

tion of our veteran Democratic warrior, Hon. W. H. Thompson, as member of the national committee. He has always been loyal to the party and tireless in laboring for it. He represents all that is highest and best in our party and will be a credit to the state in its national councils."

## Comment of the Press

### A CRUSHING DEFEAT

The crushing character of the defeat administered by the Democrats of Nebraska to Senator Hitchcock and his section of the state organization was not fully apparent until the news came from Washington that he had resigned all pretensions to the senate leadership and had withdrawn from the race with Underwood for that honor. A discredited statesman falls as hard as a discredited politician. The senator staked everything on the result in Nebraska. He picked up the challenge of Bryan and hurled back a steel gauntlet of his own. He even taunted Bryan with lacking the courage to enter the primary as a presidential candidate in opposition. But five of the sixteen delegates to the national convention are of his brood. His chief lieutenant lost to the chief lieutenant of the Bryan forces the position of national committeeman. Bryan will be the Nebraska member of the committee on resolutions, and be on the ground to oppose the insertion of a light wines and beer plank in the national platform. Light wines and beer went down with Hitchcock and he is left as a candidate with a delegation hostile to him and instructed to vote, in the main, against the only issue he put forward to justify his candidacy. The fight has been taken out of the wet democracy of the state, and apparently the senator has been similarly affected. When the situation is reviewed it will be found that the mental state thus depicted is entirely justified by the conditions.—Lincoln, Neb., Evening State Journal.

### BRYAN'S GREAT VICTORY

Bryan won in the Nebraska primaries last week and will sit in the San Francisco convention as a delegate-at-large from that state. Defeated for delegate four years ago by Senator Hitchcock, who attempted again this year to keep Mr. Bryan at home, the Commoner has not only won a great personal victory, but his election has dampened the spirits of the entire wet camp throughout the country. Hitchcock stood for beer and wine. Bryan stood for the Eighteenth amendment and the Volstead enforcement law. Bryan overcame the political machine built up in Nebraska by Senator Hitchcock and has regained his old-time power in Nebraska politics.

Bryan's victory in Nebraska is a victory for the dry cause throughout the country and a bitter disappointment to the beer and wine interests. Bryan would have been a tremendous power at the San Francisco convention had he been defeated last week. He will now be a greater factor than ever. The brewers will not have everything their own way in the Democratic national convention, and neither will the candidates of the Edwards and Cox type.—American Issue.

### BRYAN WINS IN NEBRASKA

Every loyal heart will be cheered by the news that William Jennings Bryan has won a place on the delegation from Nebraska to the Democratic National convention—this irrespective of any disagreement with Mr. Bryan as to his views on questions of public policy. At the time this editorial is written, not half of the precincts of Nebraska have reported, but those most opposed to him, were among the ones reported. The press of the country accepts his victory as assured.

There was arrayed against him the power of the liquor traffic of the nation, which was willing to go the limit in the effort to defeat him. He had to fight the Democratic administration which is not at all creditable to the president or his followers. Gratitude for what Mr. Bryan did in 1912 and 1916 should have caused the administration to keep its hands off the Nebraska fight.

Thus opposed, Mr. Bryan went before his home constituency and told them frankly that he was opposed to Mr. Hitchcock, the Democratic senator from Nebraska, for the presidential nomination and that he would work for

### WILLIAM WILL BE THERE



—Columbus, Ohio, Dispatch.

the nomination of someone who had stood true in the battles for prohibition and woman suffrage. This was particularly displeasing to those old-time Democratic leaders who, accustomed to a liquor coalition, can see no prospect of victory for a clean Democratic party opposed to the saloon.

But Mr. Bryan won. He won against the great newspapers of Nebraska, which fought him; he won against the administration; he won against the Hitchcock machine; he won against all the sinister forces which can be marshalled in any great state against a man who stands for decency and right.

The nation has a right to rejoice. Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Independents may well feel heartened that the voice of William J. Bryan, as an accredited delegate, will be heard in the Democratic convention when the question of the policy of that party is up for consideration.

While it is in order to congratulate Mr. Bryan, it is equally in order to congratulate the country.—National Enquirer, Indianapolis.

### "HELL'S A-POPPIN'"

Lady and gentlemen voters of Nebraska, you have started this beloved country of ours on the way to the eternal demnition bow-wow as fast as if it were waddling along on a lot of greased skids.

And you, lady and gentlemen voters of Nebraska, have also placed our dear state in the van of the rest of the country in the slippery, swift slide to destruction!

You did it Tuesday, folks!

You certainly messed things up!

