

# BRYAN AND STEVENSON

## Democracy's Choice For President and Vice President.

## BRYAN UNANIMOUSLY NAMED

## His the Only Name Presented to the Convention.

## HILL PREVENTS A STAMPEDE.

## Only the Earnest Plea of New York's Ex-Senator Prevented His Being Named as the Tail of the Ticket. Webster Davis, Formerly McKinley's Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Announces His Intention to Support the Democratic Nominees. Silver Republicans Also Nominate Bryan and Stevenson.

Kansas City, July 6.—For president, William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska. For vice president, Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois. This is the ticket named by the Democratic national convention. Bryan was nominated last night with a rush and a grand hurrah; Stevenson was nominated this afternoon with an enthusiasm which gave evidence that his selection was in every way satisfactory to the head of the ticket—the effort to stampee the convention for Hill, of New York, would have been successful had not Hill positively declined to accept a nomination.

The convention did not really get down to work till yesterday afternoon was nearly spent, because of the delay



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

in the report of the platform committee. The morning session was utilized to permit some of the party orators to let off the oratorical energy they have been storing up and, incidentally, to talk on the expediency of obeying Bryan and choking off the fight that threatened to convulse the convention. These included ex-Governor Hogg of Texas, Dockery of Missouri, candidate for governor; Mayor Rose of Milwaukee and Governor Beckham of Kentucky.

Webster Davis, who gave up his snug berth at Washington to espouse the Boer cause, was invited to address the convention, and he fairly electrified the audience with a brilliant speech, in which he told why he gave up the first assistant secretaryship of the interior, withdrew his allegiance from the Republican party and plunged headlong into the open arms of the Democracy.

Davis was given several times an ovation, and when he shouted: "As Christ died to make men holy, let us



ADLAI E. STEVENSON.

die to make men free!" the flags were brought into service, and a striking demonstration resulted. As he concluded by stating that he stood upon the platform and would support the Democratic ticket, his hands were warmly clasped by Chairman Jones, Chairman Richardson, Senator Tillman and a dozen of the national committeemen grouped about him, and the crowd again shouted itself hoarse.

Nominations of candidates for President of the United States were then declared in order, and the roll of states was ordered to be called. Alabama yielded to Nebraska, and Deputy Attorney General W. D. Oldham, of Nebraska, took the floor and placed W. J. Bryan in nomination. He paid a brilliant tribute to his chief, and concluded as follows:

With the issues now clearly drawn no doubt remains as to the name of our candidate. On that question we are a reunited Democracy. Already worthy allies, differing from us rather in name than faith, have shouted for our gallant leader again, and every state and territory has instructed its delegates to this convention to vote for him here. So it only remains for Nebraska to pronounce the name that has been thundered forth from the foot of Dunker Hill and echoed back from Sierra's sunset slope, and that reverberates among the pine clad, snow capped hills of the north and rises up from the slumbering flower scented savannas of the south; and that name is the name of William Jennings Bryan, her best loved son.

As Mr. Oldham closed there was an

answering cheer that swept across the convention. It was a simultaneous roar from all parts of the hall. Up over their heads went the flags, and above them all soared and rang the cheers for Bryan. The band loyally performed its share, but the noise of its creation was but a drop in the torrent.

The men from the state of Nebraska flung up a large banner, bearing a likeness of Mr. Bryan upon one side, and upon the other the word "Nebraska" and a smaller portrait of Mr. Bryan, inclosed in a star of blue.

New York vied with Nebraska and Kansas in venting its enthusiasm. Richard Croker was on a chair, both arms aloft, a flag in his right hand, which he waved vigorously. Hill was not behind him in the show of loyalty to the nominee and, waving his arms, he let forth a series of cheers that equaled those uttered by any man on the floor.

Round and round the hall went the marching column between two walls of cheering men, who stood beneath a cloud of fluttering flags. It was a demonstration fully equal in fervor to anything that has preceded it. It was not until 27 minutes had elapsed from the moment Mr. Oldham had mentioned the word "Bryan" that the cheering had subsided and the convention was in order once more.

### HILL'S SPEECH FOR BRYAN.

#### His Tribute to the Nebraskan Touched a Sympathetic Chord.

Chief among the speeches seconding the nomination of Bryan was that of ex-Senator Hill, of New York. When Colorado was reached that state yielded to New York. The audience had anxiously awaited the appearance of the distinguished New Yorker, and as Hill took the platform he was accorded a splendid reception, the entire audience rising and cheering wildly, with the single exception of the little group of Tammany leaders, who sat silent throughout the cheers for their New York associate. Mr. Hill was in fine voice, and his tribute to the Nebraskan touched a sympathetic chord in the hearts of the audience.

