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Democratic National Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,
 of Nebraska.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
JOHN W. KERN,
 of Indiana.

Democratic State Ticket.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
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Democratic County Ticket.

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 (Second Term.)

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 of Bloomsburg.
 (Second Term.)

THE TICKET.

The Democratic National Convention has nominated William Jennings Bryan and John W. Kern as their standard bearers in the Presidential campaign. We have placed their names at the head of the political announcements, and will give the ticket our warmest support.

Mr. Bryan, twice a Presidential nominee, has been before the public eye for the past twelve years, and is so well known that a biographical sketch is unnecessary.

John W. Kern was born December 20, 1849, at the village of Alto, Howard county, Indiana. His father, Dr. Jacob W. Kern was a Virginian by birth, who removed to Shelby county, Ind., in 1836, and lived there until 1846, when he moved into the new Northern country. Kern's mother was Nancy Liggett and she and Dr. Kern were married in Warren county, Ohio.

In 1854, when John was five years old, the family removed to Warren county, Iowa. From the time he went to Iowa until he was 15 years

old he did not see a railroad train. The family moved back to Howard county in 1864. In the 60's, while still in Iowa, Mrs. Kern died. Two children were left, John and his sister, who is now Mrs. Isaac Engel of Darville, Va.

John was educated in the district schools and he continued this education by attending the Indiana Normal School of Kokomo, Ind., riding horseback 10 miles each day. Later he taught school near Alto. He earned money to enter Ann Arbor, graduating from the law department of Michigan University in 1869. He immediately began practicing in Kokomo, Ind.

Mr. Kern has been president of the Commercial Club and has always been conspicuous in all State and Civic movements. Mrs. Kern, who is his second wife, and whom he married in 1895, is prominent in all of the social and literary affairs of the city. Miss Julia Kern, their daughter, is well known socially. There are two other children—John W. Kern, Jr., aged 9, and William H. Kern, who is now 5 years old.

The nominee is one of the best-known men in Indiana and though he has made two losing races for Governor as the nominee of his party he led his ticket on both occasions and has since then been regarded as the leader of the party in his State. When just 21 years of age and only entering upon his profession as a lawyer, he was "drafted" to make the race for the Legislature in the Republican county of Howard, but was defeated, after which he was chosen city attorney of Kokomo for six terms over Republican aspirants.

In 1884 he was nominated for reporter of the Supreme Court on the Democratic ticket. He was elected and served four years. In 1890 he was elected a State Senator from his county, and in 1900 and 1904 was nominated for Governor, but was defeated.

Since 1884 he has resided in Indianapolis, where he served as City Attorney under the last two administrations of Mayor Thomas Taggart, from October 1897 to October 1901.

Before the St. Louis Convention of four years ago Mr. Kern's name had been prominently mentioned among the Vice Presidential possibilities.

In 1907 he was the caucus nominee of the Legislative minority for United States Senator, and received the entire Democratic vote in both Houses.

Mr. Kern has not always agreed with his party, but he has always bowed to it when it announced its principles in convention. Prior to the assembling of the State Convention in 1906 he was a pronounced gold advocate and made a number of speeches to deter the party from declaring for free silver. He was beaten in the convention, and when the Chicago Convention nominated Bryan on a free silver platform he yielded his individual judgment and went to work for the ticket. In reply to the criticisms of some of his gold Democratic friends and of the opposition press, he declared that the party law as enunciated in the platform was higher than the individual judgment and if a man were a Democrat, as he was, it was his duty to hold his judgment on political questions subordinate to that of the majority of the party.

It was through Kern's fealty to Bryan and the Chicago platform that he won the regard of Bryan, and in the years that have passed this regard has ripened into a genuine friendship on the part of Bryan and into generous admiration on the part of Kern.

While not a polished orator, John W. Kern is a forcible and logical speaker and campaigner of more than ordinary tact and ability. He tells a story illustrative of his position on any question well and has the faculty of getting a crowd in sympathy with him wherever he speaks.

He is thoroughly acquainted in

Indiana. Those who have backed him for Vice President believe that this strength will be greatly augmented this year, and they will make a special effort to awaken State pride in his behalf.

Though not a polished orator, Kern's delivery is so forcible and his logic so convincing that there is no doubt but he will make a creditable campaign for the ticket.

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TAFT AND TRADE.

Mr. Bryan's nomination was announced Friday morning. On that and the following day there were several favorable items of commercial news. As a result of them the New York Tribune came out on Sunday with the announcement that "business interests of all kinds in the East, West, North and South are moving rapidly toward a normal condition." For several weeks past there has been a slow movement toward better times which has been noted from week to week in these columns. Probably The Tribune's jubilation is slightly exaggerated. The Commercial and Financial Chronicle says more calmly: "No doubt the current week has afforded evidences of an improving business outlook." It will be observed that the current week is the week during which Bryan and Kern were nominated. Dun's Review is less optimistic; it says: "Further small net gains are recorded in commercial progress, favorable reports predominating, although the tendency is by no means definite."

