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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Democratic State Committee Rooms
Harrisburg, Pa., April 1, 1908.

As directed by the Democratic
State Central Committee at a special
meeting held in the Board of
Trade rooms, in this city on Wed-
nesday, February 26th, 1908, notice
is hereby given that the Demo-
cratic State Convention will convene
in the Orpheum Theatre, at Har-
risburg,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 1908.

at 11 o'clock a. m. The business
for which the convention will meet
will be:

To nominate one candidate for
superior Court Judge;

Two candidates for Presidential
Electors-at-Large,

To elect in the manner provided
by the rules of the party; four De-
legates and four Alternates-at-Large
to the National Democratic Con-
vention;

To certify the nomination of
thirty-two Presidential Electors, as
named by the delegates from the
respective Congressional Districts
of the State,

And to act upon and determine
such other matters, relating to the
welfare and success of the party
within the State, as may be brought
before it.

P. GRAY MEEK, Secretary.
GEORGE M. DIMELING, Chairman.

JOHN G. McHENRY'S OFFICIAL LABOR.

As the first session of the Six-
teenth Congress draws toward a
close the people of this district have
abundant reason to feel proud of
the achievements of our Representa-
tive in the House, Hon John G.
McHenry. Modesty is becoming in
a new member of Congress and Mr.
McHenry was sufficiently modest to
get the approval of his more ex-
perienced colleagues. But he didn't
allow false modesty to interfere
with the full discharge of his obli-
gations to his constituency. In
other words he was assertive
enough to take care of his duties
and modest enough to avoid the
unfriendly resentment which
"freshness" almost necessarily in-
vokes.

Mr. McHenry suggested a good
deal of the legislation which was
enacted during the session and in-
troduced more legislation than most
new members initiate. His finan-
cial bills were really the foundation
of both the Aldrich and Fowler
bills, though neither of these fol-
lowed the lines to the purposes,
which he indicated. For example
his emergency currency bill pro-
vided for the issue of the currency
by the government while Aldrich
proposed that it be issued by the
banks. Mr. McHenry's object was
to relieve the people in times of
stress and Aldrich's to invest the
banks with new sources of revenue
and power. On the other hand his
bill to guarantee deposits provided
for a direct transaction between the
government and banks while Fow-
ler's scheme created a lot of expen-
sive official machinery.

The beneficent idea expressed in
Mr. McHenry's bill creating a Bu-
reau of Mines and Mining was like-
wise stolen by the Republicans of
the House. His plan was the sim-
plest in the world. It provided for

a tax on the product of the mines
to be collected much as the reve-
nues on distilled spirits are collect-
ed. The measure which was adopt-
ed by the leaders changed this to a
complicated scheme which would
cost nearly as much for mainte-
nance as it would have provided for
the sufferers. But it enabled the
House managers to side-track Mr.
McHenry's beneficent measure and
prevent its passage without making
open opposition to it.

No Bryan Endorsement.

Delegates to Denver Will Go to Convention
Uninstructed.

State Chairman George M. Dim-
eling, of Clearfield, and Secretary
P. Gray Meek, were at state Demo-
cratic headquarters last week ar-
ranging for the listing of the dele-
gates to the state Democratic con-
vention to be held in Harrisburg on
May 20th. It is too early to make
any predictions about the Bryan
sentiment. Of course the state
convention will have nothing to do
with the national delegates except
the four selected at large and the
impression is that there will be no
declaration for the Nebraskan un-
less by the date of the convention
it appears that he is certain to be
the nominee. Many of the most
prominent Democrats in the state
are opposed to Bryan's nomination
and will only accept him in case it
is shown that he has some chance
of election, which is now regarded as
remote.

Carnegie on Trusts.

The appearance of Andrew Car-
negie as the defender of the people
against trusts is the most pictur-
esque instance of "reformed piracy"
which America has yet produc-
ed. When the source of Mr. Car-
negie's millions is remembered, and
when it is recalled that it is the in-
terest on the bonds of the United
States Steel Corporation, and in
some cases the bonds themselves,
which he is industriously distribut-
ing for the building of libraries, for
the promotion of scientific research,
for the reward of heroism and for
the pensioning of educators, the
stupendous character of his conver-
sion will be apparent.

