

A BRYAN DINNER AFTER ALL

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB LISTENS TO HIS PRAISES.

Western Speakers Say Flatly That Their Part of the Country Is for Him and for Roosevelt. Too—D.Cady Herrick Contrasts Hughes and the President.

The anti-Bryan dinners of the National Democratic Club are not quite so successful from the anti-Bryan point of view as the promoters of the dinners expected they would be. Another was held last night, but instead of Bryan and his co-travelers being the guests of the club from the West told the members as bluntly as possible that so firmly did the Western Democrats believe in the principles of Bryan and in the radical opinions of President Roosevelt that, failing Bryan, the Democrats of the West would undoubtedly help to elect Mr. Roosevelt, should he be nominated.

Mr. ex-Gov. Thomas of Colorado who first laid this idea before the members of the club and he was supported in his view by the Mayor of Denver, who spoke after him.

"I am an old fashioned Democrat and I supported Bryan and I supported his principles," said Gov. Thomas, "and although he was licked like the devil in the two campaigns he went through, I believe that that perhaps he was right in his ideas about the silver standard of currency. There is one sure thing and that is in times of stress and adversity the man who looks most like a Christian Science man."

This was the only time that Mr. Bryan's name was mentioned in the course of a speech made by Gov. Thomas to Bryan and his principles brought out a round of applause.

D.Cady Herrick, the principal speaker of the evening, thanks to the advice of second handliners on the list of speakers, both appealed to the members of the club to support the candidate of the Democratic national convention, no matter who that candidate might be. Those appeals were also received with cheers, and it was tacitly understood that both Judge Herrick and Mr. Stanchfield meant that in the event of the nomination of Bryan it would be the duty of the members of the club to support him.

Four of the speakers at the dinner were Democratic candidates for the office of Governor of this State who have been defeated by their Republican opponents. These were Judge Herrick, who was presided; Judge Herrick, Mr. Stanchfield and Borough President Coler of Brooklyn.

In opening the speaking of the evening Judge Herrick attacked the policies of President Roosevelt.

At the outset of his speech Judge Herrick gave his ideas of what the Democratic platform should be in these words:

The fewer planks the better. Have none that are sectional; leave them to the States affected.

Have none that are non-sectional; they will produce dissensions and divisions.

Have none that are party; they should be tolerant and respectful of other's views, both as to principles and candidates. Every man is entitled to his own opinion as to each.

On the point of Federal control of corporations Mr. Herrick said:

In protecting the individual and in affording equality of opportunity we recognize the fact that large aggregations of wealth are placed at a disadvantage in depriving him, to an extent at least, of opportunities for advancement in life. It leads to the crushing out of small dealers, craftsmen and traders, deprives them the opportunity of building up a business, and it often compels them to become employees instead of independent business men. It leads us to seek to limit and control these large aggregations of capital, and as such aggregations of capital usually resort to corporate existence their efficiency and only derive their right to be and exist from the authority of the State, we insist that their powers and their control should be limited and defined, and that they should be exercised under strict supervision and control; not nagged, worried, threatened and plundered, but simply controlled in the public interest.

And as a part of such regulation and control, laws should be passed imposing corporate liability to employees for injuries, not due to their own negligence, suffered in the course of their employment, and in the case of the State, after discussing the tariff as the mother of trusts the speaker turned to Federal usurpation, saying:

We believe in the distribution of governmental powers; confining the Federal Government strictly to matters of national concern and to relations between States, and leaving that all other powers shall be exercised by the States, or by the people, to whom they have been reserved; confining the State to the exercise of powers purely of State concern, leaving to the States powers reserved by the officials and people of each locality. Thus the individual, and the local, State and Federal governments, will make a complete, harmonious whole, strong in all its parts, able to resist the encroachments of the officials and people of each locality. Thus the individual, and the local, State and Federal governments, will make a complete, harmonious whole, strong in all its parts, able to resist the encroachments of the officials and people of each locality.

FACTORY BLOWUP BURIES SIX.

Starch Works Wrecked by Explosion and Debris Burned.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 12.—Explosion and fire wrecked the four story brick starch factory of the Charles S. Tanner Company this afternoon. Six men who were working in the building are supposed to have been buried in the ruins. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000.

The front and rear walls were blown out, the roof rose twenty feet in the air and settled back into the ruins, which burst into flames.

The fire, believed to be dead in the ruins, are Abbot L. G. Chase, Michael Joseph, Richard Ricall, Jack Santos, Joseph Duart and a Syrian whose name is believed to be dead.

The firemen believe the explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the starch drying ovens.

The present Duke is believed to be the missing had been discovered.

The weather. The climate is high pressure area central over the Middle East and New England. Slightly northward yesterday but still held the fair and warmer weather over all Northeastern States.

The disturbance noted over Colorado on Tuesday extended its influence over the central valleys and unsettled and cloudy conditions prevailed, with rain to the Gulf and South Atlantic States, and the Mississippi Valley and the upper Lake regions.

The temperatures continued to rise in the Middle Atlantic and New England States and the central valleys and remained moderate in all sections of the country.

In this city the day was fair and warmer; wind, light to fresh northwest; average humidity, 50 per cent; barometer, corrected to read at sea level, 30.07; P. M., 30.04.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

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