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WORTH KERN OF INDIAN



OMETIMES-not frequently indeed, but sometimes-on hearing for the first time the name of a newly made vice presi-nominee it has been necessary nomine average American citizen to nquire further." The reason for this be found in the unfortunate disclination of most of those who have rived at political eminence to serve the comparatively insignificant of-e-insignificant, that is, in comparison with a four year tenancy in the White House

Possibly there were those who were ren to "Who's Who In America" at he announcement of the recent Demoeratic national convention that it had eminated Mr. John Worth Kern for second place on its ticket. If that be the case, it may be asserted with abplute confidence that not one of those elated inquirers hailed from the state There is no one within the undary of that progressive commonwealth who would have balked at the nention of the vice presidential candi-Every man, woman and child in the Hoosler State knows John Worth kern. Some of them call it "Curran" and even spell it that way, but they now their man just the same, and

they are proud of him. This tendency of his fellow citizens to make him "Curran" is almost epidemic in some parts of Hoosierdom. The very day after the nomination the victim received the information that "Curran" club was being organized "All right," he laughed good natured-

"As long as it is likely to be spell ed correctly on the ballot I guess I'll have to stand it."

It does not always get into print Only a few months ago a orrectly ase in which Mr. Kern appeared as a witness was taken to the supreme urt. When the judge began reading er one of the briefs submitted he covered that one John W. Curran

figured quite conspicuously. till masquerading, I see," observed judge, with a chuckle. Mr. Kern, who chanced to be present, was visibly poyed at the blunder. "Twice a can ate for governor of Indiana and still his honor went on banter-"Such, alas, is fame! "yes such is fame," Kern admitted,

with a sigh.

It is current belief in the state of a that the game of politics is hn W. Kern's supreme diversion: hat the hurly burly of a hot political ampaign is the one form of stimuon which his system thrives. Yet s has been singularly unsuccessful in aring for himself those rewards for long party devotion which make the ruggle attractive in the eyes of most Since the early days of his poical career he has experienced a ies of defeats which must have been kening to a man inspired solely by anal ambition. That he has acpted defeat about as cheerfully as rs accept victory is proof sufficient at the Democratic candidate is not olitician of the ordinary type. It is consolation that the political rees which have been so frequent d so emphatic have never brought llation or even disappointment. The odds against which he has been as a rule, been too heavy admit of hope.

Thus it has happened that defeat has done more for John W. Kern than victory has done for many another. lls willingness to bear the burden of hopcless campaign, often at great sonal sacrifice, has endeared him to failures have been brilliant failures:



first Democrat of Indiana."

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Of course there is a reason beyond all this why John W. Kern has been nominated to the vice presidency. How did it happen that he was singled out from the scores of men, many of wider fame, who were declared to be fit for presiding officer of the United States senate and, in case the need should come, for the chief magistracy itself? The answer is not difficult to find, nor It may be said that his is it complete when it is affirmed as a political probability that he will

gate from the Hoosier State to the the Nebraskan Mr. Kern bore aloft Denver convention was quite certain the Bryan banner and gave freely of of that. As a spellbinder there is not his strength and substance. Never his peer in the middle west, but not- was there a more devoted champion, a withstanding his reputation as a magnetic stump speaker and vote getter he would not have been chosen for the in larger letters or blacker ink, vice presidential nominee had it not Through both campaigns Mr. Bryan been for his unswerving loyalty to the head of the ticket. Kern is heart, mind, muscle and soul a Bryan Democrat. Even longer ago and it touched him deeply.

than that eventful day on which Mr. That is why John W. Kern is slated Bryan's "cross of gold" oratory set the 'to share any political prize which may Democracy aflame the Indiana man be won by the head of the Democratic

more unselfish friend. Never has Brvan disciple subscribed to the creed did not lose sight of the man who was his tireless promoter. He recognized He recognized

they have become political assets and come nearer than any other man who had been sitting at the feet of the lead- ticket. In their friendship the two her that a strawberry shortcake would

