

Party Orators Pay Tribute to Nominee in Glowing Periods



WILLIAM J. BRYAN JR.

Chorus of Applause for Character and Work of Nebraskan Comes From All Sections.

"Glees arise in the life of nations which endanger their institutions and at times imperil the advance of civilization. Every people that has left its impress upon history has faced such crises. In most instances, where grave dangers have threatened the safety of the State, some great character, some master mind has been found, produced as it were by the conditions themselves, with capacity to direct aright the energies of the people. This was true of the ancient world; it is true of the modern world; it is true of this republic.

"We have such a crisis to meet today. The favor-seeking corporations have gradually strengthened their hold upon the government until they now menace popular institutions. The question is, whether this government shall be restored to the control of the people and be administered in the interest of all, or whether it shall remain an instrument in the hands of the few for leaping tribute upon all the rest. "In his special message to Congress last winter President Roosevelt declared substantially that certain wealthy men who have become enormously rich by oppressing the wage-earner, defrauding the public and practicing all forms of iniquity, have banded together, and by the unlimited use of money, endeavor to secure freedom from restraint and to overthrow and discredit all who honestly administer the law.

"That the methods by which these men have acquired their great fortunes can only be justified by a system of morality that would permit every form of criminality, every form of violence, corruption and fraud.

"The platform proposed by the late convention shows that the Republican party in truth represents, in framing the platform, every genuine reform which the President has advocated was scorned and repudiated. The Wisconsin delegation asked that one or two reforms be placed in the platform, and for its part was denounced as Democratic. The convention, by a vote of eight to one, refused to approve those policies which the President for four years has been urging upon his party. The mask of hypocrisy has been torn from the face of those who pretend to favor the reforms advocated by the President, and it is now apparent why the system admires Taft and hates the Senator from Wisconsin. When compelled to choose between an appeal to the conscience of the nation in defense of its platform and candidates, on the one hand, and the millions that the special interests may be dependent upon to contribute, on the other, that convention rejected the people and continued its alliance with Mammon.

"If the charges made by the President are true—and they are—there are indeed face to face with a situation as grave as any in our history. How shall it be met? The good sense, patriotism and united action of the people alone can remedy present evils.

"To wage a successful fight we must have a leader. The Republican party dominated by the seekers of special privileges, cannot furnish him. Republicans who really desire reform are powerless; the efforts of the President have been futile.

"The Democratic party must furnish the leader which present conditions demand, and the man known to be free from the influences that control the Republican party. He must be a man of superior intellect, sound judgment, positive convictions and moral courage—some who will meet the forces of plutocracy with the naked sword of truth—one who knows no surrender. He must be a genius for State craft, he must be a man of wide experience in public affairs, he must have ability to formulate policies and courage to defend them.

"But above all, he must have faith in the people. He must not only believe in the right of the people to govern, but in their capacity to do so. And he must be a man whom the people know and trust.

"The Democratic party has many distinguished men who might be chosen as our standard-bearer; but it has one man who, above all others, possesses the necessary qualifications, and is eminently fitted for this leadership.

"He is a man whose nomination will leave no doubt as to where our party stands on every public question.

"I have had a close personal and political acquaintance with this man whose name I breakly present, and he has entered political life. I can testify from observation as to his political conduct before he was known to fame. He was honest, brave and unyielding.



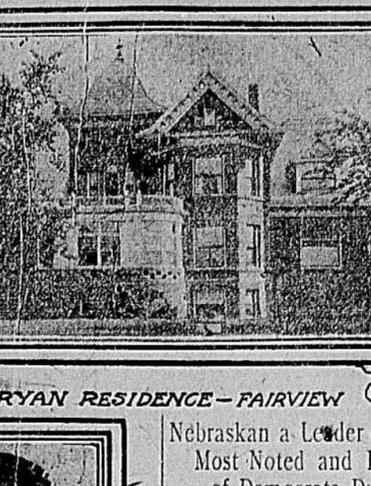
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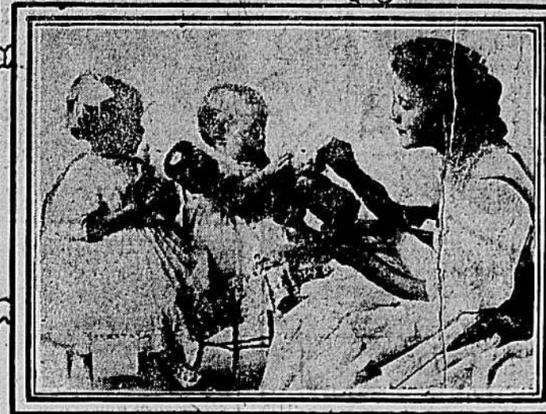
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MRS. RUTH BRYAN LEAVITT AND HER CHILDREN

then; he is honest, brave and unyielding now. "Through years of unparalleled political warfare, his loyalty to his ideals and to his fellowmen has been abundantly shown. His refusal to surrender his convictions, though subjected to abuse, denunciation and vindictive opposition, such as few public men in all history have been compelled to withstand, is ample proof of his superb courage.

