

republicans can present except it be LaFollette of Wisconsin. The Badger senator is not a party favorite, but the politicians who are wise and read the signs of the times aright believe that LaFollette would command many thousands of votes in every state west of the Alleghenies that Roosevelt could not command.

The question of expelling Senator Smoot from the senate is warmly debated among politicians who do not like the case, presented from any point of view. So much fuss has been made over this that the majority party feel that they must expel the senator although they admit that the senator is innocent of the charges brought against him and that the expulsion, when it takes place, will be little less than a blow struck against the Mormon church in response to a loud clamor from certain sections that this be done.

### TERRIBLE FLOODS IN CHINA

#### High Water in Hunan Causes Death of Thousands

Victoria, B. C.—Mail advices from Hankow, China, show that the great floods of this spring in Hunan caused an appalling loss of life, amounting to tens of thousands. The rivers were higher than in any previous year and swept over the dykes, submerged houses and covered an immense area. In fact the whole valley of the Slang was flooded, the floods pouring over the dykes in torrents. Siantan, a prosperous city, was flooded with water to the second stories of the riverside buildings. This place is the terminus of river steamers, thirty miles from Chansha, and all business is at a standstill. At Chansha the water flooded through the city gates, flooding out the people, sampans being as high as the tree tops in places and tremendous loss was occasioned. The river was thick with wreckage and villagers on floating roofs. The foreign commissioners in Siantan were heavy losers though all escaped in boats. None could estimate the loss of life, which was placed at tens of thousands.

A famine will follow, for the floods have brought disaster to an immense area of the best rice growing districts in Hunan.

### PATRICK DENIED NEW TRIAL

#### Recorder Goff So Rules in Rice Murder Case

New York—Recorder Goff has denied a motion for a new trial in the case of Albert T. Patrick, the convicted murderer of William March Rice.

Patrick's lawyers it is said, were prepared for the adverse decision, and have the papers ready for an application to the United States supreme court for a writ of error and for a writ of habeas corpus. These applications would again delay the carrying out of the death sentence and would make the fifth postponement for Patrick, who has now been in the death house in Sing Sing for more than four years.

The last resort in the effort to save Patrick will be an application to Governor Higgins for a commutation of the death sentence.

### Infested by Pirates

Lisbon, Portugal—Official reports from Macao, Portuguese China, state that piratical craft infest the coast of that neighborhood. A number of trading steamers and other small vessels have encountered pirates, to their loss. The Portuguese sailing vessel, Dona Carolina, was attacked and robbed of 1,200 pounds of money, and her cargo was looted. Several British vessels plying between Hong Kong and Macao complain of being pursued and fired upon by the pirates. A Portuguese cruiser has been ordered to proceed to Macao and put an end to the depredations.

## BRYAN BOOM FOR 1908

Endorsed by Four State Conventions  
—Former Party Leaders Are  
Now for Him

Missouri—First state to indorse Bryan for the presidency in 1908. Party leaders of all factions united at the state convention in declaring the Nebraskan "the greatest American citizen."

Iowa—Bryan indorsed by counties. Delegates to state convention expected to indorse him as presidential candidate in the state platform.

Indiana—State convention pledged full electoral vote to Bryan, more than a hundred former leaders in the gold democracy falling into line.

Ohio—Bryan indorsed in county and judicial conventions.

Arkansas—State convention gave Bryan unanimous indorsement.

South Dakota—Delegates to the state convention pledged solid support to the Nebraskan and put a special indorsement plank in the state platform.

With four states pledged to his support and others falling into line, William Jennings Bryan will, in August, return from his travels to find his star again in the ascendant and his boom as presidential candidate in 1908 under full headway. Conservatives and radicals of 1896 are flocking into camp, so far as the developments of the last few weeks indicate, and gold democrats and free silver men alike are acclaiming the former leader as the "logical candidate."

The growing harmony was shown when former Senator William F. Vilas of Wisconsin, who was one of Bryan's bitter opponents in 1896, announced himself for the Nebraskan simultaneously with a similar declaration from former Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas, twice chairman of the democratic national committee and manager of both the Bryan campaigns.

### Are Firmly for Bryan

Former Senator Vilas, who was a member of President Cleveland's cabinet during his first administration, and was one of the foremost supporters of the Palmer-Buckner ticket in 1896, came out flatfooted in Milwaukee for the former standard bearer of the party, declaring that he is the logical candidate, while in Washington former Senator Jones, closest political friend of Bryan, indulged in a like announcement, adding the remark:

"I am inclined to doubt whether Bryan wants the nomination. Two races for the presidency ought to be enough to satisfy any man, but if the convention should nominate him I do not think he would refuse to run. I believe he would stand for any other candidate who espouses the same principles he espouses."

Although the national campaign is two years away, the recrudescence of Bryan sentiment has taken on the proportions of a widespread political movement, and all signs point to a concerted effort on the part of the party leaders to advance the Nebraskan to the front at once and thus head off other candidates. The greatest outburst of Bryan enthusiasm comes from the west, where four states in their party conventions have indorsed the "prophet of the Platte," while two others have indorsed him by counties.

