

but never yet united except to conquer. It is veteran troops against the raw militia; an unequal though not a bootless array, as many well-fought fields in days of old bears witness.

"I recognize as our chieftain in this approaching conflict the Hon. William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska.

"It costs me no sacrifice either of personal preference or pride of opinion to make this declaration. Mr. Bryan and I have not always agreed as to the means; we have never disagreed as to the end. The appeal to the moral nature of the people, which he has made with so much eloquence and power, I was making when he was a boy. He grew to manhood under my teachings. If at times I have raised the warning finger of the schoolmaster—even threatened the rod—he was big enough and old enough and good-looking enough to stand it, and to survive it, and has thrived in spite of it—maybe by reason of it and in any event he has quite outgrown it. I, too, have lived and learned apace, and one of the things I have learned has been to look more to the objective point and less to non-essential matters of differences, to agree to disagree with my comrades and friends; on great occasions and in great affairs to send all minor differences to the rear the better to march abreast against the common enemy.

"We purpose to reform, not to revolutionize, the government; we purpose to re-establish democratic institutions in the nation's capital, returning to the voters what belongs to the voters. We purpose to drive from the floor of the senate those who sit there not as servants of the people, but as corporation counsel. We purpose to drive from the floor of the house the speaker and his rules committee, who have made an autocracy of that which was created a legislative body. In a word, we purpose to readjust the lost balance between the people and their lawmakers.

"Our jury is the nation; our proof the record of the republican party; our witness Theodore Roosevelt; our attorney Mr. Bryan of Nebraska."

Mr. Watterson's speech touched the pent up enthusiasm almost at the start, and when at the close he pointed to Mr. Bryan and said: "Here he is, God bless him and give him wisdom," the audience yelled for five minutes. Mr. Watterson finally commanded silence long enough to introduce Senator Carmack of Tennessee.

Senator Carmack was followed by Senator W. J. Stone, of Missouri, who in a few words introduced Mr. Bryan. The demonstration that greeted Mr. Bryan on his entrance to the hall was renewed as the Nebraskan arose to speak. Mr. Bryan announced that he would "read a statement concerning a topic which has been generally discussed since he had touched on it during his speech at New York." He then read his statement, which is printed on page 5 of this issue.

AT CINCINNATI

Mr. Bryan left Louisville for Cincinnati Thursday morning. An extract from the Associated Press report concerning the Cincinnati meeting follows:

Introduced by Mayor E. J. Dempsey, and speaking from a stand erected over the diamond of the Cincinnati ball park, W. J. Bryan tonight addressed an immense audience which occupied all the seats in the grand stand and several thousand additional chairs. Mr. Bryan arrived from Louisville at noon and spent the afternoon receiving callers. He was given an enthusiastic welcome.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

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that he was robbed of the governorship two years ago in the Peabody-Adams contest before the state legislature. The platform of the convention endorsed Bryan and took a decisive stand against corporation domination of political parties and pledged the democracy of the state to the enactment of a law making it a felony to contribute to campaign funds."

The democratic convention of New Mexico nominated O. A. Larrazola of Las Vegas as its delegate to congress. The convention declared in favor of joint statehood and made complimentary reference to Mr. Bryan.

The democratic state convention for California met at Sacramento and nominated for governor Representative Theodore A. Bell. The platform makes complimentary reference to Mr. Bryan, opposes injunctions in labor disputes, favors the extension of the suffrage to women, pledges democratic legislators to support a state law penalizing monopolies and trusts in restraint of trade, favors the initiative and referendum, opposes political contributions by corporations, favors a statutory form of insurance policy and urges the exclusion of all Asiatic labor.

The Connecticut democratic state convention in session at Hartford nominated Charles F. Thayer for governor. The platform demands the election of senators by popular vote.

The democratic state convention for Delaware nominated the following ticket:

- State treasurer—Robert H. Wilson. State auditor—Kendall M. Wiley. For congress—David S. Marvel. The convention's platform made complimentary reference to Mr. Bryan.

The Ohio republican convention in session at Dayton nominated a state ticket headed by Carmi A. Thompson of Ironton, present speaker of the house of representatives, as candidate for secretary of state.

