

BEST MEETING OF CAMPAIGN

Taft and Bryan Guests at Annual Banquet of Chicago Association of Commerce.

A DISPLAY OF FRIENDLINESS.

Both Made Speeches, Which Were in Best of Taste and Humor, Politics Being Avoided.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—William J. Bryan and William H. Taft, rival candidates for the presidency of the United States, met tonight at the annual banquet of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Mr. Bryan having been in Chicago all day was the first to arrive. Judge Taft having delivered a speech at the opening of the deep waterways convention in the forenoon went to Galveston and delivered another address during the afternoon and returned to Chicago tonight after the banquet was well under way.

Interest in the meeting had been manifested since it became known that the two candidates were to meet in public and every seat in three banquet halls at the Auditorium, thrown together for the occasion, was occupied when the first course was served, save only a commodious chair reserved for Judge Taft.

An ear-splitting shout gave warning of the arrival of Judge Taft. Mr. Bryan, who had been seated between two tables, those at a distance occasionally could catch a glimpse of smiling faces acknowledging greetings. Mr. Bryan, who had been seated between two tables, those at a distance occasionally could catch a glimpse of smiling faces acknowledging greetings.

The dramatic moment which had been anticipated with such deep interest was soon over. Mr. Bryan's hand awaited that of Mr. Taft. A single lingering pressure, a word or so which none could overhear because of the tumult, and the Republican leader passed on to a chair at the right of Mr. Hall. The cheering continued for a minute or so after those at the speakers' table had taken their seats. At the first moment the noise subsided, Mr. Bryan, leaning to one side and smiling broadly, asked Mr. Taft if he "had a good day."

BILL'S ALL RIGHT.

This display of friendliness on the part of the two candidates stirred the crowd to renewed cheering, and words being useless in the din, Mr. Taft thrust his throat forward and answered Mr. Taft's question with a word or so which none could overhear because of the tumult, and the Republican leader passed on to a chair at the right of Mr. Hall. The cheering continued for a minute or so after those at the speakers' table had taken their seats. At the first moment the noise subsided, Mr. Bryan, leaning to one side and smiling broadly, asked Mr. Taft if he "had a good day."

"What's the matter with Bill?" cried some one in stentorian tones. "He's all right."

"Who's all right?" "Bill's all right!"

It took music by the orchestra and a song by the guests to restore a semblance of quiet.

When talking in ordinary tones became possible the two candidates entered into a mutual conversation, in which President Hall joined.

The speeches of both Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan were not partisan. This was in accordance with the wishes of the Chicago association of commerce, which is a non-partisan organization.

When the last course had been served both of the distinguished guests were kept busy signing menus which were passed up over the mass of orchids in front of their section of the speakers table.

THE BANQUET HALL.

Meanwhile the banquet hall remained in good natured disorder. The orchestra played incessantly, but the music was almost drowned in the babel of shouts and songs.

"We're here because we're here" was a favorite.

"Daisy" inspired shrieks which apparently were not for anybody, but merely a symptom of the prevailing excitement. And through it all the two

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When God made man he set a limit to his existence, so that if he was a bad man he could not be bad long. The introduction of Mr. Taft was as follows:

"In the fortunes of war we acquired alien and subject races. Our government assumed to lead them to the beneficent edifice of American civilization. For the accomplishment of this purpose the president sent to the Philippines a typical citizen, an eminent counselor, and a man with the courage of his convictions. He accomplished the high purpose of his mission, winning both the confidence of his countrymen and the love and gratitude of the native people. Success and honor have crowned his every effort in an active life as citizen, jurist, peace-maker, and cabinet officer. Thoroughly and bravely he has met the insular possessions he has stood for the integrity of his government and the majesty of right. Gentlemen, Mr. Taft."

TAFT'S RESPONSE.

Mr. Taft, whose rising was greeted with another outburst of violent cheering, prefaced his prepared speech with a few impromptu remarks which created laughter. He said:

"I have only begun to run for the presidency and I am glad to begin with the political amenities of the campaign. I am better acquainted with exceedingly good and fellow guest and to forget the rivalries and disputes of the campaign in this inspiring hospitality. And I reciprocate in every way and to the full his kindly and courteous words of respect and good will. With him I have recently been subjected to a considerable strain. But the experiences of today have been almost more than I could bear. One non-partisan speech is a good deal of a burden (Mr. Bryan smiled in the mention of it) and you are in other kind of practice. And to have to make three inside of nine hours. I submit to my distinguished fellow guest, and opponent, is cruelty to any man." (Laughter.)

Mr. Taft discussed inequalities in the administration of justice, saying: "All our institutions are now being subjected to close scrutiny with a view to proving that some of them should be radically changed. The chief attack is on the institution of private property. I believe that the interests of private property, next to those of personal liberty, is the most important with the uplifting and with the physical and moral improvement of the whole human race, but that it is not inconsistent with the rights of private property to impose limitations upon its use for unlawful purposes, and that this is the reform needed rather than the abolition of the institution itself. An evil which is likely to grow in importance is the inequality between the poor and the rich growing out of the delays in the administration of justice between individuals, which wealthy litigants, where each party is able to pay the expenses of litigation and to undergo for the time the loss of interest on the capital involved, our present system, while not perfect, does not call for anxiety."

"A defect of our system is seen in the unequal burden which the delays and expenditures of litigation impose on the poor litigant. The reform must be reached through the improvement in our judicial procedure. Our codes are generally too elaborate. It is possible to have one simple and effective. It has been attained in the English courts by leaving the form of procedure to be determined by rules of court. Another defect in our judicial system is giving to defeated litigants two appeals. So far as the litigant is concerned, one appeal is all that he should be entitled to."