Other seconding speeches were made by Governor Benton McMillin of Tennessee, Mr. Perkins of Texas, Senator Daniel of Virginia, Judge Thompson of Illinois, ex-Senator White of California, W. B. Moore of North Carolina, H. L. Puga of Louisiana, T. E. Barkworth and T. Gargon of Michigan, Mrs. Cohen of Utah, T. W. Maloney of Vermont, L. G. Bohmrich of Wisconsin, Charles Slater of the District of Columbia, Blair Lee of Maryland, ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison of Pennsylvania and John H. Wise of Hawaii.

Then came the voting. State after state recorded its vote in behalf of the Nebraska candidate, and giving him the unanimous vote of all the states and territories. As the roll call proceeded the shouts of approval of the unanimity of the vote seemed to increase. All of the large states were cheered heartily as one after another they cast their votes for Mr. Bryan. Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, were cheered cordially, but when Missouri and a minute later Nebraska were called the convention fairly palpitated with enthusiasm. So it was, too, when the state of New York was called, the convention rising to its feet and cheering. The list of states and territories was completed with the calling of the territory of Hawaii. When Chairman Richardson announced the unanimous nomination of Bryan there was another season of hilarity, which continued until the adjournment for today's session.

When the convention came to order this forenoon the hall was even more densely crowded, if that were possible, than it was last night. In the vice presidential quotations Stevenson was in the lead at that hour. Hill informed everybody who asked him his attitude that he considered Stevenson a proper man, and expressed the belief that his own friends would be able to head off any attempt to make a stampee for him. It was reported that Alabama was planning to storm the convention for Hill and that several other delegations were being sounded to join in the movement.

Little time was lost after prayer in proceeding with the call for the roll of states for the naming of candidates, but it was interrupted by explanations and by the usual Hill clamor. Williams of Illinois, placed Stevenson in nomination in a short speech, and was followed by Rose, of Minnesota, who spoke for Towne. Then Thomas F. O'Grady, of New York, placed Hill in nomination, and the convention shouted itself hoarse in a frenzy of excitement. As soon as O'Grady finished Hill walked to the front of the platform and made an earnest speech protesting against his nomination. There were several other speeches for Hill and the others, but when Sowden, of Pennsylvania, read a five minute speech for Stevenson the delegates had become tired of speech making, and called "time" on him.

### BALLOTING FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

#### Stevenson Unanimously Named After the First Ballot.

The balloting for vice president began at 2:15 and was ended at 2:36. Before the balloting James Hamton Lewis, of Washington state, withdrew his name. The ballot resulted: Stevenson, 559 1/2; Hill, 290; Towne, 89 1/2; A. W. Patrick of Ohio, 46; Governor J. Walter Smith of Maryland, 16; Julian Carr of North Carolina, 23; Elliott Danforth of New York, 1; ex-Governor Hogg of Texas, 1. Ohio's full vote went to Patrick, Maryland's full vote to Smith and North Carolina's full vote to Carr, while Hill secured the full vote of New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Louisiana, North Dakota and Hawaii, together with 13 of Massachusetts' 30 votes. Stevenson's nomination was made unanimous.

The Democratic national committee met after the adjournment of the convention and re-elected Senator Jones, of Arkansas, as chairman.

The silver Republican convention today unanimously nominated William J. Bryan for president, and then Charles A. Towne made a speech in which he said he believed it his duty to support the ticket nominated by the Democratic convention. The convention then delegated the vice presidential nomination to the national committee. The

committee met tonight and declared Adlai E. Stevenson the nominee of the party for vice president. Mr. Towne will probably decline the Populist nomination for vice president, and an effort will be made to have the Populist endorse Stevenson. It is said that Mr. Towne himself will urge this action. He promises to make a statement when he is formally notified.

The first day of the convention was devoted mainly to patriotic speeches and demonstrations. From the time that National Chairman Jones introduced Governor Thomas, of Colorado, as temporary chairman, until the end of the second session, held in the evening, there was continued jubilation. Governor Thomas of Colorado was temporary chairman, Congressman Richardson of Tennessee permanent chairman and Senator Jones of Arkansas chairman of the resolutions committee.

### THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

#### Anti-Imperialism the Principal Issue of the Campaign.

We, the representatives of the Democratic party of the United States, assembled in convention on the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, do hereby reaffirm our faith in that immortal proclamation of the inalienable rights of man and our allegiance to the constitution, framed in harmony therewith by the fathers of the republic. We hold with the United States supreme court that the Declaration of Independence is the basis of our government, of which the constitution is the form and letter. We declare again that all governments instituted among men derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; that any government not based upon the consent of the governed is a tyranny; and that the only proper people a government of force is to substitute the methods of imperialism for those of the republic. We denounce the doctrine, followed by the flag and the sword, that an executive or congress, deriving their existence and their power from the constitution, may arrogate to themselves a power beyond it or in violation of it. We assert that no nation can long endure half republic and half imperialist. We assert that the American people that imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home.

