

At Denver With the Democrats

Some Figures In the Convention—Judge William J. Gaynor of New York. Treasurer O'Brien.



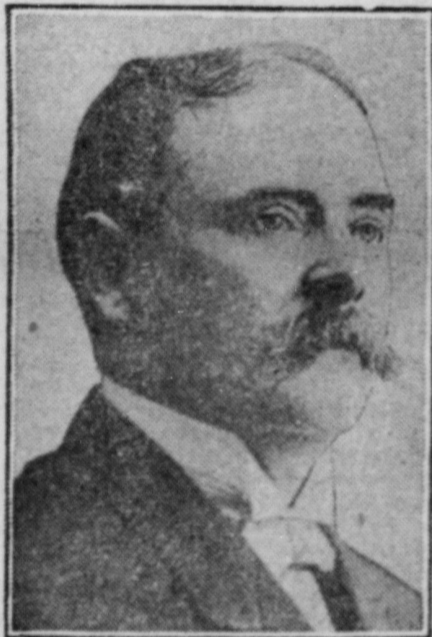
WILLIAM J. GAYNOR.

NEW YORK'S vice presidential candidate, William J. Gaynor, is one of the most eminent jurists in the United States, and his opinions on public questions have been widely quoted. He is a justice of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York state and was born at Whitestown, Onondaga county, N. Y., in 1851. He was educated at the Whitestown seminary and in Boston, and in 1873 settled in what was then the city of Brooklyn, working on Brooklyn and New York papers and in the meantime studying law. He was admitted to the bar in 1875. He became judge advocate on the staff of General McLean, Second brigade, national guard, in 1890, and shortly afterward became nationally known for his work in breaking up rings within the Democratic party and his action in securing the conviction of John Y. McKane of election frauds. He has declined proffers of nominations for the court of appeals of the state of New York, for mayor of New York and for governor of the state. Judge Gaynor has given much study to the subject of railway rate reform and has made many addresses on the subject.

He supported Mr. Bryan in his two previous campaigns.

Judge Gaynor married Miss Augusta Cole Mayer and has several children. He lives in the fashionable residence district of Brooklyn borough known as the Park Slope, where he has a handsome and tasteful home.

One of the prominent figures at the Democratic national convention and one of William J. Bryan's closest friends, Norman E. Mack, proprietor of the Buffalo Times, has occupied a post of responsibility in the party management for the past eight years as member of the national committee.

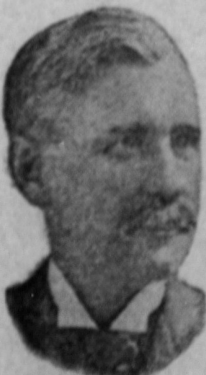


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representing the state of New York. The Times stood by Mr. Bryan in 1896 when his journalistic supporters were few and far between, and the Buffalo editor has been with him ever since, through thick and thin, and enjoys the confidence of the Nebraska statesman in an unusual degree. He and Mrs. Mack were entertained at Fairview by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan on their way to Denver, where Mr. Mack was among those who were talked of in connection with the vice presidential nomination, and it is predicted he will occupy an important post under the administration in case of Mr. Bryan's election. Mr. Mack celebrates his arrival at the half century mark this month and next year will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Sunday Times in Buffalo. The Daily Times came into the field four years later.

Mr. Mack has attended in an official capacity every national convention of his party since that of 1892 and in late years has wielded no small influence in the party councils.

William H. O'Brien, who, as treasurer of the Democratic national committee, handles the coin collected for use in the canvass, succeeded August Belmont in that post last January.



WILLIAM H. O'BRIEN.

Mr. O'Brien was chairman of the Democratic state committee of Indiana for several years and is an intimate friend of Thomas Taggart, Lawrenceburg, Ind., is his residence, and as he is a banker by occupation he is considered to have the proper qualifications for acting as custodian of the funds of the committee.

Augustus Thomas, who prepared a most eloquent tribute to Mr. Bryan to deliver when the latter's name was placed in nomination for the presidency at Denver, but who gracefully gave way to other orators, is perhaps

National Committeeman Norman E. Mack—The Youngest Bryan Generation—Augustus Thomas.



AUGUSTUS THOMAS.

obtained a good education, and after she had graduated from Vassar college he married her.

Among Mr. Thomas' best-known plays are "Alabama," "Arizona" and "The Earl of Pawtucket." He was in Washington one day while the capital contained a delegation of statehood boomers from the territory of Arizona and ran against one of the party.

"So you are the author of 'Arizona,' are you?" asked the man from that territory.

"I am," said Thomas.

"Well," commented the boomer, "Arizona is a pretty good play, a pretty good one, I saw it once. But I want to say to you it has one great fault."

"Is that so?" asked Thomas. "What is it?"

"Why, it ain't true to nature."

"Not true to nature? I am surprised at that. Where does it lack?"

"Lack?" shouted the critic. "Lack? Why, cuss it all, man, they ain't an argument for or against statehood in the hull blamed caboodle."

