

BRYAN NOT THERE

Finally Decides Not to Attend Democratic Convention.

Writes Letter in Which He Explains Position.

JONES MADE PLANS.

National Chairman Objected to Mr. Bryan's Presence.

IT WILL BE JOHNSON.

Kansas Man to Manage the National Campaign.

W. A. Deford Will Be the Real Secretary of Convention.

[Special to the State Journal.] Kansas City, July 2.—William J. Bryan will not visit this city during the national convention.

Plans have been made by Kansas City for Mr. Bryan's visit, the programme, including a speech by him Thursday evening.

Chairman J. K. Jones of the national committee, has from the first opposed Bryan's coming here during convention week.

"Bryan will be the nominee of the convention," said Mr. Jones today, "and will be forced at once into an arduous

campaign. A visit to Kansas City under the existing circumstances would be a severe tax on his strength.

Mr. Bryan, in his letter, expresses regrets that he has been misunderstood concerning this convention.

An effort will be made to have Bryan change his mind on this proposition but the national convention favors upon the plan and it will doubtless fail.

Johnson seems to have the friendship of all the elements of his party and he has established nothing short of a remarkable record during his service as the nominal national chairman this summer.

Should the unexpected happen, and Bryan fail to secure the nomination which is, of course, almost beyond the range of possibility, Johnson might get lost in the shuffle, but under the present regime, he will be an easy winner.

If he will accept, Chairman Jones will be reappointed national chairman at the request of Bryan. If Jones declines to serve, the mantle will surely fall to Mr. Johnson.

The Democratic leaders seem to be very much at sea concerning the attitude of Mr. Jones, as to another chairman or service as chairman, but the senator has not yet enlightened his friends. He is not seeking the position, but it is conceded to him at this stage of the proceedings.

That the campaign will be managed from Chicago where the national headquarters will be continued and that the work will be directed by Johnson is generally understood, but whether he will be chairman or vice chairman is now the unanswered question.

DEFORD TO THE FRONT.

Kansas Man Will Make Record of Democratic Convention.

[Special to the State Journal.] Kansas City, July 2.—While some eastern Democrats of perhaps national prominence will be named secretary for the temporary and permanent organizations of the national convention, the Kansas man, who never fails to score well on the work.

The responsibility for preserving a permanent, official record of the convention proceedings, has been placed upon William A. Deford, the Ottawa

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Will Be the Nebraskan's Own Personal Choice.

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BESIEGED.

Foreign Legations at Peking in a Desperate Situation.

Shut Up in British Embassy and Provisions Nearly Gone.

OTHER PLACES BURNED