When Mr. Carnegie says that the
trusts—and the Steel Corporation
is one of the closest imitations of
that institution which America fur-
nishes—"rob a community of its
right to competition, disguise it as
we may," he makes a confession
that should fill the heart of trust-
busters with boundless joy. It was
doubtless made in lively recollection
of the practice of the Steel Corpo-
ration to exact from the public \$28
a ton for steel rails that cost from
\$12 to \$14, and one can only con-
clude that Mr. Carnegie will next
appear in the role of an advocate of
the removal of the tariff which has
made such extortions possible.

—Phila. Public Ledger.

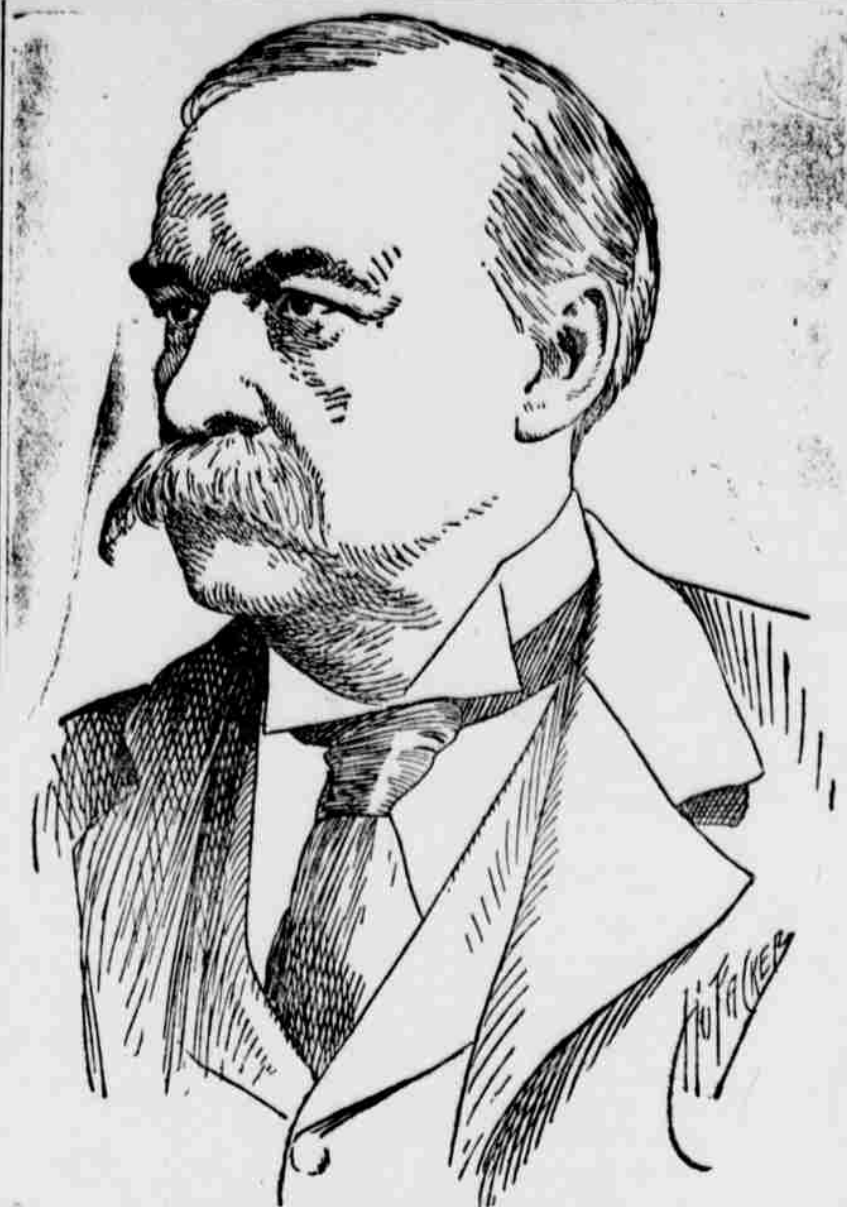
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GEORGE GRAY OF DELAWARE.

