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BRYAN'S ROYAL WELCOME

Fifty Thousand in Front of State House and Thundered a Hearty Welcome Home

William Jennings Bryan came home to his home folks Wednesday afternoon. Since landing on American soil he has been meeting "home folks," but the meeting last evening excelled all, and the Lincoln reception was the one that most touched his heart. He said so. That statement was made from the north balcony of the state capitol before a sea of upturned faces, covering between three and four acres. From the train he had been followed by his enthusiastic admirers to the home of his brother. There he was compelled to say a few words expressing his pleasure at meeting home friends. He dismissed his admirers there that he might refresh himself, promising to meet them later on at the state capitol. When he appeared on the balcony at 7:30, before a field covered with human beings crowded together as thickly as they could stand, he was greeted with a mighty cheer—one that began at that point in the crowd where he could first be seen and rolled over the mass like a mighty wave as he came into full view. Thousands who were there could not hear a word he said, but they saw him and they made known their presence. The voice of Mr. Bryan, strong and clear as it is, was not equal to the task set, and only those in a limited area could understand clearly what he said. Thousands stood with upturned faces during his entire address, unable to hear a word, but pleased and entertained at the scene before them. The state house grounds were dark toward the close of the address, but Mr. Bryan's figure stood out plainly in the light given by two clusters of strong incandescents. Mr. Bryan's speech was the feature of the program of speaking, the addresses of Mayor Brown and Governor Mickey being listened to with impatience. Mayor Brown's speech was very brief, and he fared well, but the rather lengthy address of Governor Mickey was more than the crowd cared to hear and he was asked many times to give way to Lincoln's distinguished globe trotter. The governor was hooted and interrupted frequently, but insisted on delivering his entire address.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan returned home from their travels around the world in good health, although fatigued by inconveniences of travel and the strenuous life they have been leading during the past week.

After a year's absence from his home city many of his neighbors desired to greet him. He rode with bared head through the streets, recognizing his friends and neighbors on every hand. Passing down South Seventeenth street where the family formerly lived, his attention was fre-

quently directed to personal friends waving to him from the curb. At the reception they met him and shook his hand, congratulated him on his safe return, and emphasized the home welcoming. His partisan friends were more than usually exuberant, and they predicted for him political success sufficient to cure the political failures he has endured in the past.

WELCOME IN NEW YORK

Receives Tremendous Ovation—Addresses 20,000 People on Issues

Such a welcome as seldom in this country's history has been accorded a private citizen was given W. J. Bryan at Madison Square Garden in New York City on the evening of the 30th ult., in the celebration of his return from a year of foreign travel.

As the guest of the Commercial Travelers' Anti-Trust league, Mr. Bryan was greeted by more than 20,000 persons, who filled the great structure from the floor to the upper gallery. The streets and avenues outside the garden were choked for blocks by other thousands who stood patiently for hours for the privilege of even a fleeting glance at the distinguished visitor. The interior of the garden was a waving sea of color. Every person in the audience had been provided with an American flag and every cheer from 20,000 throats was accentuated by the waving of 20,000 staffs bearing the stars and stripes.

When Mr. Bryan entered the hall the proceedings which had already begun were brought to a temporary pause while for eight minutes volley after volley of thunderous cheers rolled through the great building. When Chairman Tom L. Johnson in his introduction of Mr. Bryan referred to the guest of the evening as "the first citizen, if not the first official of the land—not yet their st official," and Mr. Bryan rose, the great gathering broke out in unrestrained cheering, while the band played "Hail to the Chief."

So touched was Mr. Bryan by the welcome that as he stood waiting for the cheers to subside his eyes filled with tears and he strode nervously from side to side of the narrow platform.

"How can I thank you for this welcome home?" he said. "My heart would be ungrateful if it did not consecrate itself to your service. It was kind to prepare this reception. It was kind of Governor Folk to come here all the way from Missouri. It was kind of Tom Johnson, that example of the moral courage we so much need in this country, to tender his presence here. It was kind in you to recompense me fully in being absent so long from my native land. I thank you. I return to the land of my birth, more proud of my citizenship than ever before."