"Again there has been manifested in our appellate courts too great a disposition to reverse cases for error in the trial below. The effect of the delays incident to the machinery now required in a settlement of controversies in judicial tribunals is to put at a disadvantage the poor litigant and to give a great advantage to his wealthy opponent."

"Another method of getting rid of a great deal of litigation, litigation that continues a great deal of the time, could be effected by the introduction of a system of settlement of damage suits by all employees against employers through official arbitration and resort to jury trials. Such a system is working well in England, as I am informed."

"Again, I believe a great reform might be effected in our state courts, by a mandatory reduction of the cost of suits and fees."

With the conclusion of Mr. Taft's speech the banquet was over. The candidates shook hands cordially and parted, although they were delayed in leaving the hall by a rush of guests who wished to obtain their autographs.

DECISION ON "O. K."

On Back of Order for Money, With Signature Equal to Endorsement.

Chicago, Oct. 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Fort Wayne, Ind., says: Judge Heaton, of the superior court, held yesterday that the letters "O.K." written on the back on an order for money are equivalent to an endorsement. The case in which the decision was made grew out of a refusal of the McBride Electric company, of Chicago, to pay for material bought by a subcontractor for a municipal lighting plant, which the McBride company was building.

PRESIDENT ON PERNICIOUS POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Washington, Oct. 7.—It was announced at the White House today that the president would not consider it pernicious political activity on the part of the employees in the classified service in going to their homes to vote at the coming election. The president said it was not only the duty of every employee of the government who is entitled to vote to go to the polls and cast a ballot, but it was patriotic.

CHURCH STANDS TO LOSE FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND

New York, Oct. 8.—Unless the Rev. John Fitzgerald, pastor St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church, Brooklyn, can learn the present residence of four former parishioners or show by indisputable evidence that they are dead, his church will lose \$55,000. For four years the priest has searched diligently for some clue to their movements during that time, but his efforts have not been successful.

Seventeen years ago the four men now being sought were selected, with six others as subjects for life insurance policies in which St. Stephen's church was to name a beneficiary. They were, Mr. Story, J. M. White, S. P. Gibbons, and C. G. Brown, all young men in the best of health, and the insurance company was glad to accept them at a low rate of insurance.

Policies on the twenty-year payment plan were taken out by the young men. Not knowing whether the four were living or dead the church continued to pay the premiums on the policies. The amount needed to pay the premium on the life insurance of the missing men is about \$2,000 a year which makes a total of \$30,000 that has been paid on them since they were taken out 17 years ago.

When the men first moved out of the parish they gave to Father Kilahey who was pastor of St. Stephen's at the time the policies were issued their new addresses. For a time the records of the church showed where they could be found but for the last seven years all trace of them has been lost.

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Similar conditions prevail in the emigration business. In July, 1907, the Red Star line transported 5,170 third class passengers, while last July the same company carried only 5,110. The outlook for better conditions at the beginning of 1909 however seems good.

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BUTTE MINERS ENDORSE PROPOSED STRIKE FUND

Butte, Oct. 8.—Butte Miners' union, local No. 1, Western Federation of Miners, by a special election has endorsed the \$100,000 strike and benefit fund of the federation proposed at the recent convention of the organization and agreed to pay the local union's assessment. It will be deducted from a loan of \$150,000 made to the federation by the Butte union to defend Haywood.

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KILLED ON NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Butte, Oct. 7.—Two men were killed, and one injured in a wreck of a Great Northern passenger train at Marias River, on the Shelby line, in the northern part of the state, early this morning. The dead.

William P. Ramspeck, of White Sulphur Springs, Mont., fireman. Unknown engine wiper.

Engineer Charles McClintock was severely injured. The train was late and while traveling at a high rate of speed struck a soft stretch of road bed, the engine rolling into the ditch, followed by the baggage and smoking car. Ramspeck and the wiper were buried under the wreckage. The passengers escaped beyond a hard shaking up.

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This work, which was begun in 1890, and printed in three large volumes (the fourth volume issued being biographical, and not a part of the direct history of Utah), is one of the largest and most exhaustive histories ever compiled of any western state. The three volumes bring the history of the state from the foundation down to the year 1890, at the time of the issuance of the manifesto, and includes the history of the Church from its organization in New York. The first ten chapters are devoted to this subject.

In the three volumes are included 235 full page steel plates, mostly portraits of leading figures in the history of the State, originally obtained at a cost of many thousands dollars. The volumes each contain approximately 800 pages, a total of 2,351 pages in the three. The binding is quarto size, full morocco with gilt edges, no other style of binding being issued.

The three volumes were originally sold at \$30.00, and several thousand sets were placed throughout the state at that figure. The "News" having obtained the unsold copies of the edition, will place them on the market at the coming October Conference and sell to the first comers at HALF THE ORIGINAL PRICE, OR \$15.00 FOR THE THREE VOLUMES. No single volumes will be sold. Without doubt many libraries throughout the country will avail themselves of this rare opportunity, and Utah people who desire to add this work to their libraries are urged to call at the Deseret News book store and inspect the work during Conference.

The low price at which this rare work is offered will undoubtedly exhaust the edition in a short time. The work will then be out of print, so that every book-lover should avail himself of this last chance.

The original subscribers, who already have the first three volumes of the History of Utah are entitled to the fourth volume (containing individual biographies) free, by addressing George Q. Cannon & Sons Association.

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