

then the men who stood by me are also, and surely Mr. Bryan can not accept a nomination which must come, if it does, from the men who decided that I was fit, and that Dunlap, Thompson and the Jacksonville cabal were not only unfit, but had lied, slandered and villified, not myself alone, but the majority of the delegates who sat in the Springfield state convention of 1904, and by virtue of whose votes I hold my office.

"Even if I were willing to resign, as requested, I could not do so under the present conditions. If I did, after the charges which Mr. Bryan makes, I would be declaring not only that I was guilty of fraud, but that three-fourths of the democratic leaders in the county were equally guilty.

"A word as to my 'corporate connections,' on which Mr. Bryan seems to place so much importance. The only corporation with which I am connected is the Ogden Gas company, of which I have the honor of being president. It came into existence because of a demand for cheaper gas in this city. It gave to the people of the community for 90 cents what they were then paying \$1.10 for.

"In conclusion, I would like to remind Mr. Bryan that the 'fundamental principles of democracy' which he speaks of do not include recognition of political czarism. Democrats may have their leaders, the leaders may have their followers, but their leaders will never be autocrats and the followers will never be serfs, obedient to the orders prompted by court favorites."

**DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTIONS**

The democratic state convention for North Dakota met at Minot, August 2. T. D. Casey was chairman and W. Y. Webb of Dickey, secretary. John L. Castell of Grafton was elected chairman of the democratic state com-

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mittee. The following ticket was nominated:

- Congressmen—A. G. Burr, Bottineau; John D. Benton, Cass.
- Governor—John Burke, Ramsey.
- Secretary of state—A. H. Berg, Griggs.
- Auditor—Frank Reed, Burleigh.
- Treasurer—F. M. Negge, Traill.
- Attorney general—D. C. Greenleaf, Minot.
- Insurance commissioner—C. H. Anheier.

- Justices of the supreme court—C. J. Fisk, Grand Forks, four years; D. E. Morgan, Ramsey, six years.

State superintendent of schools—Mrs. Mattie M. Davis, Cass.

Labor commissioner—Julius Wierkus, Walsh.

Railroad commissioners—Terry McKosher, Grand Forks; William Schulz, Barne; William Schuett, Richland.

The platform pays a compliment to Mr. Bryan and declares in favor of equal taxation, extension of the primary election law to state officers, popular election of United States senators, an increase in the powers of the railroad commission and commerce commission; popular referendum, representation of the two leading political parties on all state boards, anti-pass law, repeal of the Streeter libel law; removal of tariff from all trust-controlled goods and public ownership of public utilities, and condemns the capitol commission law passed by the last legislature.

The democratic state convention for Michigan met at Detroit, August 2. The following ticket was nominated:

- Governor—Charles H. Kimmerle, Cassopolis.
- Lieutenant governor—Rush Culver, Marquette.
- Secretary of state—P. J. Devine, Stanton.
- State treasurer—Charles Wellman, Port Huron.
- Attorney general—Judge E. J. Doyle, Grand Rapids.
- Auditor general—John Yuell, Vanderbilt.

Superintendent of public instruction—Elmer R. Webster, Pontiac.

State land commissioner—Clarence L. Sheldon, Bay City.

Member state board of education—James E. Sullivan, Muskegon.

After the platform had been adopted, Chairman Fowler of the resolution committee presented a separate resolution calling for the investigation of the national chairman, Thomas Taggart. A motion to table the Taggart resolution was carried. In the platform as adopted appears the following:

"Evils under the form of combinations and trusts, which have so shocked the moral conscience of the nation in the last few years, are a direct outcome of class legislation by the republican party, conferring privileges on corporations at the expense of the common people. A continuance of such legislation is now threatened by the many bills of like character, as for instance the ship subsidy bill and inadequate remedial laws, enacted by the recent congress showing that there is no honest purpose on the part of the republican party to relieve the people from the evils thus cast on them by this unjust legislation. Their affiliations with the classes thus favored make it absolutely impossible to expect relief from republican sources."

The platform then cites the rejection of the propositions of Senator LaFollette with regard to railroad legislation as proof of these assertions. The resolutions further favor the nominations of all candidates by direct vote; nominations and elections of United States senators by direct vote; a passenger rate of not more than 2 cents a mile in the lower penin-

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