We condemn in the fundamental principles, we denounce the Porto Rico law, enacted by a Republican congress, against the protest and opposition of the Democratic majority, as a betrayal of the sacred trust of the nation's organic law and a flagrant breach of the national good faith. We demand the prompt and honest fulfillment of our obligations to the Porto Rican and taxation without representation. It dishonors the American people by repudiating solemn pledges made in their behalf by the commanding general of our army, which the Porto Ricans welcomed to a peaceful and unresisted occupation of their island. It dooms to poverty and distress a people whose helplessness appeals with peculiar force to our justice and our humanity. It is the first act of its imperialist program, the Republican party seeks to commit the United States to a colonial policy, inconsistent with the principles of the constitution and taxation without representation, and condemned by the supreme court in numerous decisions.

We demand the prompt and honest fulfillment of our obligations to the Cuban people and the world that the United States has no disposition nor intention to exercise sovereignty or jurisdiction over the island of Cuba except for its pacification. The war ended nearly two years ago, profound peace reigns over all parts of the island, and the administration keeps the government of the island from their people, while Republican carpet bag operations and the retention of the island under the protection of the United States military force, the Philippines cannot be citizens without endangering our civilization. They cannot be citizens without imperiling our form of government, and as we are not willing to surrender our civilization or to convert the Philippines into a dependency, we demand the immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Philippines first a stable form of government, secondly, to withdraw all troops and military forces from the island, and thirdly, to recognize the independence of the people.

### Philippines Policy Denounced.

We condemn and denounce the Philippine policy of the present administration. It has involved the public in unnecessary war, sacrificed the lives of many of our noblest sons and placed the United States, previously known and respected throughout the world as the champion of freedom, in the false and unamerican position of crushing with military force the independence of a people who have achieved liberty and self government. The Philippines cannot be citizens without endangering our civilization. They cannot be citizens without imperiling our form of government, and as we are not willing to surrender our civilization or to convert the Philippines into a dependency, we demand the immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Philippines first a stable form of government, secondly, to withdraw all troops and military forces from the island, and thirdly, to recognize the independence of the people.

We are in favor of extending the republic's influence among the nations, but believe that influence should be extended not by force and violence, but through the persuasive power of a high and honorable example.

The importance of other questions now pending before the American people is in nowise diminished, and the Democratic party takes no backward step from its position on them, but the heretofore policy of imperialism growing out of the Spanish war involves the very existence of the republic and the destruction of our free institutions. We regard it the paramount issue of the campaign.

### Republican Insincerity.

The declaration in the Republican platform adopted at the Philadelphia convention, held in June, 1896, that the Republican party "steadfastly adheres to the policy announced in the Monroe doctrine," is manifestly untrue and self-contradictory. This profession is contradicted by the avowed policy of that party in opposition to the spirit of the Monroe doctrine, to acquire and hold sovereignty over large areas of territory and large numbers of people in the eastern hemisphere. We insist that the strict maintenance of the Monroe doctrine and in all its integrity, both in letter and in spirit, is necessary to prevent the extension of European authority over this continent, essential to our supremacy in American affairs. At the same time we declare that no American people will consent to be held by force in unwilling subjection to European authority.

We oppose militarism. It means conquest through aggression and the possession at home. It means the strong arm which has ever been fatal to free institutions. It is what millions of our people have fled from in Europe. It will impose upon our peace loving people a large standing army and unnecessary burden of taxation and a constant menace to their liberties. A small standing army and a well disciplined state militia are amply sufficient in time of peace. There is no place for a vast military service and conscription.

When the nation is in danger the volunteer spirit of a free people, such as that which has ever been an element of strength and safety. For the first time in our history and co-existence with the Philippines, we demand that a wholehearted departure from our time honored and approved system of volunteer organization. We demand that a wholehearted departure from our time honored and approved system of volunteer organization. We demand that a wholehearted departure from our time honored and approved system of volunteer organization.

### Private Monopolies Intolerable.

Private monopolies are intolerable and intolerable. They destroy competition, control the price of all material, and of

the finished products, thus robbing both producer and consumer. They lessen the employment of labor, and arbitrarily fix the terms and conditions thereof and deprive industry of energy and small capital of their opportunity for betterment.

They are the most efficient means yet devised for concentrating the power of industry to the benefit of the few at the expense of the many and unless their insatiable greed is checked, all our civilization will be destroyed. The dishonest paltering with the trust evil by the Republican party is a conclusive proof of the truth of the charge that trusts are the legitimate product of Republican policies and that they are protected by the Republican administration in return for campaign subscription and support.

