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(Headquarters Democratic National Committee Press Bureau)

Chicago, September 7.—“In Kansas the republicans have turned to the national democracy for a platform and there is no doubt in my mind that Bryan will get the electoral vote of the state,” said John E. Atwood, chairman of the speakers' bureau at democratic national headquarters on his return from a visit to the Sunflower state.

“The big issue in Kansas this year,” continued Mr. Atwood, “and for that matter in all the surrounding states, is the plan of guaranteeing bank deposits. The republicans in their state party council declared almost unanimously in favor of the banking plank adopted by the democratic national convention. Senator Long who was present at this council in the capacity of Mr. Taft's personal representative, prayed a full night and day with the delegates for the purpose of having them ignore the democratic plan for the guaranteeing of deposits. In all of his appeals to his fellow republicans he said that an endorsement of the leading plank in the democratic national platform would be rightly construed throughout the country as a slap in the face at Mr. Taft. Senator Long declared that Kansas republicans could not afford to rebuke in this open way their candidate for the presidency. When a vote was finally reached, Senator Long was the only man in the council who opposed the endorsement and approval of the democratic banking plank.”

This incident affords a complete demonstration of the effective hold Judge Taft has upon the republicans in Kansas. It is of interest to recall that on the day following the action of the Kansas republicans, Mr. Taft gave out an interview at Hot Springs in which he repeated without variation the arguments advanced to Kansas republicans by Senator Long the day previous in opposition to the guaranteeing of bank deposits. This turn down of Mr. Taft was a most complete one. It shows where the people of Kansas stand in this contest regardless of party. They understand this question and have expressed themselves regarding it with practical unanimity. They know that Kansas republicans, while sincerely favoring the guaranteeing of bank deposits, are helpless. Their state platform has no force or effect with the party in a national way. Their only hope is in the democratic party, which has declared in its national platform for this principle of banking.

A poll taken in Kansas last week demonstrated the fact that the bankers are for the guarantee of bank deposits. Out of 137 bankers who were approached, 117 declared for the democratic plan as between the republican remedy of postal savings banks.

The talk of breaking the solid south, which seems to be the most hopeful sign that comes from the various republican headquarters throughout the country from day to day, possesses an amusing side, according to R. E. Folk, state treasurer of Tennessee, who is a brother of Missouri's aggressive chief executive. Speaking of this phase of the campaign, Mr. Folk said:

“Along about this stage of the campaign in every presidential contest republican politicians in the south bring glad tidings to the republican national committee to the effect that the solid south is going to be broken for the first time. This element in the southern political equation, which consists largely of federal officeholders, is at work on schedule time this year. The object is the same as it was twenty years

ago. They know they are talking solely for publication and their one hope is with the expectation of connecting with the barrel of the republican national committee. Liberal contributions from this source would not be spurned by the republicans of Georgia, Tennessee or North Carolina. That's why you hear so much about those states breaking into the republican column this year. Their claims about breaking the solid south, which have been unfolded with due regularity at either Hot Springs, New York or Chicago republican headquarters will be frost bitten long before November arrives. Watch my prediction, the south is solidly and enthusiastically

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