolina	.....	Johnson
North Dakota	.....	Split
Ohio	.....	Doubtful
Oklahoma	.....	Bryan
Oregon	.....	Johnson
Pennsylvania	.....	Doubtful
Philippines	.....	Split
Porto Rico	.....	Split
Rhode Island	.....	Bryan
South Carolina	.....	Johnson
South Dakota	.....	Johnson
Tennessee	.....	Anti-Bryan
Texas	.....	Bryan
Utah	.....	Doubtful
Vermont	.....	Johnson
Virginia	.....	Bryan
Washington	.....	Johnson
West Virginia	.....	Bryan
Wisconsin	.....	Bryan
Wyoming	.....	Doubtful

Safe-Guard Home Rule.

For nearly a century and a half America has presented to the world the spectacle of a happy, prosperous and intelligent people, maintaining a pure democracy founded upon their supreme will. The hallmark of a democracy is that the powers of government are close to the people. Throughout the world, wherever democracy is advancing, its progress is marked by a greater measure of self-government to each community. Will the American people turn to the setting rather than the rising sun? Shall we now, because some laws are found irksome by a class and interfere with their selfish aims, commence to deprive our sovereign States of that measure of home rule which until now they have seen fit to reserve to themselves? I cannot believe it. Upon the contrary I believe that the limitations upon State and federal governments, the nice balancing of the powers of each, and of the different departments in each, which have been so efficacious in the past, will be maintained in their full vigor in the future.—John A. Johnson.

A Suggestion

(Communicated.)

In a recent issue of THE DEMOCRAT there appeared an article very well and commendably written, and Johnson was the subject.

Of the first part of the selection we have no suggestion to make. We are gratified that Sweden sent her boy to our West and that she sent one who should do so well. We were familiar, ere the appearance of this article, with the very satisfactory results that the western climate has on growing and maturing manhood. We, with several millions of other American people, have heard of another personage who breathed the western air even as a warrior breathes the battle afar. We refer to one William J. Bryan, of Nebraska. Yes, we know that the West is apt to produce men and we are always glad to hear of new ones who give signs of possibilities in the future.

There is one part of this above-mentioned article, however, which smacks of incompleteness. We refer to the flight of imagination wherein the writer refers to the blighting siroccos of Nebraska. Right here was where a tangent was struck and followed.

We admit that the air stirs, yea, it blows; but the vision of seared and "half-matured corn and ideas," it seems to us, must be the offspring of like generators and they refuse to present themselves to us as we view

that country and its men. We grant that breezes blow, and we go further: we grant and state most emphatically that these same stirring elements fan such strength of mind and spirit into men that they "stand before kings" among the honored of the nations. They instil such manhood into a man that he commands the respect of a nation with which he has grown up. They produce a William J. Bryan who can, by the quiet and peaceful landing from a trip abroad, command the business life of a New York metropolis to pause as he passes, and can now rouse a cheer of respect and admiration from lips which have tried in vain to fight his honor down. Yes, these winds blow, and sometimes, after leaving the borders of their own state, they become hot, and when used by some wayward expressor of ill-concealed thoughts, become air.

Of that expression of immature ideas I shall pass over with a passing word. It is too plain to require mention that the article rebounds with awful force against the writer.

Did it say half-matured ideas and leave it thus unfinished? If half-matured, why? Listen. We grant that some of the Nebraska ideas, at one stage of their development, are half-matured—because they are taken ere fully developed and used by those who are too imperfectly equipped to complete them.

It is well and commendable to speak of Johnson and we like to hear of him, but when information is volunteered about Nebraska and her distinguished son, remember there are others who have become interested and have followed the subject.

Ex-Governor Tyler Addresses Bryan Club

At the regular weekly meeting of the Bryan Club held Saturday, May 2, in the Courthouse, Ex-Governor Tyler, of Virginia, delivered an address full of Democratic principles and reasons why intelligent and true Democrats should stick to their party and the only man who has been able to poll six millions and more votes of the American people in the face of unprecedented oppositions.

Mr. Tyler was introduced by Professor Staples, of Washington and Lee, whose speech, which was one of the most forcible ever heard in Lexington, will appear in another column.

After congratulating the Club on the great purpose for which it was organized, Mr. Tyler launched into a forcible and enthusiastic discussion of Bryan and his principles. After showing by carefully prepared sta-

tistics that Mr. Bryan had, in spite of the moneyed interests of the country and the falling away of some Democrats from the party, polled more votes in 1896 than any presidential candidate had done up to that time. He left his audience to draw their conclusion from the statement, and in a most earnest way spoke of the life and the character of the "leading American citizen in private life." He showed Mr. Bryan in the different countries through which he passed in his trip around the world and showed him as the honored guests of nations and the sought after of princes; he showed him as he delivered a speech before the "Congress of Nations," by which he brought order out of chaos and dissatisfaction. He showed Mr. Bryan as he went to confer with the exclusive Monarch of Russia, and again left his audience to draw their conclusions as to the force and sincerity and earnestness of such a man.

The Madison Square Garden speech was mentioned and false impressions of it corrected. He told how the hirelings of the moneyed forces have followed Mr. Bryan from 1896 to the present day vainly waiting to catch some unguarded expression which might fall from his lips, and how they had followed in vain. Of Johnson and of some fifteen other good Democrats who have been thrust unto the lime-light of the public eye for a few days, he spoke in passing but refused to attempt any comparison, deeming it unnecessary and uncalled for. Mr. Tyler believes that the unhampered sober choice of the American people will bring the greatest boon upon themselves and their country and do it in a way which is peculiarly theirs. He believes that, if unhampered by the baleful influences of the moneyed powers, the people will nominate and elect W. J. Bryan, and he believes that the time is here when the people are coming to a realization of their power.

Mr. Tyler is a prominent man in his State and knows Mr. Bryan personally and has known him for years. He speaks with the courage of conviction, and for the welfare of his country he calls upon every man to join with Mr. Bryan and help stem the tide which forebodes danger for the country and further evils for its people.

One Way

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