THE PUBLIC EYE

JOHN WORTH KERN



John Worth Kern, selected by the Democratic convention at Denver as Bryan's running mate in the national campaign of this fall, is conceded to be the leader of the Indiana Democracy.

Mr. Kern has run several times for governor, and each time he was said to have reunited the warring factions of the Democratic party and to have won over a large Republican following, but each time he was badly defeated. He was elected city attorney in Kokomo In 1871 and served several years. He was elected reporter of the Indiana supreme court, but was defeated for reelection. He served two terms in the state senate and one as city attorney of Indianapolis, but some Republican always happened to come along to

This does not imply that Mr. Kern is a weak or an unpopular man in his state, for he is neither. Democracy was on the down grade in Indiana when he was coming to the front, and was only kept from dissolution by the phenomenal strength of United States Senator Voorhees, the "tail sycamore of the Wabash," who managed to have a Democratic legislature elected just in time to re-elect him to the senate when his term expired. Since he dropped out of politics just before his death, a little over ten years ago, Democracy in Indiana had been practically wiped off the map, and Mr. Kern has had no more show than would a Democrat in Michigan.

He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and for a time practiced law in Kokomo, but later moved to Indianapolis, where he has since lived. He has a high reputation in his native state, and is a man of considerable personal magnetism

WINFIELD SCOTT HAMMOND



Winfield Scott Hammond, the man who placed he name of Gov. Johnson in nomination for the presidency, is a member of congress from the Second Minnesota district.

Hammond is the official Johnson nominator. This thing of nominating Johnson may almost be said to have become a habit with him. He nominated Johnson at the Minnesota state convention one time, and to the surprise of a large number of people who thought they knew something about the game of politics the country editor was nominated. To the surprise, too, of an even larger number of people, he was elected. When his term was out Congressman Hammond arose before another state convention and nominated him again. This time the outcome was not so unexpected.

When the Minnesota executive made up his mind to let his name go before the Democratic national convention it was suggested to him that he permit some eloquent orator, some spellbinder of the Bourke Cockran type, to make the nominating speech. But Mr. Johnson balked.

"Out there in St. James, Minn.," he said, "there is a plain-spoken sort of chap who does my nominating just about the way I like to have it done. I have had some experience with bis brand of nominating, and I don't know that I have a single objection to make to it. And I reckon, when I have any more nominating to be done, I'll just let Win Hammond do it, for he's my

Hammond lives in one of the string of towns up in Minnesota that seem to have been christened by some pious persons in the intervals between prayer meetings and Epworth league sessions. He lives in St. James. Gov. Johnson lives in St. Peter, and when he left there it was to go to St. Paul. Congressman Hammond is Massachusetts-born, a Dartmouth graduate and when he came west in 1884 he taught school for six years. Then he began the practice of law. He is on his first term in the house, having defeated James T. McCleary, a Republican of national note, in a district that was always considered unalterably Republican.

LEVIN IRVING HANDY



Levin Irving Handy of Delaware came into the limelight at the Denver convention after an absence of years, because of his selection by the managers of Judge George Gray's presidential campaign as the man to place the Delaware jurist before the delegates as a candidate for president.

Besides being a politician and an orator, Mr. Handy has been a newspaper writer, a lecturer and a school teacher. In 1898 and 1899 be was the entire congressional delegation of the state of Delaware in the lower rouse of congress, and for a little while he was the whole delegation in both houses, during the brief period in which both seats in the senate were vacant. After serving one term. Handy was defeated for re-election by a Republican and retired to private life.

Mr. Handy was born in Maryland 46 years ago, and was educated in the public schools. He taught school in his native state and in Delaware, was school superintendent of a county in the latter state for several years, and later became an editorial writer on Every Evening, a Wilmington daily newspaper.

In preparation for the recent crisis, apparently, he became a public lecturer, and for a number of years delivered lectures throughout the country upon assorted topics, calculated to appeal to the patrons of the local lyceum lecture courses in town and city. From 1892 till 1896 he was chairman of the Democratic state central committee of Delaware.

Having been one of the earliest men to urge the selection of Judge Gray as the Democratic presidential candidate, and one of the strongest supporters of that movement in its moments of sunshine as well as its hours of despair. he was selected by the judge's personal representatives to get whatever glory comes of the opportunity to make the speech formally placing his candidate's name before the convention.

