

# Democratic Convention Results

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Columbia, S. C., May 20.—By a vote so nearly unanimous that no division was called for the state democratic convention today instructed its delegates to the national convention for Bryan. Resolutions of regret over the illness of Senator Tillman, who is en route to Europe to recuperate, were adopted.

## HAWAII

Following is the Associated Press report: Honolulu, May 19.—The democratic territorial convention met here, with Senator J. C. McCarthy as chairman, selected delegates to the national convention at Denver and instructed them for William J. Bryan. The delegates chosen are: O. T. Shipman, James L. Cooke, E. M. Watson, C. W. McConagle, Frank R. Harvey and C. W. Hudson. The platform urges the extension of the American public land laws to this territory; the adoption of the territorial act to permit the extension of local self government; declares against the Asiatic labor system; denies that Hawaiian industries or commerce need legislation exceptional or contrary to the remainder of the American people, and favors the settlement of former Queen Liliuokalani's claim of crown lands.

## ALASKA

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Juneau, Alaska, May 20.—John Ronnan, a well known mining operator of the Tanana district, was nominated for delegate to congress by the Alaska democratic convention last night. Delegates to the Denver convention were instructed to support Bryan for president and Jesse Grant for vice-president.

## MISSOURI

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Jefferson City, Mo., May 20.—Vociferously applauding every mention of William J. Bryan's name, the delegates to the democratic state convention here today instructed Missouri's thirty-six delegates to the national convention to vote as a unit for the nomination of the Nebraskan for president. The thirty-two delegates from the congressional districts were selected by the convention delegates at sixteen district caucuses, whose selections were subject to the convention's approval, and the approval was unanimous. The convention also re-elected William A. Rothwell, of Moberly, national committeeman; declared for a deep waterway and voted down a resolution to disfranchise ignorant and vicious negroes.

The convention was organized temporarily with 1,000 delegates present, and with John M. Atkinson, of Ripley county, as temporary chairman, and Ovid Bell, of Fulton as secretary. State Senator F. M. David was made permanent chairman, and W. T. Jenkins of Platt county, secretary. Governor Folk and United States Senator W. J. Stone were chosen delegates-at-large by acclamation. James A. Reed, of Kansas City, and D. R. Francis, of St. Louis, were elected by ballot.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Harrisburg, Pa., May 20.—After one of the hardest fights within the party for several years the democratic state convention here today decided not to instruct its delegates at large to the Denver convention for Bryan. It was a clean-cut victory for the democratic organization headed by Col. James M. Guffey of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania member of the national committee. Colonel Guffey maintained all along that he and his friends would control the convention, but their claims were always disputed by the leaders of the faction who were in favor of issuing binding instructions for Bryan. The Bryanites, under the leadership of the executive committee, of the Bryan Democratic League, had a large following and they fought to the bitter end.

The principal fight of the convention, of course was over the question of instructing the four delegates at large. The sixty-four district delegates were elected in April and the state convention had nothing to do with them in the matter of issuing instructions. The majority of these are for Bryan.

The principal committee fight was that on resolutions and when it was over it was posi-

tively known how things stood. The Guffey people offered a platform which was silent on the presidential question and the Bryanites immediately offered an amendment instructing the delegates at large for Bryan. It was defeated by a vote of 34 to 15. Then they offered another amendment containing the Bryan plank of the 1906 state convention and it also went down to defeat—62 to 17.

When the platform was presented to the convention at the afternoon session Jere S. Black, one of the leaders of the Bryanites, offered as a minority report the second amendment defeated in the meeting of the committee on resolutions. The fireworks then started and it took an hour and a half before the matter was disposed of. Black made an earnest plea for instructions and former Congressman James Kerr of Clearfield, also supported the Bryan plank. Then John T. Lenahan of Wilkesbarre made a vigorous attack upon Bryan which roused the Bryanites to a high pitch of excitement. Lenahan declared that "Bryan had led the party to destruction," and that he was "a withering blight upon the democratic party." The convention was in constant uproar in consequence of Lenahan's remarks and he was frequently compelled to stop talking while Peter A. O'Boyle, of Lenahan's own county tried to bring about order. Lenahan was not afraid of the crowd, declaring that the noise and bluster of the Bryan shouters, could not terrorize him.

After a tedious roll-call the minority report was defeated by a vote of 187 to 123, after which the platform was agreed to by a viva voce vote.

The platform declares for tariff revision, and that "such revision should be based upon the equitable protection of American labor when competing with foreign manufacturers."

## ALABAMA

The democratic county committees of Alabama met May 23 and officially announced the result of the primary held in that state May 18, to elect and instruct delegates to the democratic national convention. The official count shows that the Alabama delegates were instructed by the primary by a vote of more than two to one for William J. Bryan for nominee for president of the United States. The twenty-two delegates chosen are, with possibly one exception, personally favorable to Mr. Bryan. The state committee will meet on the 29th to formally announce the result.

