

DEMOCRACY BUR- IES BECKHAMISM

Old Liners at the bat in Every Particular.

Indorse Bryan in tame Resolution Couched in Stereotyped Diction.

After burying Gobelism and its twin brother Beckhamism so deep that even Gabriel's trumpet on the resurrection morn will be unable to awaken them; after reorganizing the party along more democratic and conservative lines by eliminating all vestiges of ring rules and after extending a "pressing invitation to all Democrats, of whatsoever faction, or clique or all persons who had ever once been Democrats to come back home to the family reunion and partake of the fatted calf prepared by Ollie James W. B. Haldeman, John Whallen, James B. McCreary and the other masters of ceremonies and over which W. J. Bryan will ask the blessing the State Democratic Convention, better known as the Harmony Convention adjourned sine die at 1 o'clock Friday morning.

It was in many respects one of the most remarkable Democratic Conventions that ever assembled in Kentucky. Remarkable for its nerve in breaking away from the former party bosses; for the manner in which its discordant elements finally harmonized and climbed into the band wagon altogether to the tune of "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here," and lastly for its penitential tears over its past sins of omission and commission.

The master hand of Ollie James the 300-pound Congressman from the First district, was visible everywhere in the carrying out of the program and even in the shifting of the stage scenery. He was ably assisted by Col. W. B. Haldeman of the Courier-Journal, and John Whallen, of Buckingham Hall fame who with Senator James B. McCreary constituted the Big Four Harmony Club. "Little Boy Blue" Beckham who found out early in the game that he would have to go "way back and sit down," was finally after his pouting spell was over allowed to come on the stage and whistle an accompaniment to the general harmony refrain, for which he was rewarded with a pleasant little side trip to Denver. It was a small favor, but it was gratefully received by him and his friends.

The closing hours of the convention Thursday night were devoted mainly to the presentation of reports; but earlier in the evening there was plenty of oratory on tap, most of it of the same harmony brand, which Col. Haldeman, Senator McCreary and others had handed out as samples at the afternoon session.

Lieutenant-Governor "Bill" Thorne made the same kind of an old funny speech which he has made in Democratic Conventions for thirty years, with a few extra frills and ruffles on it. Gov. Thorne made every laugh and between his jokes now and then drove home an effective thrust at the party bosses in the past.

But the appearance of General P. Watt Hardin, the old Democratic war-horse who was the party's choice for Governor in 1899, but who was robbed of the nomination by which he was entitled by the famous or rather infamous Music Hall Convention, where Gobelism first showed its mailed hand, was the biggest surprise of the convention. It was peculiarly appropriate that General Hardin should be present at the funeral exercises of Gobelism and Beckhamism which had wrecked his political aspirations. Was it Nemesis that brought him here at such a time? Who can tell?

Little by little the secrets of the deliberations of the Committee on Organization are creeping out, and these account for the nervousness of Col. W. B. Haldeman and the evident distress of Congressman Rumpick who last night occupied a place on the stage. Col. Haldeman was made a delegate to Denver by a vote of 7 to 6. So intense was the feeling against him after all votes had been taken one member of the committee absolutely refused to sign the report because it contained Col. Haldeman's name. Urey Woodson also was elected national committeeman by a vote of 7 to 6.

THE PLATFORM.

We, the representatives of the Democracy of Kentucky in convention assembled at Lexington June 11, 1908 reaffirm our allegiance and devotion to the principles of the Democratic party as represented by Jefferson and advocated by a long line of illustrious leaders and as set forth in the national Democratic platform in 1904. We indorse and point with satisfaction to the wise honest and economical conduct of the State government by the Democratic administration of Gov. J. C. W. Beckham and his associates in office.

We disapprove and condemn the weak, vacillating hypocritical and arbitrary conduct of our State affairs by the present Republican administration.

We instruct the delegation elected by this convention to cast the vote of Kentucky as a unit upon all questions and matters coming before the national Democratic convention to be held at Denver, Col., July 7, 1908, and they are hereby further instructed to vote for William Jennings Bryan as the nominee for President by said convention and continue to vote for him until he shall be nominated.

