

C. W. Bryan Nominated for Governor

Charles W. Bryan of Lincoln, publisher and associate editor of The Commoner, was nominated as the Nebraska Democratic candidate for governor in the state-wide primaries, held July 18.

The result came as the sequel of a spirited campaign in which four contestants competed. When the first tabulations were announced, Dan B. Butler of Omaha, due to the splendid vote he received in his home city of Omaha and in Douglas county, led the race by a good margin of votes, but later returns from over the state cut down this lead steadily. Mr. Bryan finally overcame Mr. Butler's lead, passed it, and led Mr. Butler by a plurality of of 3,663 votes when the vote was completed.

The final official figures on candidates for governor were as follows: J. N. Norton, 19,589; Dan B. Butler, 24,546; Charles W. Bryan, 28,209; W. M. Maupin, 6,407.

The balance of the state ticket selected by the Democrats follows: Lieutenant-governor, P. J. Mullin; secretary of state, Charles W. Pool; auditor, Grant L. Shumway; land commissioner, M. C. Warrington; treasurer, George E. Hall; attorney-general, Kenneth W. McDonald; railway commissioner, Fred C. Ayres.

Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Omaha was renominated for United States senator by an overwhelming vote.

The following were nominated for congress by the Democrats: First district regular, John H. Morehead; First district vacancy, W. C. Parriot; Second district, James H. Hanley; Third district, Edgar Howard; Fourth district, H. B. Cummins; Fifth district, Ashton C. Shallenberger; Sixth district regular, Charles W. Beal; Sixth district vacancy, W. M. Maupin.

MR. BRYAN RECEIVES BEST WISHES OF ALL THREE OPPONENTS

(From the Lincoln Star.)

The exchange of telegrams between Charles W. Bryan, Democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska and his opponents in the recent primary contest, show the existence of the most friendly feeling between them and contain promises of active support in the November election for the chosen candidate.

Dan B. Butler of Omaha sent the following telegram:

"Omaha, Neb., July 20.—C. W. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.

"Congratulations. Too much 'harmony.' However, I still have my coal yard.

"DAN B. BUTLER."

Mr. Bryan replied to Mr. Butler follows:

"Lincoln, Neb., July 20.—Hon. Dan B. Butler, City Hall, Omaha, Neb.

"Sincerely appreciate your congratulations. You made a good fight, and you are also a good loser. I also have a coal yard but hope to dispose of it the first of the year. I will need lots of help between now and November, and know I can count on you.

"CHARLES W. BRYAN."

The telegram sent to Mr. Bryan by J. N. Norton and Mr. Bryan's answer are as follows:

"Hyannis, Neb., July 22.—Hon. Charles W. Bryan, care of The Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.

"Please allow me the privilege of extending to you as the successful candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor my most sincere feeling of good will and congratulations and of offering you as your friend my earnest support in the coming campaign for election.

"J. N. NORTON."

Mr. Bryan replied:

"Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—Hon. J. N. Norton, Polk, Neb.

"Your kind words of congratulation are typical of you. I sincerely reciprocate the kindly feeling expressed, and appreciate more than words can tell your generous offer of support, which means so much to the success of the cause of the common people in November.

"CHARLES W. BRYAN."

Will M. Maupin, who was likewise defeated for the nomination by Mr. Bryan, telegraphed the successful candidate as follows:

"Gering, Neb., July 21.—Charles W. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.

"My congratulations on your victory, and they are sincere. While not wholly convinced that the best man won, I am sure the best candidate

was nominated. My humble services are at your command during the campaign. A good Democrat takes his medicine gracefully and that's the kind of Democrat I am.

"WILL M. MAUPIN."

Mr. Bryan's reply:

"Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—Will M. Maupin, Gering, Neb.

"Your telegram of congratulations received. My long association with you in the newspaper business has raised some doubt in my mind as to whether the best man won but no doubt exists as to my satisfaction with the result of the primary. Your assurances of support were unnecessary because I knew what you would do. Nevertheless, I formally accept your generous offer and appreciate it greatly.

"CHARLES W. BRYAN."

"BROTHER CHARLES"

Charles W. Bryan is something more than the devoted brother of the Great Commoner. He is the Democratic nominee for governor of Nebraska, for one thing, and the World-Herald joins with the great body of united and militant Nebraska Democrats in the fond hope and confident belief that he will be Nebraska's next governor.

"Brother Charles" has fairly won his spurs in his own right. Nebraska has come to know him as a first class fighting man, with the courage of a lion and the aggressiveness of a Jack Dempsey. The city of Lincoln has learned, in years of experience, that he is a capable executive, alert, intelligent, active, keen, fearless, and devoted to the interests of the people whom he serves. He isn't the kind of man who lurks in the underbrush. He loves a fight for a cause in which he believes, and he does his fighting out in the open, wearing his heart on his sleeve as he fights. His word is as good as a United States bond, and he is as devoted to principle as he is devoid of malice.

There is something about that kind of man that one can't help admiring. The World-Herald has admired him even at times when he was doing his darndest to lay low its fondest aspirations. He fought fairly and he fought honestly, and we have never questioned that his convictions were as sincerely held as our own.