Never does the Nebraskan pass guished guest, who was always very through the Indiana capital without visiting the modest home of the Kerns, and his is a familiar face at the Kern board and fireside. It was Kern who went abroad two years ago to meet dinner was served she happened to re Mr. Bryan and to tell him of the great member the tendency of her two small reception which would be given him at Madison Square Garden on his at the appearance of anything unusual homecoming When Mr. Bryan was in Indianapolis

Christian association he went to the model housewife, and it occurred to

have done their part in thrusting him | could be named to carrying his state | er whom he regards as the one ideal men are like affectionate brothers. | be a pleasant surprise to the distin-to the fore and have made him "the | for his party. Practically every dele- | Democrat. In both campaigns led by Never does the Nebraskan pass | guished guest, who was always very appreciative of her culinary efforts in his behalf. To that end she invested in some especially fine and rather cost-ly hothouse berries. Shortly before member the tendency of her two small boys to make audible demonstrations at the table, and she feared that the sudden presence of a luxury like midlast February to deliver an address in winter strawberries might provoke the regular course of the Young Men's some rather startling comment from some rather startling comment from To provide against this probthem Kern home, as usual. Mrs. Kern is a ability she decided to prepare them for

the oc "Now, boys, don't let mother hear | and 2,000,000 doughnuts.

you say a single word when the strawberry shortcake comes on the table." she admonished with motherly firm-"Promise me that you won't ness. speak," The youngsters promised faithfully.

When the delectable tidbit made its appearance it was Mr. Bryan who opened his eyes in astonishment and ejaculated:

Strawberries this time of What! the year! Well, well, this is some-

Mrs. Kern took a stealthy glance at the boys and saw that they were gazing at Mr. Bryan in open mouthed wonder. They kept their promise, however, and the danger period passed without disaster. After dinner the youngsters continued to remain speechless until the guest, observing their remarkable quiet, took the larger one on his lap and inquired blandly "Does this little boy like strawberry shortcake

"Yeth, thir, I doth, but I've got too good mannerth to thay the," the hopeful fisped virtuously. 20. 30

In spite of the Mileslan ring of his name Mr. Kern comes from good old German stock, his paternal greatgrandfather having emigrated to America from the fatherland and setto tled in Virginia, laying out the little hamlet of Kernstown, near Winchester, Mr. Kern's grandfather, Jacob Kern, went from Virginia, in 1836, and settled in Shelby county, Ind. His son, father of the candidate, became a physician and lived the life of a pioneer country doctor at Alto, near Kokomo. That was the birthplace of John W. Kern, and to it Dr. Kern and his family returned after a sojourn of ten unprofitable years in Iowa. John was then fourteen and had already made the discovery that he must be the architect of his own fortunes.

He accepted the duty manfully, in time receiving the baccalaureate in arts at the University of Michigan and later being licensed to practice law, He opened an office in Kokomo, served city attorney for ten years and in 1885 took office as recorder of the state supreme court. During his incumbency he published seventeen volumes reports, which speaks well for his industry.

Then he removed to Indianapolis and served as state senator four years and as city solicitor for six. In 1900 he was nominated for governor and de-feated. Four years later he repeated the venture, again unsuccessfully Two years ago he was Senator Beveridge's defeated opponent, and that brings his political record up to date. Of the two children of his first marriage only one. Julia, is living. The son, Fred-orick Richmond Kern, died of fever contracted in Cuba during the Span-ish war. The present Mrs. Kern is the mother of two very interesting little boys-John W., Jr., aged eight, and William Cooper, aged five. The family, including Miss Julia, lives at 1836 North Pennsylvania street in a modest frame house, and all attend the Taber-nacle Presbyterian church, although Mr. Kern is a Methodist.

GEORGE H. PICARD.

A WONDERFUL RECORD.

A woman of Boston has been celebrating her golden anniversary as a cook. During forty years out of the fifty she has been employed at one restaurant, for which she has baked no fewer than 394,000 pies. A local statistician has estimated that these ples if laid out in a row would cover seventy miles. She confesses also to the manufacture of 788,000 puddings

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