J. N. KEHOE, Chairman.

Death Was on His Heels.
Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at all Druggists 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

HOPE THAT GORE MAY RECOVER SIGHT

Sufficiently to Enable Senator to Get About Without Any Attendant.

Washington, June 15.—Widespread interest is being felt in the efforts being made to restore in one eye, at least the sight of Senator Gore of Oklahoma. The senator himself has been considerably encouraged and the specialists, of whom Dr. William Holland Wilmer is chief have a hope that he may ultimately be able to see sufficiently to go abroad without an attendant, though they are not yet sanguine enough to believe that the senator will ever be able to read for he has been blind twenty-seven years. Mr. Gore, in spite of his affliction, has attended to his legislative duties and during the past session, on account of his blindness and his fine oratorical powers he greatly interested visitors to the senate chamber.

In the midst of his treatment Senator Gore hears that he is to have opposition for re-election, M. L. Turner, who was voted for at the primaries last year being reported as ready to try conclusions again. If this report is verified Mr. Gore will suspend treatment and go back home to look after his finances. He drew the short term which expires March 4, next.

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Another Mysterious Rain.

A correspondent writing to The Times from Slick Rock says: "Another example of rain falling in one particular spot, and that when the sky was perfectly clear has been witnessed in the Slick Rock country. A few days ago Mrs. J. H. Chism was surprised to notice quite a shower of rain falling in front of her kitchen door, and not a sign of a cloud visible, though the rain was sufficient to have wet a man in his shirt sleeves. When her husband came in at noon, Mrs. Chism called his attention to the fact. Unwilling to believe any thing supernatural was causing this phenomena they set about to discover the natural cause of it. They observed that rain was falling just beneath a very rank grape vine, and upon examining the grape vine found it infested with a vast number of little striped bugs, about the size, but hardly the shape, of lightning bugs, from which this rain was continually falling. Since then quite a number of their neighbors have witnessed it, and all are willing to testify to the above facts. It is thought his little bug draws the sap from the grape vine, and this is what forms the rain.

"Now they would like to know if the Glasgow Junction rain which so puzzled the people of that place a few months ago, could have been explained in this natural way."—Glasgow Times.

PRESIDENT NAMES COMMISSION

Who will Represent the U. S. At Parris.

Where the International Road Congress is to be Held in October.

President Roosevelt has directed that this Nation be strongly and officially represented at the International Road Congress to be held at Paris the week beginning October 11, and credentials have been issued naming Logan Waller Page, Director of the Office of Public Roads of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Chairman of the Commission. The other members named are Colonel Charles S. Bromwell of the United States Corps of Engineers, now serving as Superintendent of Buildings and Ground of the District of Columbia, and Clifford Richardson of New York, an eminent chemist and one of the World's acknowledge authorities on bituminous road building materials.

This coming Congress, which will be attended by distinguished delegates from every country in the world is regarded by highway engineers and experts as probably the most important ever summoned for the discussion of an economic question. Its need is the direct outgrowth of the advent of the automobile, for while thousands are ignorant of the fact, the soft tires of the modern motor-car are the greatest menace the hard surface thoroughfares of the world have ever been called upon to face. To understand how a pneumatic tire made of rubber could possibly injure a road surfaced with particles of crushed rock, one must have at least a faint understanding of the theories on which first Tressauget of Limoges and then MacAdam of Ayr built that class of highway. They figured that a road composed of crushed stone would not only endure the constant traffic of iron-tired vehicles, but would improve because the metal-bound wheels would be constantly crushing the stones and forming rock dust. That dust, they argued, not merely sift itself into all cracks and interstices, but would fill all surface inequalities and when wet would be rolled into a smooth, impervious, water-shedding shell-like surface.

They reasoned well built wisely, and for over a century and a quarter the so-called macadam road did everything that the famous French and Scotch highway engineers claimed it capable of. It came to be the ideal road for suburban sections, and thousands of miles were built. France to date has spent \$660,000,000 on her incomparable system of rock-surface-Nation routes and the United States has followed to a degree, possessing at the present time approximately 32,000 miles of this class of highway.

Prior to the advent of the automobile the roads improved, but the modern speed vehicle had not been traversing the suburban highways long before a pronounced retrogression of the most general traveled stretches was very noticeable. Complaints came from farmers and dwellers along suburban roads that a great dust nuisance had also sprung up and that emerald laws were taking on the hue of London fog and the box hedge was dove grey rather than green. Fruit farmers hoed their products becoming gritty and prices fell off.

