

the reports already in circulation that the real purpose of the movement is to bring about the rehabilitation of the party by squelching the so-called radical element. Bryan and Bryanism are not to be discussed, but it is nevertheless significant that practically all of those figuring as leaders in the conference movement are identified with the conservative wing of the party in New York state, which has always been lukewarm in its support of the Nebraskan.

The attitude of the conference toward the leaders of the democratic party in New York City remains obscure. Neither Mayor McClellan, Leader Murphy of Tammany nor Patrick McCarren of Brooklyn are taking part in the movement, and it is doubtful if they were invited to participate. On the other hand, several of those who are known to be bitter political opponents of the three men named are among the most conspicuous figures in the conference.

The attitude of the conference toward State Chairman William J. Conners is more apparent. It is freely admitted, in fact, that should the movement inaugurated here today prove successful, the elimination of Mr. Conners as a factor in democratic politics would follow in the logic of events. Most of those identified with the movement were members of the Utica conference a year ago, which was called to protest against the methods pursued by Chairman Conners and "Boss" Murphy at the previous democratic state convention and to inaugurate a fight on Conners within party lines.

Saratoga, N. Y., September 10.—After adopting a declaration of principles, which included an indorsement of a federal income tax, and effecting a continuation of its efforts for the rehabilitation of the party through the organization of "the democratic league," the democratic conference concluded a two days session today and adjourned sine die. The adoption of the income tax clause was accomplished only after extended debate.

The declaration of principles follows: The democrats assembled in conference at Saratoga September 9 and 10, 1909, announce the following as their understanding of certain essential democratic principles and policies:

A strict construction of constitutions, both state and federal that the rights of the state and people respectively may be preserved.

Loyal support of the federal government in the exercise of all its constitutional powers; eternal vigilance in watching and detecting and vigorous and persistent opposition to any and all extensions of federal power that trench upon those reserved to the states or to the people.

A tariff for revenue only; no government subsidies to special interests either directly or through protective tariff.

Equal and uniform taxation; taking no more money from people than the just needs of government economically administered require.

The abandonment at the earliest practicable moment of our imperialistic venture in the Philippine Islands, first safeguarding their independence by sufficient guarantees. Steady adherence to the principles of home rule and local self-government by the state and each of its political sub-divisions.

Rigid economy in government expenditures.

Election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Reform in our registration and in enrollment laws, so that personal registration and enrollment shall be required in every political sub-division of the state.

Reform in our methods of election, so that each elective officer shall

be the separate, deliberate and intelligent selection of the voters of the state.

Reform in our methods of nominating candidates for public office so that nominating conventions shall be composed of representatives directly chosen by the members of the party.

Reform in our primary laws so as to give to every citizen greater direct influence in naming candidates for office, and surrounding the primaries with such safeguards as will insure their honesty and providing the necessary time and legal machinery to insure the choice of a majority of the voters being respected and enforced, in convention and committee.

No interference with the personal liberty of any citizen except such as is essential to secure the equal rights of all the citizens.

Taxation of corporations by the state alone, where their creation and regulation should remain.

A constitutional amendment authorizing the levy of a federal income tax.

Enforcement of federal and state laws against criminal trusts and combinations in restraint of trade.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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year. The average conditions of other crops on September 1 stand as follows: Barley 80.5, against 81.2 in 1908; buckwheat, 81.1, against 87.8 last year; potatoes, 80.9 against 73.7; tobacco, 80.2, against 84.3. The condition of tobacco on September 1 in important states was: Kentucky, 80; North Carolina, 77; Virginia, 84; South Carolina, 85.

President Taft has appointed as census supervisors Willard E. Hotchkiss for Chicago and Cook county; Jonathan D. Reed for Louisville, Ky.; Allen H. Willett for Pittsburg.

Attorney General Denman of Ohio has brought proceedings against the National Cash Register company, charging illegal restraint of trade on the part of that big corporation.

J. J. McNamara, for sixteen years on the police force, has resigned as chief of the St. Joe., Mo., police force.

General Edward M. McCook, territorial governor of Colorado, and former minister of the United States to Hawaii, died in Chicago.

William Lloyd Garrison, son of the great abolitionist, and widely known as a publicist and reformer, died at his home at Lexington, Mass., at the age of 71 years.

"WAS A BIG, BIG D"

A couple of city men were playing golf when they saw an old gentleman looking at them wistfully. They asked him to join the game, which he did with alacrity. He was mild in speech and manner and played well. But once when he made a fizzle he ejaculated vehemently the word "Assouan!"

A few moments later, when he had made another bad play, he repeated: "Assouan!"

The fourth time he said this one of his new-made friends said:

"I do not want to be inquisitive, but will you tell me why you say 'Assouan' so often?"

"Well," said the old gentleman, "isn't that the biggest dam in the world?"

He was a Presbyterian clergyman. —Implement Age.

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Then his two friends spoke to the old tiller of the soil, one calling him Father Abraham and the other Father Jacob.
"Gentlemen, you are mistaken,"

said the old man solemnly. "I am neither Abraham, Isaac, nor Jacob, but Saul, the son of Kish, who was sent out to find his father's asses, and lo, he has found them."—Judge.

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