"His career proves that successful leadership is determined by the success or failure of great principles rather than by election to high office. "The voters have spoken, and we assemble to give expression of their will. The voice for the third time calls Nebraska's favorite son to be our standard-bearer of his party in this gigantic contest.

"Forming in one unbroken phalanx, extending from Massachusetts to California and from Michigan to the ever-

glades, the yeomanry of the party have volunteered their services to make him the party candidate; and they will not lay down their arms until they have made him the nation's chief executive.

"Nebraska's Democracy, which saw in him, when a young man, the signs of promise, places in nomination as the standard-bearer of our party the man who in the thrilling days of '96 and 1900 bore the battle-scarred banner of Democracy with fame as unswayed and fidelity as spotless as the crusaders of the past. Nebraska's Democracy of 1896 and 1900 bore the battle-scarred banner of Democracy with fame as unswayed and fidelity as spotless as the crusaders of the past. Nebraska's Democracy of 1896 and 1900 bore the battle-scarred banner of Democracy with fame as unswayed and fidelity as spotless as the crusaders of the past.

"I obey the command of my State and the mandate of the Democracy of the nation when I offer the name of America's great commoner, Nebraska's gifted son, William Jennings Bryan, Ignatius J. Dunn, in address placing William J. Bryan in nomination.

pre-eminence and distinction come from no decoration of office or power, but from his intrinsic worth as a man, his splendid qualities of mind and heart. A man whose character and genius have been sufficient to survive defeat without personal triumph or respect for his country. He has borne himself manfully and courageously in the hours of bloom and defeat. I can never forget in the dark hours such a man's words. Never before have all of his followers been thrilled and electrified by his famous battle-cries. His words, his deeds, his life, his holding in victory, let the roll be called for those who will answer for the next engagement. Through defeat he has continued earnestly and lovingly to serve the American people.

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merce and trusts. He is the Patrick Henry of a new revolution—a revolution in civic affairs that means the overthrow of plutocracy and the restoration of the art of our civic government to the friends of constitutional government. He is the George Washington who will lead our righteous cause to victory in November. "These the advocates of a strong centralized government will be driven from place and power, and the States will wear again the lofty look of sovereignty that was once the constitutional pride of every American citizen. The political atmosphere will be purer and healthier and the welfare of the citizen will again become the highest concern of the government, and to all men alike will be brought home the doctrine of a Jeffersonian protective whole art of government consists in the art of being honest."—Hon. James T. Hefflin, seconding nomination of Bryan.

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VIRGINIA PROUD TO CLAIM BRYAN, SWANSON DECLARES

Political wisdom and morality demand that a party's cause and a party's candidate should conform. This accords with the principle that success will ripen election promises into legislative and executive performances. It indicates an honesty of purpose which continues the party to the fullest confidence of the nation. Even his facile reaction on a reactionary platform, or a retreating candidate on a progressive platform, are inconsistencies which invariably end in deserved and disastrous defeat. We now witness the Republican party in the distressing situation of having its candidate, the professed heir of the President, chained to a platform which sternly repudiates all the well-known Roosevelt policies. Secretary of the campaign progresses, will find it impossible to cling both to the Roosevelt policies and the Republican platform. He will be compelled to repudiate one or the other. His excellent talents will find it impossible to be at one and the same time a reactionary and a reformer. A person cannot advance and retreat at the same time.

"The Democratic party proposes to indulge in no such folly; it is determined to attempt no such deception; it here and now refuses to follow the lead of the Republican convention, of having 'the voice of Jacob in the house of Esau.' The Democratic party proposes boldly and clearly to state the reforms needed for the betterment of our country, and to nominate a candidate who gives positive proof of the earnestness of our purpose. We are here to sound a charge, not a retreat. Before we have the Democratic party platform, we will not give our assent to the correctness of its principles, nor with a more complete vindication of the wisdom of its policies. The Republican administration in recent years has been notoriously endeavoring to retain its respectability by clothing itself in Democratic attire, and to obtain favorable consideration by loudly proclaiming Democratic principles. The measure of the popularity of Republican statesmen to-day is the extent to which they clothe themselves in Democratic habiliments and endeavor to bring to the country Democratic reforms. Every reform promised by the Republican party to-day, when reduced to its ultimatum, is a promise on the part of that party to correct its own vicious ways.