In the list of presidential possibilities the name of George Gray is being
widely discussed. His public record shows that he was graduated from
Princeton college in the class of 1859 and took a course in Harvard Law school,
after which he practiced law in Delaware. He was attorney general of Dela-
ware 1879-85, United States senator from that state 1885-90, leader of the
Democratic senators against the force bill and against an excessively high
protective tariff, member of the Canadian joint high commission 1898 and of
the Spanish peace commission in the same year, chairman of the anthracite
strike commission 1902-3, chairman of the Alabama coal strike commission
1903 and has been sole arbitrator in several other labor disputes. He is now
a member of the International court of arbitration appointed in accordance
with the peace conference at The Hague and judge of the United States court
of appeals for the third circuit.

The Turning Point of Imperialism.

The over whelming defeat of the
president's pet project for the au-
thorization of four great battleships,
at a total cost of some forty millions
of dollars, may be accepted as the
first effective sign of a revulsion of
public opinion against imperial ex-
pansion. That is, warlike expan-
sion, with the big stick fiercely dis-
played, as against commercial ex-
pansion, with the big stick kept
modestly and inoffensively in the
background for display and use
only as occasion offers. It is now
evident that the president counted
upon the general satisfaction fol-
lowing the brilliant cruise of the
battleships fleet to carry through
his plan of rapid naval expansion in
support of the big stick idea, but
there is cause for congratulation
that pride in our war power has
been properly limited by a com-
mon-sense view of its reasonable limi-
tations.

Three chief reasons advanced in
the debate in Congress for the pro-
posed wholesale investment in bat-
tleships were the defense of the
Philippines, the defense of the
Panama canal and the confronting
of Japan with overwhelming sea
power for the protection of our
Pacific commerce, and particularly
of the "open door" of Asiatic
trade.

As for the canal, it was first ur-
ged by President Roosevelt himself
for the sake of the navy; because it
would make possible the quick and
safe transfer of a war fleet from
ocean to ocean. It is rather con-
fusing that the canal is now point-
ed out as a reason for a great navy.
Do we need the canal for the navy,
or the navy for the canal?

With regard to Pacific and Asi-
atic commerce, and the fear of its
menace by Japan as we have as yet
hardly a trace of such commerce in
our own ships, and as the growing
volume of our freight carried in
merchant ships of other nations is
of value also to the merchant fleets
of Japan, there would seem to be
no cause for uneasiness, save as
there may develop a predicted
mastery of Chinese trade by Japan,
or a generally arrogant and ag-
gressive policy on the part of that
country. In spite of the fearful
warnings uttered by Representative
Hobson, such dangers seem far
away, and not at all appalling.

All of the conditions point to the
urgency of preparation for com-
mercial and not imperial expansion.
Our productive capacity has out-
grown the home market. Our
enterprise craves world-wide com-
mercial activity. Our great canal
at Panama will give us commercial
opportunities of which we should
be prepared to take advantage, and
the trade revival of the West Indies

also waits upon the opening of that
great highway, and upon the awak-
ening of our aggressive but not
war-like sea power.

Commercial, not imperial expan-
sion, is the bright purpose and pros-
pect to be set before us. It fills the
Far Western sky with no grim war
clouds, but with the golden glow of
sunset over vast fields of grain,
enough and to spare to save from
frequent famine the millions of all
Asia; over fleets freighted for the
ends of the earth with American
manufactures and bringing back to
us the welcome products of other
lands, a tribute fairly paid, with
good will, to enterprise and in-
dustry.

And the first step is not to the
building of a more colossal navy, but
to the reform of our absurd and
obsolete trust-protecting tariff.

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Elisha Ringrose has made a de-
mand on the other county commis-
sioners that his name be placed on
the ballot at the November election
as a Republican candidate for county
commissioner. The matter has
been referred to Solicitor Rhawn
for an opinion.

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