

eration of parties is far more to be desired than gumshoe methods and brewery domination of weak spined public servants. He may be defeated, but in his defeat he will bring down the liquor interest control of the party with him. If he accomplishes that much he has rendered great and lasting service to the party he serves. But—Charles W. Bryan is not defeated. He is ready to prove that the cry that the democratic party is the "whiskey party" is not the truth. He believes, and we believe, that the democratic party is unworthy the support of a single man if such is the case. In his candidacy the democrats of Nebraska will have a chance to say whether they want the party to continue wearing the label of the dirty handed brewery interests. That is what his candidacy means pure and simple and it has no other meaning.

Pierce County Leader (Dem.): Charles Bryan, mayor of Lincoln, has announced himself as a candidate for governor at the primaries to be held on April 18. He is a brother of the illustrious William Jennings Bryan and as good a democrat at heart, if not as big.

Norfolk Press (Dem.): Judge Howard of the Columbus Telegram was in the city * * * en route from Pierce, where he was chief speaker at a Commercial club banquet * * * Mr. Howard is very enthusiastic about the Bryan gubernatorial boom and holds that the Lincoln mayor will make a winning fight. "He is the logical candidate of the democrats," said Mr. Howard, "and let no one think he is the dictator his enemies would picture him."

Creighton Liberal: For years it was second nature for this paper to boost for any candidate named on the democratic ticket. Our political creed might be taken from the disappointed office seeker who said that he never voted for any — that was on his ticket.

It takes more than a name to create political enthusiasm any more. Fourth of July committees will be able to secure some fireworks after Chas. W. Bryan gets his little machine to working.

There are those who think that Mayor Bryan is simply a psalm singing sabbath school teacher, but those people never saw him in action in a national convention with nearly all of the big leaders coming in to consult with him. A man who can stand the strain at a national convention to never undress for forty hours at a stretch is going to be a hard man to rough house.

Norfolk News (Rep.): Charley Bryan has two planks in his platform which ought to be adopted by some of the other candidates, in order to give the voters of both parties a chance to vote

for these measures. One is a plank favoring a state hail-insurance plan, and the other is a plank permitting the creation of district water-power plants, publicly owned, for generating electric power from Nebraska rivers. Canadian farmers are never made destitute by hail, because the Canadian government provides a hail insurance at low cost, by taxation. And there is no reason why the tremendous power now going to waste in Nebraska's rivers should not be utilized for the benefit of the people of the state.

Blair Pilot (Rep.): Brother Charles Bryan has announced the platform on which he expects to make the race for the democratic nomination for governor, and there's no use denying it's a strong one, for it is. He is for the constitutional amendment to put old John Barleycorn out of business, of course. He is also in favor of state regulation of telephone rates, state aid in irrigation projects, he is in favor of a municipal electric lighting plant for Omaha, good highways, state owned water-power plants, the maintenance of fire insurance competition, and is opposed to a large military program, though he favors the re-nomination of President Wilson on an anti-preparedness plank. His big brother, W. J., will campaign for him in the state, and other candidates will find the Bryan strength still formidable in good old Nebraska.

Wayne Democrat (Dem.): With Chas. Bryan for governor, Edgar Howard for lieutenant governor and I. J. Dunn for the United States senate, the dry and progressive democrats of Nebraska will have ample chance to stand up and be counted. You may not like Bryan, you perhaps think Howard is a fanatic and that Dunn has some failing which you do not like, but the question comes right down to one point—if you agree with the policy they stand for they are the men to vote for. They are not trying to carry on both shoulders. It is time for the rank and file of the party to stand up and be counted and see if the party is a tool of the corporate and liquor interests or the progressive people of the state. Both sides claim the right to rule the party because of number—let's know who is who.

Crete Democrat (Dem.): Have you read C. W. Bryan's platform which he proposes to stand on in case he is elected governor? It is a good one, and while he may not be able to accomplish all he desires, yet any part of it will be a step in the right direction.

Columbus, February 19, 1916. Omaha Daily News, Omaha, Neb.

It was in answer to the appeals of the progressive democrats of Nebraska that Hon. Charles W. Bryan consented to stand as a candi-

date for the democratic nomination for governor. I was among those who appealed to him to file for the nomination. I do not want him to withdraw in my favor, nor in favor of any other democrat. He is the logical democratic candidate. His platform breathes the anti-monopoly spirit, and he is the right man to carry that good platform to the people and arouse them to the danger of permitting Organized Booze and the public service corporations to longer control in democratic and state affairs in Nebraska. Charley Bryan will not withdraw from the fight. He is not that kind of a fighter.

EDGAR HOWARD.

A WORD FROM TEXAS

W. A. Dean, Sherman, Texas: Texas wants to see Charles W. Bryan governor of Nebraska.

Pity the poor republican spellbinder. He was all ready to point out to the people in 1916 that the democratic tariff had flooded this country with pauper-made European goods and thus closed the factories of the United States when he discovered that the lack of prosperity he thought he saw was due to the fact that war had restored the tariff wall in America by vastly curtailing imports. Then he seized upon the fact that the customs revenues have been insufficient to meet government expenses, and was ready to exploit this as demonstrating democratic incapacity for ruling. But somebody jolted him into a realization of the fact that an intelligent auditor might ask him whether his idea of a tariff is one that would bring in more goods.

The great New York banker, Jacob Schiff, rose in the Republican club of New York recently and issued a solemn warning to the tariff barons that if they renewed the tariff agitation of the past and threatened the country with the renewal of special privilege and high protection, the people would have none of it. It is a safe wager that it will go unheeded. Sixteen years ago William McKinley, in the last speech he made, warned the party of the excesses that sent it to the scrapheap in 1912. The only way hog raisers have found possible to keep porkers from the trough is by knocking them over the snout with a club. That's the only effective way the people have ever found of treating greedy monopoly.

For the United States to change its traditional policy on the question of a large army and navy more reasons will have to be advanced than are those born of panic and sudden fear. A hundred million people are not to be stampeded by waving spectres in front of them on a road they have traveled in safety and serenity for a hundred years and more.



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—From the Chicago Journal.



LOOKS MORE LIKE AN ELEPHANT EVERY DAY

—From the St. Louis Times.