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THE COMMONER WILL BE SENT FROM NOW UNTIL ELECTION DAY FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

JOHN W. KERN FOR VICE PRESIDENT

When the democratic national convention met for the fourth and last day, Friday, July 10, Former Governor Thomas of Colorado presented for vice president Charles A. Towne of New York; J. J. Walsh of Connecticut presented the name of Archibald McNeill of Bridgeport; L. I. Hill of Georgia presented the name of Clark Howell of Atlanta; Thomas R. Marshall, Indiana's democratic nominee for governor, presented the name of John W. Kern of Indianapolis; Governor Folk of Missouri seconded Mr. Kern's nomination. Mr. Towne, who was in the hall, asked for permission to speak and delivered an eloquent address, withdrawing his name and pledging support to Bryan and Kern, other candidates withdrew and Mr. Kern was nominated by acclamation. Votes of thanks were then tendered all around. Mr. Clayton was chosen chairman of the committee to notify Mr. Bryan; Mr. Bell was chosen chairman of the committee to notify Mr. Kern. Rev. P. T. Ramsey of Denver pronounced the benediction and the convention adjourned.

clubs of the District of Columbia today celebrated the nomination of William J. Bryan on the Washington monument grounds by firing a salute of forty-six guns, one for each state. About two hundred persons witnessed the demonstration."

Speaking to a representative of the Denver News, Senator Gore said: "I saw the waving banners, the marching, gesticulating crowds, and the look of triumph on the faces of the Bryan followers as plainly as if I had my sight; for a blind man is not so remote from the world as the person who has good eyes and no imagination." This is the way Senator Thomas P. Gore, in an interview last night expressed what was the state of his mind, when in the beginning of what was intended to be a long speech, he exploded a bomb which turned the convention into a bedlam of Bryan enthusiasm. The senator does not like to talk of his blindness. He scorns pity because he feels that, although handicapped, he is able to make his way along the pathway of life without a guide. "I do not know," said he, "whether it was a tribute to my oratory or to Bryan's popularity, but the enthusiasm went rushing on like an ocean billow and engulfed everything in its path. What happened is as plain to me as if I had seen every move that was made. Eyesight is not as valuable," said Gore, "as the magnetism which every blind man possesses. We feel what is going on, not only in the sense of being in perfect accord with it, but we actually enjoy a sensation unknown to those who have their sight. When I face an audience I know what their feelings toward me are, and when they are impressed with what I say the fact is communicated to me magnetically before there is any applause or demonstration. The demonstration today was, however, a complete surprise. I had scarcely completed the introduction of my speech when the storm broke, and during the hour or more that followed I faced the crowd, and 'saw' what was going on. I believe my picture of it is as vivid as that of any man or woman present."

The following Associated Press dispatches are self-explanatory: "St. Paul, July 10.—Governor Johnson will support W. J. Bryan for the presidency. Governor Johnson said that he would do all in his power to bring about the election of Mr. Bryan. It is understood that a telegram congratulating Mr. Bryan and tendering him Governor Johnson's support was sent to Lincoln today. The text of Governor Johnson's telegram follows:

"W. J. Bryan: Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your nomination and the splendid victory which it implies. You will have no more earnest supporter than I and I hope to be permitted to contribute to your support and that of your party.

"JOHN A. JOHNSON."

"Wilmington, Del., July 10.—Judge Gray sent this telegram to W. J. Bryan today:

"Accept my hearty congratulations.

"GEORGE GRAY."

"Washington, July 10.—The democratic

OTHER PLANKS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The following planks in the democratic platform deal with subjects which the republicans ignored in their platform:

IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS

The democratic party recognizes the importance and advantage of developing closer ties of Pan-American friendship and commerce between the United States and her sister nations of Latin America and favors the taking of such steps, consistent with democratic policies, for better acquaintance, greater mutual confidence, and larger exchange of trade, as will bring lasting benefit not only to the United States, but to this group of American republics, having constitutions, forms of government, ambitions and interests akin to our own.

REGULATE THE CHARGES OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

We pledge the democratic party to the enactment of a law to regulate the rates and services of telegraph and telephone companies engaged in the transmission of messages between states, under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

APPLY OUR LAND LAWS TO HAWAII TERRITORY

We favor the application of the principles of the land laws of the United States to our newly acquired territory, Hawaii, to the end that the public lands of that territory may be held and utilized for the benefit of bona fide homesteaders.

FINISH PANAMA CANAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

We believe that the Panama canal will prove of great value to our country and favor its speedy completion.

PARTY FOR GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE FOR ALL

The democratic party stands for democracy; the republican party has drawn to itself all that is aristocratic and plutocratic. The democratic party is the champion of equal rights and opportunities to all; the republican party is the party of privilege and private monopoly. The democratic party listens to the voice of the whole people and gauges progress by the prosperity and achievement of the average man; the republican party is subservient to the comparatively few who are the beneficiaries of governmental favoritism. We invite the co-operation of all, regardless of previous political affiliation or past difference, who desire to preserve

a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and who favor such an administration of the government as will insure, as far as human wisdom can, that each citizen shall draw from society a reward commensurate with his contribution to the welfare of society.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES IN ALL OF THE STATES

The democratic party favors the extension of agricultural, mechanical and industrial education. We therefore favor the establishment of district agricultural experiment stations, the secondary agricultural and mechanical colleges in the several states.

TERRITORIAL RIGHTS FOR ALASKA AND PORTO RICO

We demand for the people of Alaska and Porto Rico the full enjoyment of the rights and privileges of a territorial form of government, and the officials appointed to administer the government of all our territories and the District of Columbia should be thoroughly qualified by previous bona fide residence.

WELCOME OKLAHOMA AND CONGRATULATE NEW STATE

We welcome Oklahoma to the sisterhood of states and heartily congratulate her on the auspicious beginning of a great career.

ADMIT NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA AT ONCE

The national democratic party has for the last sixteen years labored for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states of the federal union, and, recognizing that each possesses every qualification to successfully maintain separate state governments, we favor the immediate admission of these territories as separate states.

MAKE OUR PATENT LAWS RECIPROCAL TO OUTSIDERS

We believe that where an American citizen holding a patent in a foreign country is compelled to manufacture under his patent within a certain time, similar restrictions should be applied in this country to the citizen or subjects of such a country.

PROTECT FOREIGNERS; KEEP OUT ALL ASIATICS

We favor full protection, by both national and state governments, within their respective spheres, of all foreigners residing in the United States under treaty, but we are opposed to the admission of Asiatic immigrants who can not be amalgamated with our population, or whose presence among us would raise a race issue and involve us in diplomatic controversies with Oriental powers.