"What are the pressing problems of the hour, the solution of which are necessary for the advancement and prosperity of the people? A reduction of the iniquitous Republican tariff, which has more than doubled the cost of living to the great masses of the people; the abolition of the mother of innumerable trusts, and which by depopulating the many to enrich the few, has piled up the wealth of this nation mountain high in places surrounded on all sides by barren and sterile plains. A reform in our wretched currency system, which is the breeder of panics and high money, and which enables the few to dominate the many. A fair, but vigorous, regulation and control of the great transportation system, without permitting discrimination, rebates and unjust charges

against any individual, city, State or section. The enactment of law which will prevent the great industrial system of this nation being controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. A cessation of the wasteful Republican expenditure of public money, which threatens the very foundation of national prosperity. The abandonment of our foolish imperial policy and a return to the traditional and simpler virtues of the old republic.

"An enactment of that unwholly alliance between predatory wealth and government, which the Republican party has made, and has shamefully sold legislation for campaign contributions. These are the abuses upon which the Democratic party shall appeal to the patriotism and enlightened conscience of this nation.

"Virginia For Bryan. Who is the great Democrat whose past record, whose personality, whose eloquence, whose character and capacity form a combination able to cope with the present and the future of the American people, and who, if elected, will, without fear or favor, use the great powers incident to the office of President to carry out the reforms realized? Speaking in behalf of the State of Virginia, her people proudly claim one of our greatest sons, William Jennings Bryan.

"Virginia is proud to claim him of her lineage and her soil. In her children, Virginia, with exultant pride, glories in the achievements of this illustrious grandson, and feels that through him she will give to the nation a President worthy to be numbered among her eminent ones whose lives have been the history of the history of the nation. There is not a reform needed in our country of which he has not been the forerunner and most eloquent champion. There is not an issue to be presented in the campaign with which he is not strikingly identified. He was the pioneer in the many reforms of recent years, which have become almost the adopted policies of both great political parties. The best portions of his life have been given to the people, and he has been a teacher and ruler of the people rather than the doubt of his own people.

"Why Bryan is Opposed. Bryan is called unsafe by some not on account of lack of fealty to the people, but on account of his excessive zeal and earnestness in their behalf. He is antagonized by some, not because he advocates the abolition of the trusts, or allied with predatory wealth, but because he firmly refuses to make to them any surrender concerning their property. He is not so called because he indulges in political manipulation or dissimulation, but because he supports the abolition of the trusts, the support of the great masses of the people. He is ridiculed by some, not because 'he stoops to conquer,' but because he refuses to consent to any undue pressure and improper methods. He is feared by some, not on account of untidy or venality, but because he is possessed of an iron will and a determination to do what his conscience and patriotism dictate. Most of the objections urged against him consist of mere slanders, and he has the virtue of being able to ignore them.

"While his political opponents were in close alliance with trusts, combines and monopolies, his voice, as the leader of a great party, boldly advocated the abolition of the trusts, abuses, portrayed coming evils, and pointed out the pathway of safety and reform. He has given expression to more great thoughts and led more people to higher ground than any other American.

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Firm, Rugged, Honest.

Be it said to his honor and glory, he never deserted his party nor the people because they were unpopular. He stands firm with the American people because his character is of firm, rugged honesty. He is a man of high character and high ability, without which all other virtues are of no avail. He has been crowded with vast power, responsibility and opportunity, yet no stain has marred his hands. He has never been sold by the betrayal of public or private trust. He is an honest, plain-spoken man, who points out and strives to remedy the wrongs of the nation. He is a man of high character and high ability, without which all other virtues are of no avail. He has been crowded with vast power, responsibility and opportunity, yet no stain has marred his hands. He has never been sold by the betrayal of public or private trust. He is an honest, plain-spoken man, who points out and strives to remedy the wrongs of the nation.

"Not only as producers and manufacturers of every kind of product have we added to the material growth of the nation, but truly believing that the welfare of the people and the upbuilding of the country would be best preserved by the promotion of the fundamental principles of pure Democracy, we have stood for the practical application of the principles of Thomas Jefferson and practiced by Andrew Jackson. Coming, then, not as paupers, but co-workers and builders, as the nation has ever stood for the welfare of the people and the upbuilding of the country would be best preserved by the promotion of the fundamental principles of pure Democracy, we have stood for the practical application of the principles of Thomas Jefferson and practiced by Andrew Jackson.

