

flag and are looking to us for help, with hope beaming in their eyes, but what can we say to other nations that bear down upon the weak when our own fingers are dripping in blood?

"In 1894 the democratic party of this state was reorganized in this city. We have come back to the same place ten years later to ratify the act of that convention. Since that time the democrats of this state have followed the leadership of a man who is a patriot contending for great principles and not a politician seeking office. A man who would rather go down to defeat a hundred times than to wear upon his neck a golden yoke. Forty or fifty years from now when he shall have gone to a higher democracy his mantle will fall upon a hundred thousand patriots throughout this land, who have caught the spirit of his true character and lofty principles. Yea, he has scattered the seed throughout this republic that will spring up in the noblest manhood and will carry on the work that he has so nobly begun.

"But, my friends, there will yet be some, I am sorry to say, who will not be able to walk through a political office without retaining the brown taste upon their lips. It is my opinion that when the democracy of this state follows the leadership of a political trickster it will be when the geese pasture on the streets of Omaha.

"We need for the delegates to the national convention the best men in our state; we need men of the same manly metal as Metcalfe of the World-Herald, and at the head of this delegation will be the leader of the democrats of the United States. This fas-

cinating figure—this mighty oak defying the storm—this greatest statesman in American politics—is only now in the morning of his day. In his youth he was taught honesty by Godly parents, and at the very beginning of his career in politics he espoused truth and the betrothal has never been broken. A champion of the toilers of our country, a knightly friend of the common people, a gentleman, noble, true and brave, a man fit to be the president of the United States, William Jennings Bryan."

J. B. Donovan of Madison was chosen as temporary secretary. L. M. Leyda of Cass and W. H. Green of Knox county were chosen as assistant secretaries. There being no contesting delegations, it was decided on motion of C. J. Smyth that the credentials committee be dispensed with and that the temporary organization be made permanent. The Omaha World-Herald report of the proceedings says:

"W. H. Thompson moved, and the motion was adopted, that a committee of seven be appointed, 'and that I be not appointed a member of that committee.' It was also decided that all resolutions be referred to the committee without reading. The chairman appointed the following committee: W. J. Bryan, A. C. Shallenberger of Harlan, J. H. Miles of Richardson, Joseph Oberfelder of Keith, I. J. Dunn of Douglas, H. M. Weiss of Thayer and E. Howard of Platte.

"Mr. Bryan moved that while the committee on resolutions was out the convention listen to a speech from Congressman C. F. Cochran of St. Joseph, Mo. The motion was ruled unnecessary, and Mr. Bryan was delegated to escort Mr. Cochran to the platform and introduce him.

"Mr. Cochran gained the favor of the convention with his opening sentence: 'The democratic party was born when Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.' He told of the great opposition which Jefferson's democratic ideas encountered in the constitutional convention and of the regret there expressed by the fathers of the republican party that the United States had no royal family and no house of lords. He outlined the two ideas of government—aristocratic and democratic—and said they are represented in this country today, respectively, by the republican and democratic parties.

"When and where," he demanded, 'did the republicans of your state of Nebraska ever elect a United States senator because he was a representative of the people? What malign influence is it that is at work that makes the contests in your state a mere fight between rival corporations when a republican legislature is to elect a senator or a republican convention is to nominate a candidate for governor?'

"If the people of this country," he declared 'would take their parties out of the hands of the hired political managers, of manipulators who are paid large salaries for influencing nominations and platform, the republic, with its free institutions, would endure. If they do not, our downfall is certain.' He proceeded to dilate on the organization and methods of the corporation lobbies, as they work at the national and state capitals, and insisted that so long as these 'political vermin' are tolerated we cannot have honest, representative government.

"Congressman Cochran charged that there are not three important committees in the national house of representatives today that are not controlled by the great corporations through the appointment on the committees of men known to be under corporation influence.

"With this exordium Congressman Cochran proceeded to eulogize the democratic party for having expelled

the corporation lobby from its councils in 1896, and to plead, in an impassioned manner, that they never be allowed to return to a position of influence in the party of Thomas Jefferson. Far better defeat, he insisted, than victory won under the flag of expediency, on an equivocal platform, and by the aid of corporation funds and corporation leadership. He had rather be known as a member of an indomitable minority, predestined to defeat, stubbornly and uncompromisingly standing as the champion of the rights of the people against the aggressions of the corporations, than to participate in such another victory as that of 1892.

"With ringing eloquence Mr. Cochran denounced the recent wars of conquest waged by England, the United States, France and other powers, 'prosecuted where the stealing is good at the behest of great corporations on the alert for increasing dividends,' and concluded with a stirring appeal to the democratic party to stand firm for the democracy of Jefferson, the republicanism of Lincoln and the ideals of the republic.

"Long-continued cheering greeted the conclusion of Congressman Cochran's speech."

The convention then unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, That we are proud of and most heartily indorse the record of Hon. G. M. Hitchcock, our democratic congressman—from this state, and pledge him our most hearty support in his re-election."

James C. Dahlman was unanimously re-elected as a member of the democratic national committee.

Teeth And Digestion

The close connection between decayed teeth and diseases of the digestion is pointed out by a writer in Guy's Hospital Gazette.

The presence of free acids in the mouth is particularly harmful. These may come from various sources, but most commonly from the acid fermentation of the carbo-hydrate food lodged on or between the teeth at the gums, and due to the action of micro-organisms present in the mouth.

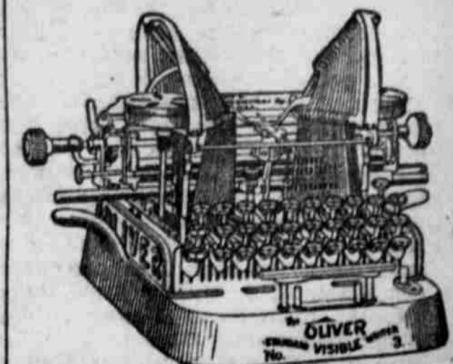
Normally the saliva is alkaline, and any acids produced in the crevices of the teeth are thus neutralized and decay prevented. There are two conditions under which the saliva is unable to neutralize the acids produced locally, namely: (1) when it is deficient in alkalinity, and (2) when it is deficient in quantity. As to the former, it is well known that the saliva becomes less alkaline or even acid in any condition of prolonged gastric digestion, a phenomenon which occurs in nearly all cases of dyspepsia. Moreover, the teeth when decayed further tend to keep up the state of chronic dyspepsia by rendering mastication imperfect. A vicious circle is thus established:

To obviate this form of dental disease the teeth should be washed frequently with a solution of which one of the ingredients is bicarbonate of soda. This may prevent one of the most disagreeable results of the disease—facial neuralgia.

An Unsentimental Fact.

The fact that Andrew Jackson had no children slightly mars the sentiment of the announcement that his granddaughter will have a prominent position at the Woman's Building at the St. Louis exposition.—Washington Post.

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