

MR. BRYAN AND NOMINATION

Washington Post—W. Bourke Cockran, representative of the Twelfth New York district in the house of representatives, orator and Tammany sachem, said at the New Willard last night that William J. Bryan's announcement of his willingness to be his party's candidate for the presidency did not surprise him in the least. "I have always thought," said Mr. Cockran, "that Mr. Bryan is the most honest man in the democratic party. This statement by him only goes to prove it. A more astute and designing politician would have waited until just before the convention to announce the fact that he was in the race for the presidency. But not so with Mr. Bryan. He is so honest that he blurts it right out without waiting." "How about Mr. Bryan's suggestion as to the platform?" "That, too, shows that Mr. Bryan is the most honest democrat of this day. Otherwise he would have waited for the convention to meet before making the platform." "Have you thought of any other candidate?" "I have thought of little else during the past few months."

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Buffalo, N. Y. Times (edited by Norman E. Mack.)—The Brooklyn Eagle, which has always opposed Mr. Bryan, in an editorial suggests that Mr. Mack, democratic national committeeman from New York; Mr. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, and Mr. Conners, chairman of the New York state democratic committee, get together and formulate a program for the democratic party next year which will eliminate Mr. Bryan from the candidacy for president. The Eagle does not give any reason why this should be done. It appears to Mr. Mack that Mr. Bryan is the choice of the rank and file of the democratic party, that he is virtually nominated now, and that any attempt of any man or set of men to formulate a program eliminating Mr. Bryan would be upset by the people. If the Eagle could prove to the people that someone else would make a stronger run than Mr. Bryan they would undoubtedly give its choice consideration, but as he is manifestly the strongest man in sight there is every reason that they should stand for him. Speaking for himself, Mr. Mack is glad to go along with the people. The others mentioned by the Eagle will probably speak for themselves. The expressed willingness of Mr. Bryan to accept the presidential nomination if his party desires him to make the run means that it will have a splendid chance of winning, and it is now the duty of all good democrats to get together and take advantage of the splendid opportunity.

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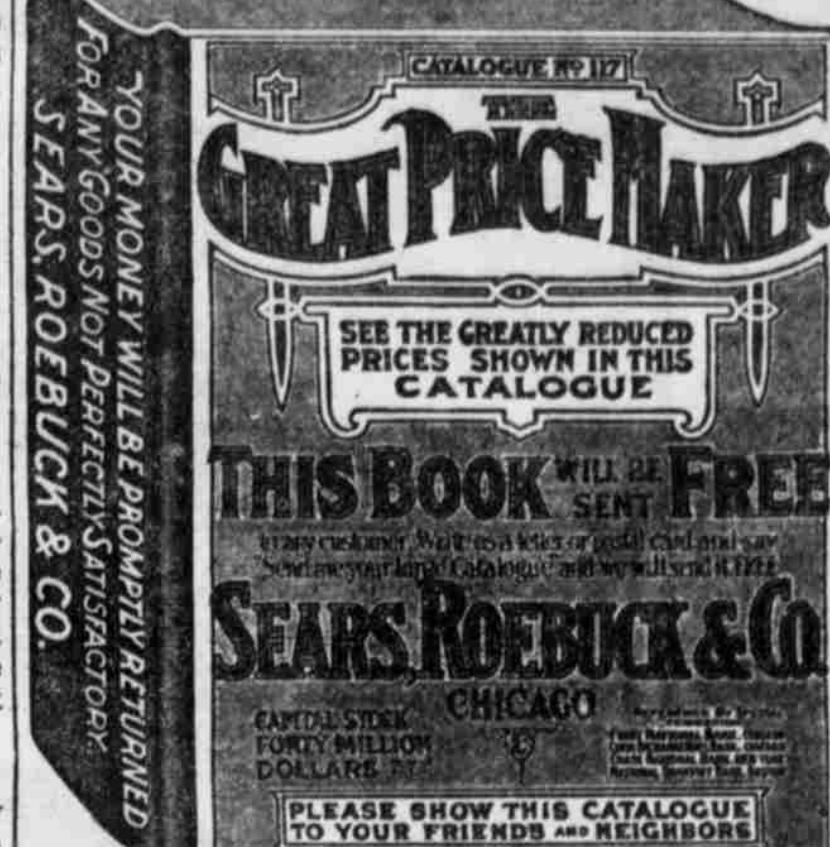
Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald—At a time when republicanism has brought serious trouble to the land it is a mistake to say that Mr. Bryan's supporters will be confined to the democratic party. He will draw supporters from all ranks—from all who feel the pressure of the times, and who are acute enough to trace their troubles back to the party that has held undisputed control of every branch of the government ten years. If he is defeated under such circumstances the story of financial mix-ups will have to be revised, but no one anticipates the need of any such



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revision of our political history. Mr. Bryan is slated to become Theodore Roosevelt's successor, and there will be no more bear hunts.

Nashville Tennessean—Mr. Bryan has spoken clearly and fully, and the issue before the democrats of this country is plain. Those who fear an open fight for principle and democracy must seek another candidate, and those who think the party has a stronger and more available candidate should lose no time in finding him and naming him. Those who believe in the principles for which Mr. Bryan stands so conspicuously, and are willing to make the battle for them, and realize that any other man in the party, should begin now to prepare for the final struggle in the convention. For it is there that the battle for principle will be fought, and it is there that the last word of democratic differences must be spoken. It is our belief that if the democrats shall convene, get together on a ringing, aggressive platform of principle and reform, and nominate the man who more than any other stands for these things, the party will enter the campaign with the strongest chances of success, and with this belief we shall do our part toward the proper concentration of political sentiment and opinion on Mr. Bryan's nomination.

New York Sun—Mr. Bryan will be the democratic candidate for president in 1908 if he can get the nom-

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ination. That is all the statement with which he has enriched his weekly emanation amounts to. He will not accept the judgment of the leading democratic newspapers, for they are against him. But if the democratic voters, the mass of the voters, want him, they can have him. Mr. Bryan fails to define "democratic principles." But his temperament is elastic and his good nature great.

Mark "immediate" any democratic principle that is popular. Mark "ultimate" any Bryan principle not yet yearned for by the Peo-pul. Mr. Bryan will not "negotiate with predatory wealth." He is a Roosevelt democrat.

Baltimore News—Mr. Bryan is fully prepared to be continued in our next.