Investigation proved at once that the new conditions had been created by the automobile and highway engineers in every civilized land began studying the new condition and seeking for a remedy. I this country Director Page conducted a series of interesting experiments in which various classes of automobiles were sent at varying rates of speed over selected stretches of road, while expert photographers pictured their progress and produced proof that the tractive force of the rear tires did the damage. While he was watching that work and was experimenting with various delaying liquids, France was doing the same on an even larger scale. That country which expends vast sums annually on maintaining the well-nigh perfect system of highways it has been building since the days of the first Napoleon, made a most complete set of measurements and learned that the automobiles had caused the roads of the Republic to retrograde fully forty per cent. It was decided to summon the thought, skill and

intelligence of the world to combat a condition which means great financial losses and the official invitations to the Congress were sent out, the French Government formally requesting the U. S. Government to participate in the Congress.

That President Roosevelt is personally so deeply interested in the coming gathering as to send the Director of Roads and his distinguished associates to France may be some regarded as evidence of National awakening to the vast importance good roads are to the nation.

Invitations have been transmitted through the Office of Public Roads to State Highway Commissioners, City Engineers and Park Commissioners to attend the Congress and already a number of delegates have been selected.

Monarchical Manners in the White House.

The social arbiter has ruled in the White House with an iron hand during the past few years. Early in the present regime it became whispered abroad that the canaille was to be no longer welcome at the White House. There we no place there for so many of those plain decent but obscure woman who used to go to those delightful afternoon receptions and teas of Mrs. Cleveland. But the White House has never been so brilliant with receptions musicales and dances and there has never been seen so much of that small element in our democracy that is called "society." The social exclusiveness of the White House has of course considerably affected social life in all official circles in Washington especially in the Cabinet. The President of the United States is by the long traditional etiquette of his office prohibited from dining out except in the houses of his Cabinet Ministers. Mr. Roosevelt scrutinizes with all the care of King Edward the list of persons whom he will allow to dine in his company when he is a guest.

The old invitation to the White House has in effect become a royal summons to the White House not only to politicians but even to railroad presidents and everybody else. There has been a mighty change since the day when Mrs. Lincoln prepared a feast and the President invited a number of friends to dine with Gen. Grant. The hero of Appomattox slipped out of Washington and the President good-naturedly laughed at his absence. Senator Platt refused to go to the White House on the invitation of President McKinley on account of "a previous engagement." But anyone who fails to go to the White House now on a summons must show a doctors certificate. Two or three winters ago there was a banquet at the White House at which one of the ladies invited failed to appear. A summons was sent to a noted Washington society belle. She was entertaining her fiancé at dinner and refused to leave her own table but her mother prevailed upon her to go. On another occasion a woman—a guest of honor at a dinner that was being given at one of the embassies—was summoned from the table to take the place of an absentee at the White House. Her hostess a proud Countess protested that her dinner party should not be broken up, but here the diplomatic wisdom of an Ambassador prevailed. In his own country he knew what it meant to have a royal master.

The atmosphere of the White House once democratic and free, has become tainted with the manners of monarchy. Servility and arrogance go hand in hand military display social censorship and exclusion of plain people are used to impress the imagination of the unthinking as at the courts of Europe.—David F. Snelair in Harper's Weekly.

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A Strenuous Musician.

The piano-playing record of the world was recently broken by a young Australian athlete, C. W. Healy, who, starting off on a Thursday, a 8 p. m. to the simultaneous lighting of thousands of electric lights at Prince's Court Melbourne, played continuously until Saturday, of the same week at 10:30 p. m. He thus played without a stop for the phenomenal time of fifty-one and a half hours. Asked what training he underwent for such a feat, he replied: "Nothing extra whatever. As you know my business is physical culture, and I study natural health laws and live up to Nature in every point possible. I always manage to secure fresh air, good plain food, healthy athletics, etc., and I am fit at any moment, as every young fellow should be."—Physical Culture.

TOBACC TROUBLES NEAR END.

Number of Soldiers in the Field Greatly Reduced.