The doors of Madison Square Garden were opened at 5:30 o'clock and by that time hundreds of ticket holders were clamoring for admittance. Police lines had been formed for three blocks from all entrances. In this way the early comers were well handled. The immense auditorium

with its tiers of balconies and galleries rising to the great glass roof began to fill up so quickly that the ushers and policemen had difficulty in adhering to the seating arrangements. It was a gay spirited, big natured audience which had a cheer for every one. There were calls and counter-calls from the various state delegations.

Mr. Bryan was presented at 8:40 o'clock. The audience was on its feet as one man. The cheering which began at that instant did not end until 8:48, and then only after Mr. Bryan had waved his hands frantically in an effort to still the waves of noise which rolled in from the audience and beat upon the speakers' platform. At first the man for whom the demonstration was planned stood bowing and smiling along the girdered dais. Then his attitude was one of appeal.

GREATEST IN HISTORY

State Fair Breaks Records in Character of Exhibits and Attendance

Monday 5,080
Tuesday 17,720
Wednesday 42,233

Wednesday Attendance

Burlington coupons 12,836
C. & N. W. coupons 2,080
U. P. coupons 1,661

Total coupons 16,577
General admissions 22,457

Paid admissions 39,034
Exhibitors 1,136
Employers' clerks 417
Concessions 683
General complimentary 252
Press 711
Total at gates 42,233
Amphitheatre 12,936
Total 55,169

All records for a single day's attendance at the state fair were smashed beyond recognition by the immense crowd which swarmed through the gates Wednesday. The banner day crowd of last year's fair, which was accounted easily the largest single day's record in the history of the exposition up to that time, was rendered a mere memory. Forty-two thousand two hundred and thirty-three people, nearly 15,000 more than passed through the gates on Thursday of last year, were admitted on tickets. This number by no means indicates the total attendance, either, for tickets were not taken for children, thousands of whom were on the grounds. As it was, however, the total attendance for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this year's fair, is already almost two thousand in excess of the entire five days last year. The excess over the first three days of the exposition of 1905 is about 13,000. It is believed by the officers of the fair that yesterday's attendance will be almost if not duplicated today, since thousands of people arrived in the city on the late trains Wednesday for the Bryan reception, who were not able to attend the fair then but will do so on Thursday.

PAY A LAST TRIBUTE

Thousands View the Remains of Edward Rosewater at Omaha—Prominent Men Attend Funeral

The funeral of Edward Rosewater, late proprietor and editor of the Omaha Bee, who was found dead Friday morning, occurred Sunday afternoon with Masonic honors, from the rotunda of the Bee building.

The body was exposed to public view between the hours of twelve and three o'clock, during which time many thousands of people of all classes filed past the casket.

Never during his long and active life was there such a token of respect to the memory of Edward Rosewater as was paid by the thousands who thronged the Bee building where the last obsequies were held. It was an outpouring of people in all walks of life, from the highest Nebraska officials to the humblest employe of the newspaper or building company, and all united in their expressions of reverence for a man who had for half a century labored unceasingly and untirely for the rights of the people as he saw them.

The spacious court of the Bee building, one of the prides of Mr. Rosewater's life was a solemn chamber of mourning and it was sombre with the imposing tokens of death. The court on every floor was filled and thousands unable to find standing room in the great building, thronged the streets outside or sat on the sloping lawns of the court house opposite. Simplicity, which characterized every phase of Mr. Rosewater's life, marked the proceedings.

It was a common remark that Mr. Rosewater's countenance looked most natural and the thousands who took a last look at the familiar features during the three hours before the services began, showed by their sad faces and moistened eyes the loss which they felt in his death.

The ceremony consisted of the Masonic ritual service, which was conducted by Worshipful Master Charles L. Porter, assisted by George W. Linger, followed by addresses by Dr. George L. Miller, Robert Colwell and W. J. Connell, of Omaha; Norris Brown, attorney general of Nebraska, and Melvin R. Hopewell, republican nominee for lieutenant governor.

At the conclusion of the addresses a quartet sang "Lead Kindly Light." The services in the rotunda were closed with an impressive Masonic ceremony with prayer by Rabbi Cohn, of Temple Israel.

Hundreds came from out in the state and joined with the thousands in Omaha to make the number the largest ever assembled in Nebraska on a similar occasion—the outpouring of common people to the funeral of a private citizen—ever assembled in the country.