COL. JAMES M. GUFFEY



Col. James M. Guffey, Democratic boss of Pennsylvania, who furnished one of the most sensational features of the Denver convention in his fight with Bryan, less than two years ago was read out of the party down in his own state. But he resolutely declined to stay dead. Anybody at all acquainted with the Pennsylvanian's make-up knows that retirement for him will be but temporary, and that he will be shuffling the cards in the political game for a good many years to come.

Guffey is a political fighter for the pure love of the sport. He has held the Democracy of Pennsylvania in the hollow of his hand, so to speak, for more than ten years. He has never asked for an office and could not be induced to take one. He is referred to as an oil magnate in six states.

coal king in two, silver mine owner in two and gold mine owner in the eleventh. His wealth goes into so many millions that he probably could not tell off-hand just how much money he has.

In the first Bryan convention in 1896, Guffey was a "sound money" delegate. After Bryan had been nominated, Guffey came back home with thoughts of bolting in his head, but when he found that his rival William F. Harrity, retiring state boss, had already bolted. Guffey turned in and bent every effort to swing his state to the Bryan column. Since that time he has been national committeeman, succeeding Harrity, who had been national chairman.

Four years later Col. Guffey was again a Bryan worker in Pennsylvania His thousands have always flown easily into the party coffers in time of need, and he is credited with being one of the three heaviest givers of cash to the Bryan campaign in both 1896 and 1900.

Col. Guffey is a fighter and he is undeniably a powerful factor in Pennsylvania politics. Whether he is to be crushed for good by the Bryan sream roller remains to be seen, but these who know him best doubt it. The present feud between the candidate and the boss grew out of the latter's opposition to Pennsylvania's sending a delegation to Denver instructed for Bryan.

COSTLY PIECE OF EARTHWARE.

Pennsylvania Museum Acquired Toft Dish Made About 1666,

Philadelphia.-One of the most important of the recent accessions to the Pennsylvania museum, in Memorial hall, is a large carthenware dish, known as a Toft dish, which was made by Thomas Toft of Staffordshire, England, about 1666, at the time of the restoration of Charles II. Toft ware, as it is generally called, is exceedingly scarce, and this is the first example that is known to have been brought to the United States.

The museum owes its acquisition to the generosity of William P. Henszey of the Baldwin Locomotive works. The director, Dr. Barber, who is the recognized American authority on pottery, has been for a long time on the lookout



Toft Dish Given to Pennsylvania Museum.

through his agents abroad, for an authentic specimen of this early English manufacture. Some time ago he heard et a piece in possession of a London dealer, but the price demanded, \$700, was beyond the limited resources of the museum, although it was considered a reasonable price for so great a rarity. The matter was laid before Mr. Henszey, who at once offered to provide the necessary sum, and the purchase was authorized.

When the director received the precious piece of earthenware from the custom house in New York he took it up to the Metropolitan museum and exhibited it to the envious officials there, and he received an offer of twice the amount that had been paid

Toft dishes, which are usually about 18 lackes in diameter, were produced in England before porcelain was invented, and they were considered at that time works of great merit. The deccration is made by pouring liquid clay, or slip, through a quill attached to a little cup, the designs being traced in the same manner as patterns in sugar icing are applied to cakes. The Toft dish which has been procured by the museum bears five medallions, each one containing a rude portrait of Charles II, and in the central medallion are the initials R. C., for Rex Carolus-King Charles. Toft used the royalty and nobility of the period as decorative subjects for his dishes. As each piece was decorated by hand we find no duplications; consequently the piece now on exhibition in Philadelhia is unique, and is one of the fines pieces which have thus far come to light

Students of pottery are familiar with the appearance of Toft ware from illustrations in books on ceramics, but this is the first opportunity presented to them to inspect a genuine piece. It has a narticular interest in connection with the slip-decorated ware of the Pennsylvania Germans, of which the Pennsylvania museum has a unique collection.

NEW PRESIDENT OF PANAMA.

Senor Domingo Obaldia Elected to Succeed Amador.

mingo de Obaldia, who has been

Washington.-Senor Don Jose Do-



elected president of the Republic of Panama to succeed President Amador, was until lately minister from Panama to the United States, having been appointed at the creation of the republic in 1903. He is a native of Panama, 63 years old and was in Bogota and in the United States until his twenty-fourth year, when he returned to Panama and became connected with the large business interests of his father. Senor Obaldia is one of the largest stock raisers in Central America and exports horses, cattle and mules. He was governor of Panama when it belonged to Colombia and is a conservative in politics.

Senor Obaldia defeated President Amador's candidate for president, Secretary Arias. Obaldia was Amador's enoice until, when acting as president in the absence of Amador, he instituted policies which estranged his



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