- For dairy and food commissioner—Renick W. Dunlap was nominated. For state school commissioner—E. A. Jones was nominated. George H. Watkins was renominated for member of the board of public works.

The republican state convention for Colorado in session at Denver nominated Phillip B. Stewart, of El Paso county for governor. The republicans of the national congress are commended for the "unprecedented amount of wise and wholesome legislation accomplished at the last session." The protective tariff is credited with bringing phenomenal prosperity to the country, and the development of the beet sugar industry is pointed to as an illustration of the benefits of that system. The party is pledged to fair treatment of organized labor and organized capital as well. The part taken by the supreme court, the legislature and the district attorney of

Denver city and county in the Peabody-Adams contest is indorsed.

The democratic state convention for Wyoming in session at Cheyenne nominated the following ticket:

- For governor—S. A. D. Keister, Fremont county. For secretary of state—Daniel W. Gill, Laramie county. State auditor—Thomas A. Dunn, Big Horn county. State treasurer—James L. Lobban, Sheridan county. For state superintendent public instruction—Miss May Hamilton, Natrona county.

For congress—John C. Hamm, Uintah county.

The platform demands national and state eight hour laws and their enforcement; favors a law making it a felony for a state officer to accept a pass or other free transportation from a railroad; demands a primary election law and a return to the Australian ballot system and favors free trade in various commodities, particularly wheat. The platform also makes complimentary reference to Mr. Bryan.

DERIVATION OF WORDS

There are some very funny stories told about the derivation of words, since people are likely to twist their language into strange forms. Thus, the pope is even today called by the name "pontifex," which boys in the Latin class all know is taken by him from the title of old Roman priests. Now "pontifex" means bridge builder, in the early days of the republic were in charge of bridges; but scholars tell us that the word "pontifex" probably should be "pomptifex," meaning "maker of ceremonies." Many of you have wondered what the priest had to do with bridge building, and this little change of nt to mp makes the whole matter clear.

An astonishing derivation is that of the word "stranger," which, we are told, comes from the Greek word of ex or out of. Absurd as this seems, it is easy to understand. Ex means out, from or away, the same word as the Latin ex; hence comes extra. Then comes the Latin extraneus, which means outside. The old French word, from this, estrange, means an outsider, but estrange gave us the

word stranger by dropping the s, and stranger by dropping the e.

After this serious example, we shall not be surprised at the old joke that derived the town name "Middletown" from "Moses" by dropping the "iddle-town" and adding "oses."—St. Nicholas.

AN INVALID FOR SEVENTY-NINE YEARS

The columns of the London Times recently contained the announcement of the death at Longford, Tasmania, of Captain Edward Dumaresque in his 104th year. This officer, whose life was so extraordinarily prolonged, was invalided out of the Bombay army in 1827, after less than nine years' service. His nomination as a cadet by J. B. Taylor, a director of the East India company, was dated December 15, 1818; on the 30th of the same month he was appointed a lieutenant in the Eighth Bombay regiment, at the age of 16 years 6 months. He was promoted captain in September, 1826, and on April 25, 1827, was retired on a Lord Clive's pension, which he drew for seventy-nine years, less only a few days. The certified cause of death of this invalid of 1827, on April 23, 1906, was "weakness due to old age."

FRESH BAIT ON AN OLD HOOK

Robert—I say, Henry, what do you make of this? There was a donkey tied to a rope, and the rope was four feet long. Twelve feet away there was a bundle of hay, and the donkey wanted to get to the hay, because he was hungry. How did he do it?

Henry (triumphantly)—Oh! I've heard that before. You want me to say "I give it up," and then you will say "That's just what the other donkey did."

Robert—Not at all, my dear man. Work it out; it's quite simple.

Henry (after a pause)—Well, I don't know how he did it.

Robert—Why, he simply walked up to the hay and ate it.

Henry—But you said the hay was twelve feet away and he was tied to a rope four feet long, and—

Robert—Yes, but the rope was not tied to anything. You mustn't jump at conclusions like that, you know.—The Metropolitan.

THE PRIMARY PLEDGE

I promise to attend all the primaries of my party to be held between now and the next Democratic National Convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to use my influence to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

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