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NORTH CAROLINA CERTAIN COMMONER WILL BE ELECTED

"North Carolina has no candidate for President on the Democratic national ticket, but I arise in the name of my State to most earnestly second the nomination of that profound and progressive statesman, brilliant and persuasive orator, patriotic and law-abiding citizen, and true and humble Christian gentleman, William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska.

"From 1851 to the present time, Mr. Chairman, the section from which I come has demanded no recognition, either on the Democratic or Republican national ticket, but we have been content, in a quiet way, by industry and thrift, to build up the material growth of the State to the material wealth and glory of our beloved nation.

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Nebraskan a Leader of Men, Most-Noted and Loyal of Democrats, Dunn Declares.

"We are entering a campaign where, in the end, it will be a question of simple relation back to the creators of wealth; back to the source of political power—back to the people. In this moral reform, we ask you to nominate the great commoner of Nebraska, the man who without the glamour of military rank or civic office—with the greatest of innate ability and resident character—made the title of American citizen a passport to the palace of the world and beside every throne measured to man's full stature.

"Give us the leader who in fair weather and in storm, in peace and in battle, has been of abiding faith and inspiring courage. "In the dark days of Valley Forge, when America's enemies quartered in the nation's capital, were weary, warm and fed with plenty; when faint heart and Tory plotted against the commander-in-chief, George Washington walked from tent to tent, where blood, not honor, was the only cheer, his patriot army. In our own time while the enemies of the people have revealed in unearned luxury and wealth, and conservative have counseled compromise, Bryan has gridironed America, traveling wherever a railroad ran or a turnpike led, keeping alive the smouldering campfires of Democracy.

"His demands that were branded as ruinously radical eight years ago are the rallying poles of our opponents, now in panic and endeavoring to reform their lines. The frenzy of the Republican elephant trampling its own provision is caused by the Democratic shafts barbed into its thick hide by this valiant champion.

"After administration which has given to four years of friendly foreign relations all the apprehension, the instability and the extravagance of war, let us offer the man whose voice at the international convention of 1890 provided for world-wide arbitration; the man who at home has spoken for the Prince of Peace, and whose humanity is so broad that the pupils of every prominent man of the age and of the world are turned to him.

"Let us measure this people's candidate from the heart of the country against the hothouse candidate from executive nurseries. Let us put to the test the man who has shown the most devoted and unflinching campaign contributions, against Taft, who promised it and stands on the silent platform.

"Let us place Bryan, the candidate who first opposed government by injunction, against Taft, who first inflicted it; Bryan, who refused to abandon his position even to gain election, against Taft, who was anxious to reverse himself and win a nomination.

"Bryan's constant appeal to the hearts of his countrymen; his call to their conscience; the moral agitation that he has stirred and sustained, are to result not only in party victory, but in national purification. Sentiment, wisdom, justice, unite in demanding that as leaders we shall name this man who loves his fellowmen—Augustus Thomas, seconding nomination of Bryan.

"When history shall unroll her pages to the generations yet to be, the first among this country's greatest benefactors will be the great Nebraskan, whose name is loved and honored wherever the rain falls or the sun shines; wherever the heart beats or the tongue speaks.

"Bryan raised in front of the mightiest army of predatory interests the word 'shalt not steal.' He foresaw the dangers of monopolies, combinations and trusts long before his fellows. He was the pioneer in the fight against the lion of corporate greed of his day, and the tiger of predatory wealth in his jungle. He announced the doctrine that they should not place their sticks in the harvest when they had not tended; that they should not gather where they had not sown.

"The path he trod, like the path always of the pioneer, was one red with blood and wet with tears, but his name lives, and though unable to convince the jury which was packed and corrupted, his triumph was greater than that of any man in our history. He has been honored as no other American by all peoples on all lands, from the peasant to the king for liberty to the king who fears it. "It cost the Republican party \$20,000,000 to defeat him for the presidency. My word for it, they will have to empty the coffers of Wall Street to defeat him next November."—Hon. Ollie St. James, seconding nomination of Bryan.

"He rallied a well-hoped party, and so well did he endow it with his lofty courage that it met defeat without faltering and again proudly holds his name aloft as a beacon of promise. His name is today once more the choice of the Democratic party for President. He is to-day the choice of the common people for President."—Hon. B. E. Hays, of Salt Lake City, seconding nomination of Bryan.

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