

T. J. DOYLE IN THE FIRST NEBRASKA DISTRICT

The democratic congressional convention for the First Nebraska district met at Lincoln, August 15, and nominated for congress Thomas J. Doyle.

The following "Put-it-Back" resolution by Richard L. Metcalfe was adopted by the convention:

"Whereas, E. M. Pollard, now a representative in congress from the First Nebraska district, drew from the public treasury the sum of \$1,900 for alleged services as a member of congress from March 4, 1905, to July 18, 1905, although said Pollard was not elected until July 18, and

"Whereas, The re-nomination by the republican party of Ernest M. Pollard, with full knowledge of the fact that he had drawn from the public treasury money to which he was in no wise entitled, provides an evil object lesson for the rising generation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention suggest the creation of a fund to be known as 'The Penny-Pollard-put-it-back-fund,' contributions to said fund to be invited from the fathers and mothers of the First Nebraska congressional district, in sums of one penny for each child.

"As a nucleus for this fund every father in attendance at this convention is to make a penny contribution according to the number of his children; and we further invite the delegates to the democratic state convention to be held at Lincoln, August 15, 1906, and the delegates to the republican convention to be held at Lincoln August 22, 1906, to make similar penny contributions to A. V. Johnson of Lincoln, who is hereby designated as treasurer of such portion of this fund as shall be contributed by democrats, and in the event that the republican convention does not co-operate with the democratic convention in

this effort to persuade Mr. Pollard to restore to the public treasury his ill-gotten gains, then the fund in the hands of the treasurer shall be paid to the democratic congressional committee for the First Nebraska district, in order that it may be used in paying legitimate campaign expenses and in the effort to elect to congress from the First Nebraska district a man who will not give to the children of his constituents a false notion of morality; a man who will not hesitate to 'back his words with deeds,' and who will stand by 'the square deal' in official conduct as well as in stump speeches.

"The secretary of this convention is instructed to certify a copy of these resolutions to the democratic convention and to the republican state convention."

The platform as adopted is as follows:

"We, the democrats of the First congressional district assembled in convention, reaffirm the principles set forth and advocated by that great democratic leader, W. J. Bryan, who has been recognized by all nations of the world as the greatest statesman living.

"We favor an interstate, commerce commission clothed with ample power to fix rates, settle grievances, enforce its decrees and protect the interests of the most humble citizen against the blighting power of discrimination.

"We denounce as destructive of American progress the fostering of laws made for the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many—denounce all legislation having for its purpose the building of a moneyed aristocracy and pledge ourselves to labor earnestly for legislation which will give to every citizen an equal opportunity in the race of life, recogniz-

ing no superiority save that of merit.

"We denounce all salary grabbers as unfaithful to duty, setting an example of dishonesty which has an unwholesome influence, directly in conflict with the spirit of justice and reform. We recognize in the final analysis we must look alone to the integrity and manhood of our representatives for all true reform.

"We recognize in labor the foundation of all wealth, the material achievements of our nation are but the triumphs of the millions of honest toilers. We favor legislation which will give to the laborer just recompense, and the power of arbitrating grievances between capital and labor by an unbiased tribunal.

"We take pride in the fact that our district possesses the highest degree of literacy of any in the United States and merits representation in congress which will portray our high standard of intellectuality and pledge ourselves to furnish such a representation and that his light shall not be placed under a bushel.

"We condemn the national republican congressional committee's method of deception and sham reform in trying to deceive the people by a one dollar popular contribution plan, when the party refused to pass a law at the last session of congress, as passed by the United States senate, forbidding contributions to political parties from corporations and trusts, and we believe that their sincerity could be better shown if they would inaugurate a dollar contribution fund to put back into the reserve funds of the many insurance companies the money set aside for the protection of widows and orphans and unlawfully used to keep the republicans in power.

"We declare that the tariff law enacted by a republican congress is the

mother of trusts, and that the democratic party of this congressional district is absolutely committed to a just revision of the tariff.

"That common carriers, having gone beyond the purposes of their creation for mercenary purposes, to control caucuses, conventions, legislatures and other officials, should be put out of such work. That using the pass system as incubators to hatch out their political roustabouts to do such work, and as brooders to maintain them, the whole system should be destroyed, and all manner of reduction of rates of transportation to individuals (except employes and objects of charity), below what is charged the public generally, should be completely abolished, and the giving or taking of such reduced rate of transportation should be made criminal and subject to penalty. We would take from the few the free pass and give to all the two-cent rate."

QUEENS ABOVE THE KINGS

There is hardly a king in the world today, so they say, whose wife does not overtop him by a head. Edward of England is shorter than Alexandra, and the czar is shorter than the czarina. The German empress looms up into the air so much farther than the kaiser that the proud sovereign of the fatherland never consents to be photographed with her unless she sits while he stands. The ruler of Italy barely comes up to the shoulders of the tall, athletic Helena. Even the young monarch of Spain finds it necessary to lift his eyes to meet the gaze of the girl who has become his bride. Evidently outdoor exercise in the fresh air has worked wonders for the women of royal families in this day and generation.—Boston Globe.

The Commoner & "First Voters"

A Lexington, Ky., Reader writes to The Commoner as Follows:

"I notice that the American Protective Tariff League is sending out circulars which read: 'Kindly give us the name and address, etc., of one person who will cast his first vote in the congressional election of 1906. We wish to forward literature on the subject of protection. Ask your neighbors to co-operate in the work.'

"Now, I suggest that every Commoner reader make it his duty to send to The Commoner office the name of one person who, at the next election, will cast his first vote, then a sample copy of The Commoner could be sent to that person.

"I also suggest that every Commoner reader make it his duty to secure at least one of these 'first voters' as a yearly subscriber to The Commoner. If we can get these youngmen to read The Commoner regularly we need not fear for their political future."

The Commoner hopes that this suggestion will be acted upon by Commoner readers generally. It is important that the "first voters" be impressed with the value of democratic principles in popular government.

In order to encourage the campaign among "first voters" The Commoner will be sent for sixty cents to anyone who is to cast his first vote at the congressional elections of 1906 and whose name, accompanied by the subscription price, reaches The Commoner office prior to election day in November, 1906.

Any one desiring to avail himself of this opportunity must state in his letter that the one in whose name the subscription is forwarded will cast his first vote at the 1906 elections, and is therefore entitled to this rate.

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