

A JEFFERSONIAN BANQUET.

Upwards of three hundred enthusiastic Iowa democrats gathered in the dining room of the Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Ia., on the evening of April 2, and partook of a banquet in honor of Jefferson and Jeffersonian principles. Ex-Congressman Walt H. Butler was to have officiated as toastmaster, but was unavoidably absent, and George F. Rinehart, editor of the Newton (Ia.) Herald, presided with dignity and ability. The banquet hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion and a number of ladies lent their presence to the charm of the occasion. During the banquet music was rendered by Kromer's orchestra.

Owing to the fact that he was compelled to take an early train home ex-Vice President Stevenson spoke before the banquet was served, taking for his subject "Jefferson." The banquet was handsomely served and at its conclusion the toast list was taken up. Hon. C. O. Holly of Des Moines made a stirring address on "Americanism," and Hon. J. J. O'Shea of Council Bluffs spoke eloquently on "Plutocracy." Hon. J. B. Sullivan of Creston took "Imperialism" for his subject and made a masterly speech. Hon. C. A. Walsh, secretary of the democratic national committee, spoke on "The Kansas City Platform" and aroused his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Judge A. VanWageningen of Sioux City chose "Government Ownership of Railroads" as his subject and spoke with great earnestness. William Randolph Hearst, editor of the New York Journal and American, Chicago American and San Francisco Examiner, was expected to be present, but was unavoidably detained. He sent a letter which was read and greeted with warm demonstrations of approval. Mr. Hearst's letter appears elsewhere in this issue of The Com-

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moner. General James B. Weaver traveled a thousand miles to be present at the banquet and his address on "Thomas Jefferson" was one of the best ever made. "The Declaration of Independence" was the subject of an interesting address by Hon. G. P. Myers of Newton. Mr. Bryan spoke on "Democracy."

In the afternoon a meeting was held at the Hotel Savery to organize for the campaign of 1904.

The plan of organization mapped out by Mr. Rinehart was to select a chairman for each district, these chairmen in turn to name county chairmen, and to organize by electing state officers. The county chairmen in turn will organize the townships and precincts.

The Second district was not represented. The chairmen of the other districts were named as follows:

First—E. H. Rockwell of Farmington.

Third—M. E. Lyons of Dubuque.

Fourth—D. Dermore of Evanston.

Fifth—John Hobbs of Marshalltown.

Sixth—G. F. Rinehart of Newton.

Seventh—H. C. Evans of Des Moines.

Eighth—E. J. Sankey of Leon.

Ninth—J. J. Shea of Council Bluffs.

Tenth—P. H. Donlon of Emmetsburg.

Eleventh—Earl Bronson of Spencer.

The district chairmen then met and organized by electing Mr. Rinehart as chairman for the state of the district organizations. He was authorized to select a secretary, and as it was thought wise to have the head officers in the same town or close together, O. P. Meyers of Newton was made treasurer.

Each district committeeman was authorized to appoint a chairman for each county and report to the state organization within ten days. At the afternoon meeting \$55 was raised as a nucleus for a campaign fund, and at the banquet in the evening a much larger sum was raised, so that the campaign will start with several hundred dollars in the treasury.

Discussing the movement of the Kansas City platform forces to organize, following the conference, Mr. Bryan said the same policy of organization was being carried on throughout the country. He said a number of states had already started along the same line, and reports from many localities indicated that organization was being carried on with enthusiasm.

The Name Carnegie.

A gentleman recently returned from Atlanta, Ga., says the Carnegie library of that city is not so much of value to the people of Atlanta as it is a beautiful monument to Andrew Carnegie.

This criticism is frequently heard respecting Carnegie libraries.

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The name of Carnegie is carved but in plaster. Beside the great names, though it be emblazoned in stone, his name will not endure.

The future will reveal the real architects of these libraries, if, indeed, they are not already known.

Who are they?

Negatively, the men who have voted to Carnegie special privileges by which he has made a fortune, almost fabulous, at the expense of his fellows. In reality, the men who have tolled bare-waisted at the open furnace. Incidentally, public opinion. And to some extent, the man's tremendous egotism.

The future will understand.—Kansas City World.

The Retort Discourteous.
"Well, bub, what is it?" asked the druggist of the small boy with a bottle in his hand.

"Please, sir, but here's the medicine I got for me mother an hour ago."

"Yes, and what's the matter with it?"

"You didn't write on the bottle whether it was to be taken eternally, or infernally, and she's afraid of making a mistake."—Detroit Free Press.

Caution.

The sharp-tongued heiress eyed the lordling long and earnestly.

"Why is it?" she asked, "that titles in your country have such distressing incumbrances?"

"Perhaps," he retorted, "it's to even up for the character of the load that wealth has to carry in your country."

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