Adjutant-General Thinks The Worst is Over—Few Raids in Last Few Weeks.

Tobacco trouble in Kentucky are almost at an end and the situation is greatly improved, according to reports which have been received by the adjutant general's department says the Frankfort News. The troops which have been on duty for several weeks are being relieved and only those soldiers absolutely needed to protect life are now being kept on duty. The force in the field will be greatly reduced this week and may be further reduced as the situation improves. This does not mean that the soldiers are going to be called in, however. They are going to be kept on duty wherever they are needed but Adj. Gen. Johnson has said that the need of soldiers now is to protect the lives of the men who have had the courage to tell of the outrage which had been perpetrated upon them.

Organization of the men who are raising tobacco and their formation into a compact body, with leaders and pre-arranged signals, has had much to do with the present condition. The men who are growing tobacco have formed themselves into a compact organization with every man fully prepared to protect himself or his property. This organization has made it dangerous for night riders to be about and in any district of the State where night riders operate they take their lives into their hands when they start out on a raid. The growers, by that is meant the men who do not belong to the Burley Tobacco Society, and who are planting tobacco this year, are fully able to take care of themselves and to protect their crops.

Of course, one thing that has tended to help the situation in the Burley district is the fact that nearly every tobacco patch which is to be planted has already been planted and it is a very different proposition destroying a plant bed from destroying a field of growing tobacco. To destroy a field of growing tobacco is a task one that requires a great deal of time for attention would have to be paid to each plant and in a ten or twenty-acre field this would mean a job of several days. Once the tobacco plants are set out in the field it will be almost out of the question for the field to be cleared of tobacco without its being known and without somebody's interrupting the proceedings. It is believed that there will be no attempt to destroy tobacco which has been planted and in all cases where the tobacco plants have actually been set out in the field, the plants will be permitted to grow without molestation.

The soldiers and the association of men who do not belong to the no-crop movement have had the desired effect of stopping the night riders raids and there has been no outbreak in the last few weeks that has been serious. The Adjutant General and the Governor are breathing much more freely now, and think that things are so shaping themselves that there will be no more trouble. They hope that the tobacco war is at an end and that Kentucky is to have peace and quiet for some

time to come. It is believed that the barn burning will stop and that there will not be reprisals for previous barn burning or attacks by the night riders.

Gen. Roger Williams who has been in command of the soldiers in Bracken county and the district around that center of disturbances has been relieved of duty and an officer lower in rank has been given command the situation improving so much that it was not thought necessary to have Gen. Williams on duty. Gen. Williams held a conference with Gen. Johnson Sunday and discussed the situation in the Bracken county district with the Adjutant General. It was agreed that things have improved up there.

Masonic and Knights of Pythals Barbecue.

Hartford Masonic Lodge and Rough River Lodge, No. 110, Knights of Pythals have chartered the Hartford Fair Grounds for Saturday, June 20, 1908, at which time the two lodges will join in giving the biggest barbecue ever given in Ohio county. The proceeds of same will be applied to the completion of the new hall in Hartford. The Masons will have one of the best Masonic speakers in the State; and the K. of P. Lodge has made arrangements to have one of its big State speakers present. The Ohio County A. S. of E. Order has been especially invited and it is expected to have its State President, Hon. J. Campbell Cantrell, present. The lodges have employed the best brass band to be found to furnish music; and arrangements will no doubt be perfected for some good racing and fine show horses. A committee has already been appointed to furnish edibles for this occasion. All the secret societies in Ohio and adjoining counties will be invited.

Kentucky's Fearless Newspaper.

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Disregards Depression.

The Illinois Central Railroad company has placed an order with the Tennessee Iron and Coal company for 52,000 tons of steel rails to cost \$1,456,000. The rails will be used on the new line to be operated between Chicago Birmingham and Atlanta. The order signals the return of prosperity in the South. It means the immediate employment of 2,000 skilled workmen, who have been idle, and the placing in circulation of thousands of dollars.

The Central order is the largest that has been placed since the financial depression became evident in the fall. Only one order, placed by the Pennsylvania railroad, comes any way near the Illinois Central's. The company announces that it intends to disregard whatever is left of the panic and resume business on the old scale.



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