

when the situation in general and of the district in particular, were gone over, and plans started for pushing a vigorous campaign. It was thought that this was the year in which Mr. Hepburn could be defeated, and every one present was greatly encouraged about the chances for national success. In the evening a banquet was held at the Summit Cafe, which was filled to its limit. After the dinner had been served, Congressman Dan Hamilton responded to the toast, "Revision;" Hon. Joel S. Estes, "Reactionaries;" Hon. Lew Genung, "The Reservation;" General J. B. Weaver, "Back to Jefferson;" Alex Miller, "Arrow Shots;" Senator Ed McManus, "Organization;" Hon. J. B. Sullivan, "Prosperity and the Clearing House Check." W. D. Jamieson was the toastmaster. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, By this conference of the democrats of the Eighth Iowa congressional district, that we declare anew our devotion to the essential principles of democratic faith and again remind the people of the necessity of rescuing our government from the "headstrong, arbitrary, and spasmodic methods which distract business, by uncertainty, and pervade the public mind with dread, distrust, and perturbation."

We denounce the effort now being made by the former advocates of "sound money" to establish an asset bank currency, and to foist on the country fiat certificates that represent bank indebtedness as a substitute for money, and demand that any increase in the currency of the country to meet the exigencies of a business shall be the issuance of a national currency made a full legal tender in the payment of all debts public and private. We are opposed to the centralization of power at the expense of the states and demand that local self-government shall be maintained and zealously guarded against the encroachments of gigantic corporations, trusts and combines that desire to remove the power for correcting the evils of these combinations as far from the people as possible.

We condemn Colonel William P. Hepburn for his opposition to the improvements of our waterways; for his subserviency to railroad interests; for his advocacy of an asset currency; for his salary grab; for his advocacy of a ship subsidy and we call upon the people regardless of party who believe in good government and a "square deal" to organize in every county and every township in the district to defeat the man who has so grossly misrepresented this district for the past twenty years.

We are first, last and all the time in favor of the nomination for the presidency of that fearless leader, that spotless statesman and ablest champion of the common people, William Jennings Bryan.

MR. BRYAN AND NOMINATION

Pittsburg Sun—Mr. Bryan seems to be able to throw as big a scare as ever into the republican cohorts of special privileges.

Chattanooga News—They are introducing Mr. Bryan around as our next president, and it sounds more confident than it did in 1896.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune—That Illinois man who asked Bryan to lay aside his halo knew not what he was doing; the halo belongs to its owner and he has a right to wear it as long as he pleases.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch—The long-expected announcement from Lincoln, Neb., has been made at last and everybody can have one guess as to its nature. Mr. Bryan will be a candidate in 1908 if he is sufficiently

urged. Who would have thought it?

St. Louis Globe-Democrat—Mr. Bryan announces that he is ready for the role of Barkis, and the democrats who hoped that he would decide otherwise lack the nerve to name any one to oppose him in the national convention.

Birmingham Age-Herald—The democrats of Alabama are not surprised by Mr. Bryan's announcement of his candidature. He has only friends and admirers here, and every

one will get in line to support him next November.

Philadelphia North American—Bryan announces that he will accept the democratic nomination—a rather startling bit of news. But what would it be if he were to announce that he wouldn't accept?

Chicago Post—The democracy's attitude toward Mr. Bryan's candidacy seems to be that of a sick man who takes his medicine without much protest just to get it over with.

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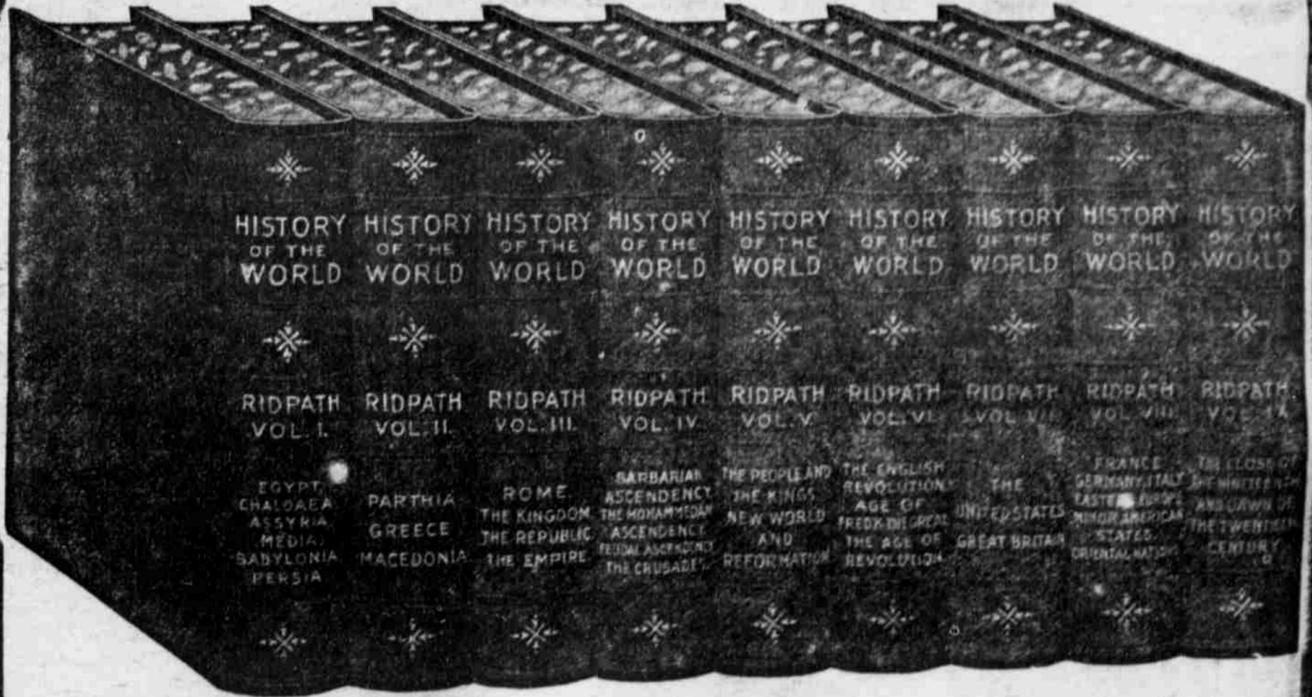
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