



Mr. Taft has chosen Frank A. Hitchcock to be chairman of the republican national committee. It is said he will make his headquarters at Chicago.

Steve Adams, member of the Western Federation of Miners, was acquitted of the charge of murder in a trial at Grand Junction, Colo.

The democratic convention of Maine has nominated for governor Obediah Gardner of Rockland.

President Roosevelt has written a letter to Mrs. Grover Cleveland, informing her of a proclamation he has signed changing the name of the San Jacinto national forest to the Cleveland national forest in honor of the late former president.

A Lincoln, Neb., dispatch dated July 16 and printed in the Omaha World-Herald follows: "The defeat yesterday of a Taft man for mayor of Walla Walla, Wash., a republican stronghold, was the cause of jubilation at Fairview today. Mr. Bryan announced the receipt of a telegram from W. H. Dunphy, a democratic leader of that city, as follows: 'The democrats of Walla Walla, Wash., send greetings. As first favorable augury of victory at yesterday's election in this city, the home of United States Senator Ankeny, a heretofore republican stronghold, elected Eugene Tausick, democrat, for mayor, over W. V. McKean, republican, by a majority of 942. McKean is president of a local Taft republican club.' Mr. Bryan declared that the election was significant, in that it showed to the country that the democrats have been justified in their forecasts of the trend of political sentiment throughout the country."

The prohibition national convention in session at Columbus, Ohio, nominated Eugene W. Chafin of Illinois, whose name was presented by A. G. Wolfenbarger of Lincoln, Neb., for the presidency, and Prof. A. B. Watkins of Ada, Ohio, for the vice presidency. The convention balloted upon these names for the presidency: William B. Palmore of St. Louis, Joseph P. Tracy of Detroit, Alfred L. Manierre of New York, Daniel R. Sheen of Illinois, Frederick F. Wheeler of Los Angeles, Charles S. Pierce of Dallas and Eugene W. Chafin of Illinois. There were 1,083 votes cast and no one received a majority on the first ballot. While the count was being made the delegations marched about the hall with banners and the cheering continued for fifteen minutes. The choice was finally made on the third ballot. William B. Palmore, the second man, was nominated for vice president by acclamation, but he declined the honor and Prof. Aaron S. Watkins of Ada, Ohio, was nominated on the first ballot.

A Lincoln, Neb., dispatch printed in the Omaha World-Herald follows: "The Central Labor Union of Lincoln will send a committee to Fairview next Friday evening to officially inform William J. Bryan that he has the unanimous support of that body in the forthcoming campaign. Resolutions indorsing Mr. Bryan and the democratic platform were adopted last night by unanimous vote. Many of the members present declared they had always previously voted the republican ticket, but avowed their unwavering support of Bryan. The

resolutions speak of Mr. Bryan as having 'always championed the cause of labor and been true to the toilers in both his public and his private life.' They declare him 'at once the most capable and the fairest in his attitude toward the workers.'

Thomas D. Jordan, former comptroller of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, dropped dead in New York City.

A Saginaw, Mich., dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald follows: "John Mitchell has promised to stump Michigan for the democrats in the coming campaign. State Chairman John T. Winship announced today that he had received a promise, conditional on Mr. Mitchell's health being sufficiently improved to engage actively in politics."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Philadelphia, July 17, follows: "In a statement issued today with reference to the meeting of railroad presidents in New York yesterday at which was discussed the question of raising freight rates, President McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroad, who was present, said that the conclusion reached was that the time is not opportune for an advance in rates in the territory represented at the meeting. Mr. McCrea's statement is in part as follows: 'It appears that there is some misunderstanding in the public mind as to the exact question under discussion. A general advance in all rates has at no time been contemplated, but there has been a general feeling among railroad officers that class rates, upon which the high class and miscellaneous traffic is carried were, all things considered, upon too low a basis. In order to secure all the facts bearing upon the questions, traffic officers were instructed some time ago to give the matter a most careful study. The purpose of the meeting yesterday was to receive the report of progress made and to pass upon certain points, the decision upon which was necessary to enable the traffic officers to proceed with their work. After full consideration and exchange of views the conclusion was unanimous that the time was not opportune for an advance in all class rates applicable to the entire territory represented to the meeting which embraced lines east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river. The traffic officers, however, were requested to further consider the advisability of an increase in rates in specific cases when the present are particularly low in comparison with other rates and in view of the service performed.'

#### MEN WHO WILL NOTIFY BRYAN

The following is the committee appointed to notify William J. Bryan of his nomination for president:

Alaska, R. H. Walker; Arkansas, Gustave Jones; California, Charles Edelman; Colorado, Elmer F. Beckwith; Connecticut, Harry C. Ney; Delaware, Peter J. Ford; Florida, W. S. Jennings; Georgia, Crawford Wheatley; Idaho, Harry L. Day; Illinois, Edward F. Dunne; Indiana, Harry McCarty; Iowa, J. P. O'Malley; Kansas, Charles M. Sawyer; Kentucky, W. R. Haldeman; Louisiana, John Pulston; Maine, Frank W. Morse; Maryland, S. S. Fields; Massachusetts, Humphrey O'Sullivan; Michigan, John Winship; Minnesota, J. W. Pauley; Mississippi, J. R.

