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William Jennings Bryan is again the candidate for president of the Demo-crats, Populists and Free Silver Republicans, as in 1896, and is confronted by

licans, as in 1896, and is confronted by the same opponent as he had that year. Mr. Bryan came before the people four years ago comparatively unknown; today his name is common wherever civilized men gather to read and discuss the topics of the hour.

leader by portraying him as an anar-chist, a confiscator, a law-defier and a man who espouses un-American and nstitutional doctrines.

For four years William Jennings sryan has stood as severe a test as any American in private life has ever been

ughts, have been watched by relent less and vigilant powers, from within and without his party, and not once during that terrible ordeal has he been found to be anything but the pure, honest and true American which those who knew him well four years ago claimed him to be.

By a slight deviation from his prin iples, Bryan today could command the

support of almost every Democrat who left the party and opposed him in 1896.

Were he more of a politician and leas statesman he would have succumbed to the lurid inducements of unquestioned victory which influential men held out to him this week this week.

But Bryan is not the man who will sacrifice principle, even in so immaterial a document as a political platform, and as a result of his devotion to the inter-ests of the whole people on the financial question, the battle of 1900 will be lought as in 1896-with the classes and wealth and their dupes arranged against the masses.

The hopes of the country lie with

Democracy, and the hopes of Democracy for the present, at least, are bound to Bryan. He is the one logical leader and director who can be trusted to lead America and Americans back to the safe and just ways of government through which the nation grew and

That there has been extravagance as well as stealing in the Cuban postal service was practically acknowledged by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who has just returned from Cuba, when he said that he had made reductions in postal salaries while there that aggregated \$100,000 a year, and he clinched that acknowledgement when he added: "No clerks have resigned are now paid all the work is worth. If any of them should resign, there would be no difficulty in filling their places at people. the same salaries."

The Democracy is the only complete national party in the country; there is no state in which there is not a vigorous Democratic organization, and in which william J. Bryan will not receive a substantial popular vote. The Re-publican party remains a sectional organization, as it always has been. ome states there are hardly enough ectable Republicans to fill the toral ticket. But the Democracy is still as it was in the time of Jefferson

FREELAND TRIBUNE. BRYAN IS NAMED

Great Demonstration Follows Oldham's Speech.

16 TO 1 WINS THE DAY.

Reported by Committee After a Hot Fight.

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the Platform Declares—Text of the Resolutions—Hill Makes Speech Seconding Bryan's Name—Webster Davis Announces His Withdrawal From the Republican Party—Boer Plank Evokes Enthusiasm.

Democracy's Leader.

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gates and spectators there was hill one point to his speech, and that was the stirring peroration which closed with the name of William Sennings Bryan. This was the signal for the demonstration of the day, and in a common purpose the great concourse folued in a tribute of enthusiastic devotion to the party leaders. A huge oil portrait of Bryan measuring 15 feet across was brought down the main alphe before the delegaties. At the same time the standards of the state delegations were torn from their sockets and waved on high, while unbridles of red, white and blue, slik banners of the several states and many handsome and unjunc transparencies were borne about the building amid the deafening classor of 20,006 cylling, gesticulating mean and women. All of the intensity of former demostrations and saugh more was added to this final tribute to the ladder.

When the demonstration had speril itself, the specthes seconding the nomination of Mr. Bryan were in order. Secusion White spoke for California, glying the tribute of the Pactic coast to the Nebraska emplidate. When Colorado was reasked, that state yielded to Senator Hill of New York. The anglience had asxionally avaited the appearance of the distinguished New Yorke, and as he took the platform he was accorded a splendid reception, the entire audience rising and



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