We have testimony from those in high position to that effect. We produce first the sentiments of Senator Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock prefaces his remarks by pointing out the heresy committed by W. J. Bryan in that "he has succeeded apparently in accomplishing his own election and the election of several, if not most, of the candidates on his slate," and "he has possibly succeeded also in accomplishing the defeat of National Committeeman Mullen."

What will follow? Let Mr. Hitchcock's own words tell you:

"There will be 'hell-a-poppin'' at San Francisco with Mr. Bryan, the chief fireman and troublemaker. \* \* \* \* \* There is abroad in the land a feeling of restlessness, discontent and resentment. \* \* \* \* \* May a kind heaven have mercy on our beloved but distracted country."

If you Nebraska voters are not yet convinced that you have started this country to destruction "hell-bent for election," Mr. Hitchcock has more shots in his locker. We quote from a second editorial:

"The primary is in danger of breaking down. \* \* \* \* \* Mr. Bryan's repeated assaults on the purity of the primary system is bearing its natural fruit. \* \* \* \* \* If the primary does not mean that the people should rule, it does not mean anything."

Can't you voters see that, despite your Tuesday's vote, the people want Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Mullen to rule? Since you are so blind, do

you blame the senator for having this pessimistic vision:

"We see in state and nation a condition of confusion, inefficiency and irresponsibility that is a growing menace to the free institutions and to the national welfare."

Here is a picture, forsooth, that ought to cause shivery feelings to run up and down the spine of Nebraska's citizenry!

And you, naughty voters, Mr. Hitchcock is not alone in his discouragement regarding you.

Nelson B. Updike, who has already attained the reputation of being Nebraska's richest man and who now aspires to be Nebraska's Republican leader, is sadly disappointed that you failed so miserably in meeting his well-financed advice to express a preference for General Pershing for president.

Mr. Updike confesses that Republicans are for Senator Johnson "because a majority of the voters wanted him," and naively discourses on the "anomalies of the primary system."

But he mournfully concludes that there isn't any use in trying to explain the curious disinclination of the populace to accept the Pershing boom and leaves it to future historians to unravel this queer quirk in us, for he says: "Analysis and antiquarians may find satisfaction in dissecting the vote."

And Mr. Updike turns his eyes away from the picture of destruction—which is perhaps as vivid in his eyes as in Senator Hitchcock's—and with an editorial sigh he gently invites us to await the doom with these words:

"Let us turn our attention for the moment from statecraft to the homely but essential joys of domestic life."

Fellow citizens, you surely must have started "hell-a-poppin'," to use Senator Hitchcock's expressive words.

But cheer up! All may not be lost; These self-appointed guardians of ours may yet show us the way to avoid the cataclysm.—Omaha Neb., News.

### BRYAN GOING AS DELEGATE

By the election of William Jennings Bryan as delegate-at-large from Nebraska to the Democratic national convention the position of the temperance forces in that convention was strengthened beyond power to calculate and the last hope of the wets to get a moist plank in the party platform seems to have disappeared. With Mr. Bryan will go one of his strongest supporters as another delegate-at-large, thus giving the Bryan men two of the four delegates-at-large.

The issue was fought out in a clear-cut manner. For weeks the wets had been making their claims that they would eliminate Mr. Bryan. Senator Hitchcock had declared for light wines and beers. Had the Nebraska primary rejected Mr. Bryan it would have given the wets not only an advantage in the matter of delegates but strong support throughout the country for their contention that the Democratic platform must declare for light wines and beers. They would have used the results as propaganda to show that there is a strong reaction against prohibition.

Of course, the fight is not wholly over. There will be wet delegates in both national conventions, but the position of the wets has been undermined by the Nebraska result to such an extent that it has practically fallen to pieces.—American Issue (Pennsylvania Edition).

### MR. BRYAN'S TRIUMPH IN NEBRASKA

The esteemed New York World which has cultivated a unique and thorough dislike for Mr. Bryan since he became so successful an opponent of the saloon and the liquor traffic, affects to see in the results of the Nebraska election for national convention delegates, a "defeat" for Mr. Bryan, presumably he was not elected unanimously.

As a matter of fact, that he was elected at all was a distinct triumph for Mr. Bryan. A relentless and bitter fight was made against him. Everything that could be done within reason, and some quite outside of reason, was done to prevent his going as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. That was the one thing quite distinctly not wanted by certain of the less Democratic elements of the Democratic party. To prevent Mr. Bryan being a delegate, would not only be to impair his influence, but it would also remove the most formidable possible opponent at the convention of those certain