The issues that arose unfortunately to divide the Democrats of Nebraska are settled issues. The old, the fundamental, issues—the issues that Jefferson fought for, that Jackson fought for, that William Jennings Bryan fought for—and with him, shoulder to shoulder, Gilbert M. Hitchcock—these issues remain. The equal rights of the common people as against the privileges of those who esteem themselves superior and entitled to superior advantages at the hand of government—it is for this that the Democratic party has fought throughout its history, and that fight was never more in need of devoted champions than it is today. It is that devotion that makes men and women Democrats, and that, in a great crisis in the history of our land, has reunited the democracy of Nebraska.

Charles W. Bryan is a qualified leader for such a campaign. He has the energy and acumen to make it a winning campaign. And, what is more important, he can be depended upon when elected to make good his campaign pledges, and to continue the fight for them to the last hour he remains in office.

Mr. Bryan as a candidate for governor will appeal with peculiar force to the independent voters, who are rapidly growing in number. He fights more for principle than for party, and has never stayed his hand against his own party when he believed it to be wrong. When he is elected Nebraska will have a state government that functions, that is on the job actively, and that will be responsive to the wishes and devoted to the interests of its citizens.—Omaha World-Herald.

BRYAN AND GOVERNORSHIP

The Democrat is going to make free to prophesy that Charles Bryan is going to be the next governor of Nebraska. There are good reasons to believe all this is to come to pass and the editor of this paper hopes the prophecy will come true. The Democrat does not know of any man in Nebraska better qualified to bring this state back to legislative normalcy than Mr. Bryan. It will have to be admitted that the state has gone so wild over taxes that he or any other governor elected is going to have some job to do the extravagant mischief already inflicted on the taxpayers and the state. But Charley Bryan has demonstrated during his official career in the affairs of Lincoln that he is not only constructive but that he loves a fight and once in the

governor's chair will not be found lacking in courage to put across whatever he starts out to bring to pass. Charley Bryan is more than a shrewd politician. In the case of every economic reform he has attempted to bring about in Lincoln he has met with the bitterest opposition from the most influential and powerful business interests in that city and with hardly a single exception he has beaten them and badly at that. The reason he has been able to do this has been due to the honesty and justness underlying every fight he has instituted. In each case he has always championed something in behalf of the great call of the people and has appealed to the mass of the people and when it came to the final show-down the people rallied back of him. His record in the city council of Lincoln has proven he is an economist on efficient government and the Democrat predicts if he is elected to the governorship that when he steps out of office he will always be referred to by the state historians of the future as having given Nebraska its most efficient business administration and that the people will be favored with constructive legislation to the end of extravagance in state expenditures and elimination of everything in affairs of state that now contribute to high taxes and increasing burden of state expenses.—Hastings Democrat.

There isn't any question about Charlie Bryan's candidacy for governor being a mighty popular one at this time. Men are quietly announcing themselves as his supporters on all sides. Somehow there is a well defined opinion among the voters, that Charlie Bryan has the qualifications to make a people's governor and that he fully understands their needs. That he will clean house if elected, there isn't any question and that he will cut off a lot of useless heads and pare state expenses to the minimum, there will be no question. There won't be 500 extra jobs to pass out under the code bill when Bryan becomes governor, because the code bill is going to go—Charlie says so.

Republicans are pretty well satisfied with Charlie Bryan as a candidate for governor. That's why you hear them announcing all over the state, that Charlie will be the next governor. Everybody knows where Charlie stands. There isn't any guessing. He has the nerve to do just what he says he will do and every voter in the state knows that too.—Blue Hill Leader.

Charles Bryan, Democratic candidate for governor, is one of the best known politicians in the state. For many years he was closely associated with his brother, W. J. Bryan in business, being business manager of The Commoner.

Mr. Bryan's character and private life are above reproach. He is not afraid to take a bold stand against the wrong, even when it may be unpopular to do so. The high standards maintained by him have won him a host of admirers, regardless of political affiliation.

As mayor of Lincoln Mr. Bryan showed so much ability that he was urged to file for the office of chief executive. His decided victory over a strong opponent in the primary would indicate that the people over the state feel that he would make a real, honest-to-goodness governor, on the job all the time, and working for the best interests of the state.—Seward Independent-Democrat.

One of the surprises to some of us was the big vote Charley Bryan got for governor on the Democratic ticket at the primary. He carried this old-time wet precinct. Charley has been a dry fighter for years, but he never went outside the Democratic party to do his fighting and for that reason the old boys all respected him for it at the polls the other day. In the past years Charley took his lickings awfully well. The wets rubbed it into him for a long time and he smiled and they rubbed it in some more, but he would be back next convention as a regular delegate. Beside all this he has shown some real management in big things the past few years and now we are going to make him governor if we can, and that will give his great energy and ability full swing in working out and trimming down many of the things that need lopping off today.—Lawrence Locomotive.

Everybody became familiar with what less majesty meant when the kaiser was sitting on what he mistakenly thought was the top of the world. But it is entirely too mild a term to apply to what is happening in Massachusetts where five Republicans have deliberately entered the Republican primary as opponents of Henry Cabot Lodge for the senatorial nomination.