The trip to Denver taught the New York delegation one thing—fame in New York does not mean fame west of the Mississippi. A New York man dining with J. Sergeant Cram, Lewis Nixon and Daniel F. Cohalan asked the manager of the restaurant who Charles F. Murphy was.

"I don't know who he is," was the reply. "He has been eating here for four or five days, and I think he is from Wyoming."

"Have you got any Tammany Hall men here?"

"Any what?"

"Tammany Hall men—men from Tammany Hall."

"No such place as that around here," was the innocent reply.

When William J. Bryan was first nominated for the presidency at Chicago in 1896 he was but thirty-six years old and in the campaign which followed was often called the "boy orator of the Platte." That was twelve years ago, and now that he is running for the presidency a third time he is still in the full vigor of manhood, but he is getting baldheaded, and is a grandpa. There will not be

many references to the "boy orator" in this campaign. Mr. Bryan wears his honors as a grandparent gracefully. He is never happier than when trotting on his knees Ruth and Bryan Leavitt, children of his daughter Ruth, now Mrs. William H. Leavitt. The two youngsters are not quite old enough yet to appreciate the honors their grandpa has received, but they are very bright and interesting children and are at present the most lively members of the Bryan family, and their popularity is not altogether bounded by party lines.

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MILTON TERCENTENARY.

Celebrations In Honor of the Great English Poet.

The tercentenary of the birth of John Milton, which is being celebrated this summer in England, serves to call attention to the difference in the financial rewards of a literary career in the time of this great poet and in our own era. Milton received £5 from his publisher for "Paradise Lost" and a promise of £5 more when the sales should have reached £300. Yet there is perhaps no greater name in English literature than his. Milton was born in London on Dec. 9, 1608, but some of the principal observances in connection with the tercentenary are taking place this month. Cambridge university being the scene of several of the most important. Cambridge is intimately associated with the name of Milton, for it was at Christ college, Cambridge, that he studied the higher branches of learning, and in a venerable, musty volume the entry of his name can still be found. In his honor the fellows and masters of the college planned this month the performance of the masque "Comus" in the Fellows' garden, which contains the famous Milton mulberry tree to which so many pilgrimages have been made by admirers of the poet. One day in the programme of the Cambridge celebration has been devoted to the memory of his second wife, Catherine Woodcock, to whom the poet was passionately devoted and to whom he dedicated



JOHN MILTON AND CHRIST COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.



VISCOUNT KATSURA.

Veteran Warrior and Statesman at Front Once More in Japan.

General Viscount Taro Katsura, who has come to the front in Japanese politics again in consequence of the recent reorganization of the cabinet, has several times been prime minister of Japan and is one of the greatest soldiers of the empire. He has the reputation of being a strong friend of America. The viscount was born in 1849, is of samurai family and belongs to the Choshu clan, hailing from the province of Nagato—the birthplace of about nine out of ten of the country's great men. He began his fighting career in 1867 in the civil war which resulted in the overthrow of the old order of things and the adoption of western civilization. He was only a subaltern then, but Japan rang with stories of his remarkable skill and courage in leading men. After the civil war was over and Japan had begun to adopt western ways his government sent him to Germany to study

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President's Sons.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and His Brother Kermit The Latter's Luck In Being Invited on That African Trip.

MOST boys would think that Kermit Roosevelt got the best of his elder brother, Theodore, in obtaining the consent of his distinguished father to accompany him on that trip to Africa in search of lions and elephants and other big game. While Kermit is helping his sire to shoot or capture wild beasts in the jungles of the dark continent "Teddy Junior" will have to



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.

content himself with climbing up the ladder which leads to fame in the world of engineering, for young Theodore's ambition is to make a name for himself in a field quite different from that in which his father has become eminent so that the world cannot taunt him with insinuations that his rise is due to the president's influence rather than his own merits. He graduates from Harvard next year, and this summer instead of loafing, as so many college students do during vacation if their parents are wealthy, he proposes to gain all the experience he can by working as a laborer at the mines. He is willing to work his way up from the bottom of the ladder, and his career at Harvard shows that he has grit enough for strenuous tasks.

Kermit, who is now eighteen, is willing to forego completing a college course, if necessary, in order to have the benefit of the adventurous life the president purposes to pursue when he casts aside the cares of state. He is a tall, loose-jointed youth with clear eyes, soft voice and pleasant manners.

It was Kermit who perpetrated a prank in his younger days that is still the subject of laughter in the diplomatic corps at Washington when engaged. Before its renovation and enlargement President Roosevelt found the White House rather cramped quarters for a large family. With one or two of the little Roosevelts out at boarding school, there were enough beds to go round, but none to spare. The president once entertained a foreign envoy of age and rank at the White House over Sunday. He was put in Ethel's room, and Ethel, when she came back from school Saturday, went up to sleep with Alice, but unfortunately Kermit did not know of it.

So when early morning came, mindful of his strenuous inheritance, he crept to Ethel's room with a pitcher of water and, softly opening the door without awakening the slumbering

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