Missouri took the lead, and at the democratic state convention held in St. Louis last Tuesday declared in its platform that Bryan was the greatest American citizen. The boom was led by former Governor David R. Francis, secretary of the interior in President Cleveland's cabinet and leader of the sound money democrats in his state, who declared that the conservative wing of the party could

unite with the radical wing in supporting Mr. Bryan.

Governor Folk followed with the declaration that Bryan would be nominated that Bryan would be nominated and that the principles advocated by the standard-bearer of the party which were considered anarchistic in 1896 now were looked at as the "acme of patriotism." After this outburst the Missourians unanimously adopted a platform pledging solid support to the Nebraskan.

In Indiana on Thursday the democratic convention was a Bryan convention, the ticket nominated is a Bryan ticket, and the atmosphere throughout the conclave was unmistakably Bryan. Such a remarkable condition was never before seen in Indiana. Among the democrats who demanded the indorsement, among the leaders who framed it, and among the visiting democrats, who applauded when it was read, were more than 100 men who fought Bryan in 1896 and who supported him in 1900 in a perfunctory, apologetic spirit.

In the convention, as delegates, were Judge J. C. Robinson, who was a Palmer and Buckner elector in 1896; Colonel Charles J. Jewett, who formally entered the republican ranks in 1896 after years of service as a democrat and who was a delegate to the convention in Philadelphia that nominated McKinley for a second term; Samuel O. Pickens, state chairman of the gold democrats in 1896, and a score of others who were prominent as dissenters from the Chicago platform in 1896.

They were all in line, and when the intense moment in the convention came and the indorsement was read, gold democrats and free silver men pranced up and down the aisles and joined hands in a war dance.

### Other States in Line

Before Indiana got into action the Bryan movement had been given impetus by Arkansas and South Dakota, both of which in their democratic state conventions gave Bryan an unanimous indorsement and went wild with enthusiasm at the mention of the Nebraskan's name.

Two other western states, Ohio and Iowa, are primed for similar action. In each the democrats have declared for Bryan by counties, and the delegates to the state convention from a majority of the districts will be instructed to vote for an indorsement plank in the platform.

### DEMAND FOR REFORM

#### Douma Stands for Settlement of the Land Problem

St. Petersburg—The discussion of agrarian problem is now claiming the attention of the douma to the exclusion of all other subjects. Exerted pressure is being brought to bear upon labor deputies by their constituents, who have been flooding them with letters and telegrams demanding that they shall stand firm on the agrarian question. The peasant electors also insist on immediate attention being given toward their burdens. The effect of this agitation has been to stir up the labor deputies to unusual exertions. A proposal to limit the time of speakers in the douma was rejected.

### WOMEN FOR STRICT MEAT LAW

#### Council of General Federation of Clubs Urges Action by Congress.

St. Paul.—The council of the General Federation of Women's clubs today passed a resolution commending President Roosevelt for his efforts in securing an investigation of the Chicago packing houses, and urging congress to pass stringent remedial legislation.

The council decided to hold its next meeting, which takes place between biennial years, at Jamestown, Va., the last week in April, 1907.

## TWO MORE CANDIDATES

Chas. H. Weston Wants the Republican Nomination for Governor

An index of the red-hot character of the political contest that will convulse Nebraska this summer is the injection of two new candidates for nominations at the hands of the republican state convention. Frank M. Currie, formerly state senator from Custer county, who will make a contest for the United States senatorship, and former Auditor Charles H. Weston, who wishes to be named for governor.

Both men have strong personal followings, but as neither has given an indication of where he stands upon the great issues of today, their strength as candidates will be unknown. Weston comes from way up in the northwest, where he is a banker and stock raiser. His entry into the contest has been foreshadowed for some time. One of his most persistent boosters in this city has been the gentleman who attends to the political business of the Northwestern railroad during legislative sessions, and the politicians say that he will likely have the road behind him when the wind-up comes. Weston is rather a puzzle to the political seers. He is an able man, with a clean record for honesty and integrity. He is a man of culture and force. His friends say that it is absurd and unjust to class him as a railroad sympathizer or as a man whom the railroads could influence as a public official, yet among the wisest of the politicians he is being picked out as a man the railroads are likely to unite upon, not their first choice, but the "sane, conservative man" that is their last resort.

Currie was a factor in the contest for the place Millard now holds. He is a well educated man, a former school teacher who turned to stock raising in later years. Currie is well liked by all who know him. He has a considerable acquaintance among the politicians, but it is not so well known out in the state among the people generally. He resisted the blandishments of the railroads in his senatorial fight in 1901, and refused the tentative offer of the Mexican embassy that Thompson finally landed, if he would get out of the way for Rosewater. Currie has not been active in state politics in the last five years, and just where he does line up in the new deal is not known here. He is now in Mexico on business.

### Millard Despondent

That the railroads have not given up all hope of inducing the state convention to pass up a senatorial nomination is shown by a dispatch to the World-Herald from Washington this morning. It says:

"On the whole," said Senator Millard today, "I would prefer that the state convention in Nebraska should not nominate a candidate for senator."

"There is, I understand, some movement in the state to have the scheme of convention nomination given up. I am not taking any hand in the fight and do not expect I will, but there are some evidences that people at home are interesting themselves. I think if the nomination is not made

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