

Democratic Clubs

A county democratic club was organized at Los Angeles on March 5. G. W. Fox, 214 East Washington street, was elected president; Fred A. Young, 641 North Bunker Hill avenue, vice president; T. M. Knoles, 1914 Santee street, was elected secretary. The resolutions adopted say among other things:

"We favor the Oklahoma system of securing bank deposits and recommend that the system be applied to national banks by act of congress. We denounce the protective tariff laws as a scheme whereby the manufacturers are enabled to levy contribution upon the people by charging the American people higher prices for their products than the prices charged foreigners. We favor fixing a duty on imports which will insure the greatest income to the government until the national bonded debt is fully paid and thereafter a uniform schedule that will provide ample funds for the administration of the affairs of government economically administered.

"We favor penalties for forfeiture of existence and property for corporations violating the law, the same as individuals, and honest, faithful, vigorous enforcement thereof.

"We pledge unalterable fidelity to the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian principles of democracy and we recognize the fact that the matchless orator, the pre-eminent statesman, the great commoner, William Jennings Bryan, will respond to the call of the people and as the untrammelled democratic candidate for president of the United States lead the democratic hosts to overwhelming victory."

At a largely attended meeting, held at 74 Lee avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., recently, the Bryan democratic club of the Fourth assembly district was organized. The following officers were elected: President, Daniel McCleary; vice president, Isaac N. Perlman; secretary, Hugh P. McGinley; treasurer, Patrick F. Carragher. Speeches were made by Charles Rasenberger, Michael Conway, Charles Wertheim and Henry Clay Peters. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Nowhere in the United States are there two more typical exponents of progressive democracy or aggressive honesty in the performance of public duty than William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska and William S. Jackson, the fearless and energetic attorney general of New York state; and

"Whereas, We, the members of the Bryan democratic club of the Fourth assembly district, believe that these two men would make ideal

candidates for president and governor respectively; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we favor the nomination of William J. Bryan for president of the United States by the next democratic national convention; and we favor the nomination of William S. Jackson for governor of the state of New York by the next democratic state convention; and be it further

"Resolved, That we will use all honorable means and our best endeavors to bring about the selection of delegates pledged to their nomination."

The Bryan democratic club of Wellston, Ohio, was organized March 4 with a membership of fifty, which it is expected will soon reach 300. The following officers were elected: President, E. E. Gillingham; vice president, W. E. Braley; secretary, W. J. Huske; treasurer, C. D. Massie. The club adopted resolutions favoring the nomination of Mr. Bryan for the presidency and pledged its members to see that none but loyal democrats, in favor of Mr. Bryan and the principles he advocates, were sent to the various conventions.

A Bryan club was organized at Imperial, Neb., and the following officers were elected: Fred Hoffmeister, president; O. P. Shallenberger, treasurer; H. S. Fliesbach, secretary. The officers were instructed to appoint a committeeman in each precinct. Quite a noticeable feature was the presence of a number of prominent republicans. A great amount of applause was caused when O. P. Shallenberger, president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, said that "everybody in the United States was for Bryan except Harriman and Rockefeller." The object of the organization is clearly stated in the by-laws adopted as follows: "The object of this organization shall be to advance the principles of democracy as taught by Thomas Jefferson, defended by Andrew Jackson and advocated by W. J. Bryan. We invite all those who believe in the principles of W. J. Bryan and his election to the presidency of the United States to unite with us in this movement irrespective of their past political affiliations."

At Fayetteville, N. C., the "Bryan association of Cumberland" was organized. E. J. Hale was chosen president, W. B. Malloy, secretary, H. McD. Robinson, treasurer. These resolutions were adopted:

"It is apparent that the principles of the democratic party, as expounded by William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, and expressed in the Nebraska democratic platform adopted on Thursday, have come to be accepted by the great body of the people as the true American doctrine; that the impending political campaign will be fought out upon the issue whether this government shall be administered for the benefit of the few, as now, or for the benefit of the many, as formerly; that Nature has endowed Mr. Bryan with extraordinary gifts of intellect and with moral and physical powers adapted to its use in behalf of the people; that he is the recognized leader of the millions who long for relief from the burden of class legislation; and that these circumstances and the occasion pre-eminently fit him for leadership of the democratic party as well as for the duties of chief magistrate. Therefore be it Resolved, That this convention of representative democrats of Cumberland county heartily endorse the action of his state of Nebraska in presenting the name of Mr. Bryan to the democratic national convention at Denver for the presidential nomination; That we approve and endorse the platform of principles adopted by the said Nebraska democratic convention as a correct statement of the fundamental principles of the democratic party as applied to the present needs of the country;

That we use our best endeavor to promote the unanimous acceptance of the views and purposes set forth above, by the voters of this county, district and state, and that, for the better execution of these aims, this convention constitute itself a Bryan Democratic association, to be known as the Bryan Association of Cumberland county; That we respectfully invite the democrats of the other counties in North Carolina to co-operate with us by the formation of similar associations."

BOOKS RECEIVED

A Rose of the Old Regime and other poems of home-love and childhood. By the Bentztown Bard. (Folger McKinsey.) Doxey Book Shop Co., Baltimore and London.

Sprigs of Poetry. By Norris C. Sprigg, L. L. D. The Balance Pub. Co., Denver, Colo. Price, leatherette, 50c, cloth, \$1.00.

Fitz Randolph Traditions. A story of a thousand years. Published under the auspices of the New Jersey Historical Society.

The Balsam Groves of the Grandfather Mountain. A tale of the Western North Carolina mountains. Together with information relating to the section and its hotels, also a vocabulary of Indian names and a list of altitudes of important mountains, etc. By Shepherd M. Dugger. Illustrated.

An Average American. Being a true history of leading events in the life of Lafayette, who was born in Kentucky, but "went west to grow up with the country." By E. L. Dohoney, Paris, Texas.

Doniphan's Expedition and the Conquest of New Mexico and California. By William Elsey Connelley, Topeka, Kan. Published by the author.

Mr. Jonathan Twigg. A narrative study. By Lyman Edwyn Davis. The Winona Pub. Co., Chicago, Ill.

The Devil Between the White Man and the Negro. B. W. A. Freeman. Freeman-Norwood Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Patty of the Palms. A story of Porto Rico. By Adam C. Haeselbarth. The Kenny Publishing Co., 1416 Broadway, New York.

A Sovereign People. A study of Swiss democracy. By Henry Demarest Lloyd. Net, \$1.50. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

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