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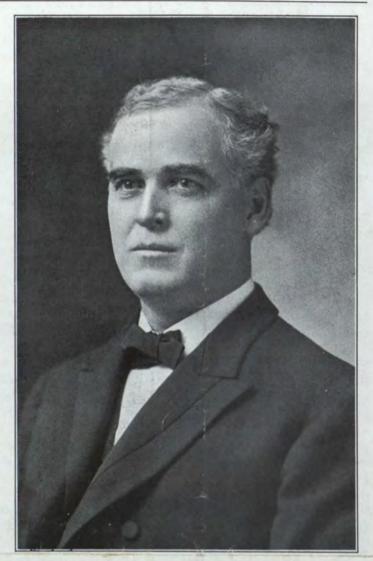
Bryan and Culberson Nominated



RESULTS OF FIRST BALLOT FOR PRESIDENTIAL **NOMINATION**

Bryan - - - - 714 Johnson - - - 225 Carmack - - - 46

Necessary to Choice - - 672



Nebraskan Chosen On First Ballot

The Convention in Detail

FIRST SESSION - MONDAY NIGHT.

Amid a chorus of yells and cheers, the Democratic National Convention was called to order by Chairman Grubb, in the Washington and Lee Gymnasium on Monday, May 4, at 8 p. m. The delegates present were very enthusiastic, and it was some time before the yells of the State delegations subsided enough for the Chairman to get a hearing.

The first business was the reading of the official call for the convention by the Secretary, Mr. W. M. Johnson. Mr. W. Neal Grubb, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, then presented the Committee's choice for temporary chairman, Mr. Raymond Kenny, of West Virginia. The applause which greeted the name of West Virginia's favorite son had scarcely died away when Mr. Ragland, of New York, was nominated for the same post by Mr. Epes of that State. The Convention then proceeded to ballot on the men nominated, Mr. Kenny being elected by a large majority. The Chairman now presented the name of Mr. J. R. Caskie as the Committee's choice for Temporary Secretary and Mr. C. S. Glasgow for temporary Sergeant-at-Arms.

These gentlemen were elected without opposition, and Mr. Caskie then handed in his list of Assistant Secretaries: Messrs. H. S. Caldwell, Witten, Cather, O. C. Jackson, Bledsoe, and Smithson.

Messrs. Smithson and Caffrey were appointed a committee to escort the temporary Chairman to the platform. Mr. Kenny made an eloquent address, laying down the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, and showing how these principles would furnish the solution for the problems which now confront us. He closed by a magnificent peroration in which he prophesied Democratic success in 1908 if the party would only remain true to its past ideals.

The next business was the appointment of the standing committees of the Convention. Mr. Grubb was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization; Mr. Izard, of the Committee of Rules and Order of Business, and Mr. W. M. Johnson, of the Commit-

tee on Credentials.

The roll of States was then called and each chairman responded with the name of that delegation's member on the Committee on Resolutions. This Committee later met and elected Mr. W. K. Ramsey, of North Dakota, chairman.

The Convention then adjourned to meet Wednesday, May 6, at 8 p. m.

SECOND SESSION-WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The second session of the Democratic National Convention was called to order Wednesday night, by Temporary Chairman Raymond Kenny, the immediate business before the House being the report of the committees appointed Monday night.

The Committee on Rules was first called for and the acting chairman, Mr. Devane, delivered the report. A discussion which ensued seemed confined to Rule 8, which gave to the State the privilege of voting as a unit or not. It was stated that it would take a majority of the delegation to carry the State. The rule called forth violent opposition, and a substitute motion to count simply the undivided vote was lost. The rule as it stood was then adopted. Upon the motion

of Mr. Epes to admit proxies, the rule was changed to admit in writing the proxies of those away with the baseball team. With these difficulties disposed of, the rules as a whole were adopted.

Upon the calling of the Committee on Credentials Mr. W. M. Johnson simply stated that the seating would be in accordance with the list published in the Washington and Lee DEMO-CRAT. This met with the approval of the House.

The Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization now rose to present their selection in regard to the permanent officers of the Convention:

Chairman, W. N. Grubb. Secretary, W. M. Johnson. Sergeant-at-Arms, C. S. Glas-

The Committee's report was adopted without opposition.

Mr. Grubb was enthusiastically received by the convention, who gave great attention to his remarks on the business of the convention.

Chairman Grubb's first act was to call for the report of the Committee on Platform. This document in excellent style, outlined the issues before the people and the preamble and first

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