## WASHINGTON

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Spokane, Wash., May 19.—At the end of a protracted and stormy session, the democratic state convention at midnight last night adopted a resolution declaring for the submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment forbidding the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquor. A double delegation of twenty, each with half a vote was elected to the national convention and instructed to vote for Bryan.

The convention selected the following delegates at large to the national convention at Denver, with half a vote each: A. R. Titlow, L. E. Bignold, Fred E. Baldwin, Dan Paul, George F. Christensen, A. G. Mitchum, Charles G. Heifner and F. A. MacDonald. No alternates were elected.

## CALIFORNIA

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Fresno, Cal., May 19.—The democratic state convention adopted a platform instructing the California delegation for William J. Bryan for president, and endorsed ex-Congressman Theodore A. Bell for temporary chairman of the national convention to be held in Denver on July 7.

It instructs the delegates to the national convention to vote for Bryan, "first, last and all the time."

It opposes monopolies and special privileges; deplores railroad activity in state affairs; favors legislation to strengthen the state railroad commission and commends Commissioner Lane's efforts to enforce the interstate commerce laws; municipal control of public utilities is favored, as is the total exclusion of Asiatic laborers, including Japanese and Koreans. Revision of the tariff, embracing a reduction of the duties on necessities of life, the placing of articles competing with trust products on the free list, and the repeal of the tariff on lumber, wood

and wood products is demanded. Other matters favored are the vigorous enforcement of anti-trust laws; exempting labor unions from their operation; the independence of the Philippines; the conservation of the natural resources of the country; abolition of child labor; the direct election of president, vice-president, and United States Senators, a direct primary law, the initiative and referendum; postal savings banks, the regulation of existing banking institutions, and the rigid enforcement of the present anti-trust laws.

## KANSAS

The democratic state convention to nominate presidential electors met at Salina, Kans., May 20.

These presidential electors were selected: At large, E. Bierer, Brown county, and A. E. Asher, Reno county. First district, George W. Glick, of Atchison; second district, T. J. Sweeney, of Douglas; third district, Fred C. Flory, Elk; fourth district, W. P. Nevans, of Marion; fifth district, J. W. Howe, of Dickinson; sixth district, John B. Rea, of Jewell; seventh district, R. H. Mead, of Barton county, and eighth district, G. H. Machette, of McPherson county.

A Salina dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "Salina, Kans., May 20.—With the thermometer hovering about 96 all this afternoon, and the forenoon a few degrees cooler, the Kansas democracy worked unceasingly here today and perfected the organization of the Bryan Volunteer Clubs, a state body consisting of clubs in every precinct of the state.

"If there was Johnson sentiment here, it was not manifested during the proceedings of the convention. The usual quarrels of state conventions were in evidence, but not a dissenting voice was raised to the indorsement of the Bryan movement, which is in accordance with the action of the democratic state convention, recently held at Hutchinson.

"Johnson workers, heretofore conceded a chance, were overwhelmed by the avalanche of Bryan sentiment and abandoned their struggle for the Minnesota governor early in the day.

"The democrats were so enthusiastic about success that more than two candidates came out for several of the places on the tickets. It was generally understood that the democracy was in better shape for the coming campaign than it has been since 1896."

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D. C., May 21.—The six delegates elected today by the "regular" or Kelley faction of the District of Columbia democracy to the Denver convention were instructed for Bryan. President Roosevelt and his policies were severely arraigned in a speech by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, and Governor Johnson was referred to as a "future president" of the United States.

## MICHIGAN

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Lansing, Mich., May 20.—William J. Bryan was indorsed today by the democratic state convention, and the delegation to the national convention was instructed to vote for him under the unit rule until he is nominated for the presidency. The instruction was by unanimous vote of the convention and at no time during the sessions did the slightest opposition to Bryan develop.

For the delegates at large to the national convention the following were chosen by unanimous vote:

John T. Winship, Saginaw; Woodbridge N. Ferris, Big Rapids; Charles H. Kimmeler, Cassopolis; Edward Ryan, Hancock.

The following is an abstract of the resolutions adopted by the convention:

"The democracy of Michigan in convention assembled felicitates the people on the many evidences of a rising sentiment which promises speedy reform in vital affairs. Both in state and nation the public concur in demanding the restitution to the people of the rights selfishly and corruptly appropriated by ambitious individuals and corporations. The cohesive powers of public plunder must give way to the public spirit which seems the good of the whole people.

"In our own state the disgraceful spectacle of a looted state treasury demands that the good