Wynne; Missouri, J. W. Farris; Montana, W. B. George; Nebraska, John H. Moorehead; Nevada, Charles R. Evans; New Hampshire, Judge Hutchins; New Jersey, Robert Davis; New York, Lewis Nixon; North Carolina, Edward J. Hale; North Dakota, Frank Lish; Ohio, T. S. Arnold; Oklahoma, D. M. Haley; Oregon, L. M. Travis; Pennsylvania, Dewitt C. Dewitt; Rhode Island, P. H. Keane; South Carolina, T. B. Brantley; South Dakota, S. M. Zeibach; Tennessee, D. G. McKeeler; Texas, William Masterson; Utah, T. H. Fitzgerald; Vermont, James E. Burke; Virginia, J. R. Taylor; Washington, George F. Christensen; West Virginia, C. W. Ossenton; Wisconsin, Bryon Barwig; Wyoming, W. H. Holiday; Alaska, H. W. Mellen; Arizona, W. A. Forbes; District of Columbia, Sam De Nedry; Iowa, Allen Herbert; New Mexico, John Morrow; Porto Rico, D. Collao.

#### MEN WHO WILL NOTIFY MR. KERN

The following is the committee appointed to notify John W. Kern of his nomination for vice president:

Alabama, M. A. Clay; Arkansas, J. H. Crawford; California, J. S. Wardell; Colorado, T. A. Wheeler; Connecticut, Frank P. Fenton; Delaware, L. Irving Handy; Florida, M.

M. Brown; Georgia, Lindsay J. L. Johnson; Idaho, W. H. Eckles; Illinois, William H. Warder; Indiana, Sig Kann; Iowa, Charles Bullock; Kansas, S. S. Graybill; Kentucky, J. T. Griffith; Louisiana, John Marshall; Maine, James R. Abbott; Maryland, Jackson H. Ralston; Massachusetts, John O'Gara; Michigan, E. E. McKnight; Minnesota, John C. Wise; Mississippi, M. C. McGhee; Missouri, R. L. Hamilton; Montana, R. A. Ford; Nebraska, Andrew M. Morrissey; Nevada, W. S. Elliott; New Jersey, V. Clarence Cole; New York, James Norton; North Carolina, W. J. Cooke; North Dakota, P. H. Perry; Ohio, A. J. Runyon; Oklahoma, John J. Gerlach; Oregon, Dan J. Fry; Pennsylvania, Mortimer G. Rhone; Rhode Island, P. J. Murphy; South Carolina, Thomas R. Waring; South Dakota, Andrew Foley; Tennessee, J. C. McLean; Texas, Rice Maxey; Utah, J. D. Call; Vermont, James E. Burker; Virginia, E. I. Ford; Washington, L. B. Bignold; West Virginia, S. A. Hayes; Wisconsin, Gilbert T. Hodges; Wyoming, M. G. R. Johnston; Alaska, John A. Duckworth; Arizona, W. A. Forbes; District of Columbia, John J. Purcell; Hawaii, O. T. Shipman; New Mexico, G. A. Richardson; Porto Rico, I. L. Hill.

## The Newspapers and the Ticket

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only with conditions which menace the existence of popular government. It is a platform which any democrat can stand on."

The New York Evening Mail (rep.) says: "Yet the Bryan candidacy is not to be regarded lightly. In our opinion he is the strongest man the democrats could have named. Governor Johnson would not have vitalized the democratic party the country over as Mr. Bryan will. The democracy is not yet ready for a safe and sane candidate—it is at least four years away from accepting that kind of leadership. In the state, and elsewhere in the east, it may be; but take the country as a whole and the party will be found as unresponsive and indifferent to wise leadership as it was four years ago."

The New York Sun (rep.) says: "The democratic party continues to be dominated by western radicalism. It is instinct with populism, socialism, the intention to enlarge the activity of the central government. \* \* \* The republican party will be rid of Mr. Roosevelt in a few months. When will the democratic party be rid of Mr. Bryan? Even if he is ever graciously disposed to give up the profitable business of being the democratic leader and candidate for president, will the sansculottism which he has impressed upon his party be any less ardently loved in the west? And the democratic party today is western. Oklahoma's little finger is bigger in it than the loins of the east and of the south. Some time will Bryanism, LaFolletteism and Rooseveltism come together, as they belong, while the conservative South, west and east form a party that will stand for equal rights, even to property, and for something resembling government under the constitution of the United States instead of that of Oklahoma."

Hearst's New York American says: "For the third time William J. Bryan has been nominated by the democratic party—or rather by that fragment of former efficiency which is called the democratic party. We have lost confidence in the democratic party as millions of other democrats have. We can not see in this nomination any hope. We are bound to add, with regret, that we have

lost confidence also in William J. Bryan, who by well manipulated boss-ship has compelled this nomination. No reliance can be placed on the democratic platform or on Bryan's declarations. The democratic platform declares for one set of principles at one election and for an entirely different set at the next election, while Bryan is apparently without permanent principle or sincere conviction, or even honest attitude. The democratic party has become a weathercock of what its inferior leaders imagine to be the expression of public opinion. It reflects supinely the corporation instinct and servility of a Parker, and it is ready at the next moment to reflect the half-baked, ill-matured opinions of some imaginary radical."

The Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette says: "Bryan and Roosevelt are indeed the most powerful figures in their respective parties. But there is a difference that we have before pointed out and which typifies the two parties. Bryan is a leader; Roosevelt is a dictator."

The Cumberland (Md.) Evening Times says: "The spirit of aggressiveness that pervades the democratic national platform seems to have struck something akin to terror in the ranks of the republicans. They are astounded at its vigor, its clearness and its statesmanship in dealing with the public questions of the day."

The Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Evening Gazette calls the platform progressive.

The Buffalo (N. Y.) Times heartily endorses the ticket and says: "The reason the democratic platform contains so many words is that the democracy really has something to say to the people."

The Boise (Ida.) Capital-News says: "For the first time in sixteen years, the democracy of the nation turns its face towards its enemy with unsullied ranks and unbroken, a united and harmonious democracy. And a united and harmonious democracy has never been defeated."

The Washington (D. C.) Herald says: "There is nothing of the firebrand in the platform of the democratic convention. It contains no utterance that is startling, menacing, or calculated in the slightest

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