The Tribune's crowing over trade conditions follows hard upon the action of the Democratic convention. It says: "The revival assumed a pronounced character immediately after the close of the Chicago convention." We have not observed in the trade reports that the Chicago convention had any perceptible effect upon the amount of buying and selling that was going on. The Tribune continues that "the nomination of Bryan, whose election would be considered most deplorable from a business standpoint, has no depressing effect because it had been expected and fully discounted. His election is not conceded by any business man."

This is an engaging combination of trade and politics. Business has been moving on an up-grade for several weeks. It continued to advance after the Taft nomination; therefore that was the origin of it for political purposes. It continued to advance after the Bryan nomination, but that was because his nomination had been discounted and business men did not think he could be elected. We shall get this sort of trade news in the Republican papers for four months. When trade improves it will be due to the expectation of Taft's election. When it falls off it will be due to apprehensions of Bryan's election. The truth is that Presidential campaigns and prospects have vastly less influence upon trade than political organs are wont to represent. The facts are that Bryan is nominated and trade continues to improve.—Record.

Feared Without Reason.

Dr. Herbert L. Burrell of Boston, in an address before the American Medical Association recently, said:

"The medical profession and many of the public are afraid of the press. Whether this position on the part of the public is justified or not need not be discussed. I never had occasion to appeal to the press for assistance and co-operation in any public measure without receiving hearty but at all times, to my mind, indiscreet assistance. Newspapers will publish what they think the public wants to know, but not what we think the public ought to know. They assume, quite properly, the right of decision. The greatest power that we can have to diffuse information is the public press. Let us be frank with it and I believe that it will almost invariably be honest with us."

Culm Fire Threatens Railroad.

Some anxiety is being felt by the officials of the Wilkes Barre & Hazleton third-rail line owing to the fact that the culm bank of the Empire colliery, Wilkes-Barre, is on fire, and the flames are approaching that part of the bank along which the third-rail line runs. The danger point is on Northampton street, Wilkes-Barre. It is feared that the culm bank extends under the car track, in which event caves are likely to result from the culm being burned. A close watch is being kept on the danger point.

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WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., July 11, 1908.

The nomination of John W. Kern of Indiana, as Bryan's running mate on the Democratic ticket makes it certain that the battle ground of the coming campaign will be in the Middle West. Close friends of the Nebraska leader have repeatedly declared in the last few months that Bryan no longer looked to New York or the East for sympathy or support. He and his immediate advisers were disposed to write the East down permanently as the "Enemy's Country," and cease to waste their time and energy in trying to make inroads in it while there was a more promising field of endeavor in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, where the Republican party has been radicalized and the party ties of thousands of Republicans unmistakably loosened.

The fact that Bryan has now turned away from the several candidates for the Vice Presidency presented by the Empire State and chosen his running mate from Indiana seems to prove that the idea of abandoning the East is to be given practical effect this year by the Democratic National Committee, which Bryan will absolutely dominate.

CHOICE REGARDED AS WISE.

The choice of Kern is regarded by Democrats here as an eminently wise one, in the light of the supposed Bryan plan of campaign. He is a man of ability and popularity and his name on the Democratic ticket will arouse the State pride and enthusiasm of the Hoosier Democracy. The State for years has been in every campaign debatable ground. Just now the Republican party in the State is badly split up. The failure of the Republicans to renominate Fairbanks will still further weaken it, not because the Vice President is particularly popular there, but for the reason that he and his friends will have no immediate stake in the campaign and will probably sulk in their tents instead of getting out and hustling for the ticket as they would have done had he been on it.

In Ohio the lack of harmony and organization in the Republican party are notorious and the conditions there are likely to get worse before they get better. This will be especially the case if the Administration and Taft people carry out their suspected purpose of backing Representative Theodore E. Burton for the Senatorship against Foraker whom many of the Taft people are bent on eliminating from Ohio politics. The Foraker following are aware that the Taft crowd can do this if they go at it with determination and the bare announcement of the fact that Taft has given his consent to the attempt will be apt to drive thousands of the Foraker supporters into the Democratic party. In this situation there would be a very good chance of the Democrats capturing the State this fall, despite the fact that an Ohio man is the Republican candidate. The Foraker men are desperate and will not hesitate to bolt once they become convinced that their leader is marked for slaughter by Taft and the Administration.

ILLINOIS DOUBTFUL, TOO.

In Illinois the condition of the Republicans is better than in the neighboring States, and in normal times probably there would be small hope of the Democrats carrying it. But the times are not normal, and will hardly become so before November. The industrial and business depression is still keenly felt in Chicago, where thousands of men are idle. The labor element of the city is very strong and thoroughly radical in its political tendencies, and for this element Mr. Bryan will make a most determined play. He is expected to make a personal canvass of the city and surrounding region, as he did in 1896 and, again, in 1900, and, if there is much business and industrial depression there toward the close of the campaign, the Republicans cannot fail to suffer heavily. Bryan will, no doubt, devote most of his campaigning to the States of the Middle West, and he may be expected to work even more energetically than he did in his two previous campaigns.

The feeling here is that there are the liveliest sort of times ahead in politics.

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