We pledge the Democratic party to an unceasing warfare in nation, state and city against the power of trusts in every form. Existing laws against trusts must be enforced and more stringent ones must be enacted providing for public ownership of interstate commerce and requiring all corporations to show, before doing business outside of the state of their origin, that they have no water in their stock, and that they have not attempted and are not attempting to monopolize the production of any article of merchandise, and the whole constitutional power of congress over interstate commerce, the mails and all modes of interstate communication shall be exercised by the enactment of comprehensive laws upon the subject of trusts. Tariff laws should be amended by putting the products of trusts upon the free list to prevent monopoly under the plea of protection.

The failure of the present Republican administration with an absolute control over the national government to enact any legislation designed to prevent or even curtail the absorbing power of trusts and illegal combinations, and to enforce the anti-trust laws already on the statute books prove the insincerity of the high sounding phrases of the Republican platform.

Corporations should be protected in all their rights and their legitimate interests should be respected, but the public should not be interfered with by the affairs of the people or to control the sovereignty which creates them, should not be subjected to such penalties as will make such attempts impossible.

We condemn the Dingley tariff law as a trust breeding measure, which has failed to give the few favors which they do not deserve and to place upon the many burdens which they should not bear.

We favor such an enlargement of the scope of the interstate commerce law as will enable the commission to prevent individuals and combinations from discriminations and the public from unjust and unfair transportation rates.

### Chicago Platform Reaffirmed.

We reaffirm and endorse the principles of the national Democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1896 and we reiterate the demand that platform for an American financial system made by the American people for themselves, which shall restore and maintain a bi-metallic price level, and as part of such system the immediate restoration of gold and the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

We denounce the currency bill enacted at the last session of congress as a step forward in the Republican policy to discredit the sovereign right of the national government to issue all money, whether coin or paper, and to keep open national banks for the purpose to issue and control the volume of paper money for their own benefit. A permanent national bank currency, and the government bonds, must have a permanent debt to rest upon and if the bank currency is to increase with the population and business the debt must also increase. The Republican currency scheme is therefore a scheme for fastening upon the people a permanent and increasing debt for the benefit of the banks.

We are opposed to the federal constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and we favor direct legislation wherever practicable.

We are opposed to government by injunction, we denounce the blacklist and favor arbitration as a means of settling disputes between corporations and their employes.

### A Department of Labor Favored.

In the interest of American labor and the uplifting of the workingman, and as the corner stone of the prosperity of our country, we recommend that congress create a department of labor, with a secretary, with a seat in the cabinet, believing that the elevation of the American laborer will bring with it increased prosperity to our country at home and to our commerce abroad.

We are proud of the courage and fidelity of the American soldier and sailor, and we favor liberal pensions to them and their dependents and we reiterate the position taken in the Chicago platform in 1896 that the fact of enlistment and service shall be deemed conclusive evidence against disease and disability before enlistment.

We favor the immediate construction, ownership and control of the Nicaragua canal by the United States, and we denounce the policy of the present administration to cede the canal to the late Republican platform for an isthmian canal in face of the failure of the Republican majority to pass the bill pending in congress.

We condemn the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as a surrender of American rights and interests, not to be tolerated by the American people.

We denounce the failure of the Republican party to carry out its pledges in Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and we promise the people of those territories, including the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, that we will favor home rule during their condition as territories, and we favor home rule and a territorial form of government for Alaska and Porto Rico.

We favor an intelligent system of improving the arid lands of the west, storing up water for purposes of irrigation and the holding of such lands for actual settlers.

We favor the continuance and strict enforcement of the Chinese exclusion law and its application to the same classes of all Asiatic races.

Jefferson said: "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none." We approve this wholesome doctrine and earnestly protest against the republican departure which has involved us in so-called politics, including the diplomacy of Europe and the intrigue and land grabbing of Asia, and we especially condemn the ill-concealed Republican alliance with England, which means dishonorable discrimination against our friendly nations, and which has already stifled the nation's voice while liberty is being strangled in Africa.

### Sympathy For the Boers.

Believing in the principles of self government and rejecting as did our forefathers the claim of monarchy, we view with indignation the purpose of England to overwhelm with force the South African republics. Speaking as we do for the entire American nation, except its republican members, we extend our sympathies to the heroic burghers in their unequal struggle to maintain their liberty and independence.

We denounce the large appropriations of recent Republican congresses, which have kept taxes high and which threaten perpetuation of oppression of war levies. We oppose the accumulation of a surplus to be squandered in such barefaced frauds upon the taxpayers as the shipping subsidy bill, which under the false pretense of prospering American shipbuilding, would out-purse the money into the pockets of favorite contributors to the Republican campaign fund. We favor the reduction and cancellation of the war taxes and a return to the time honored Democratic policy of strict economy in governmental expenditures.

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