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## THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee convened at the Sherman House last Monday and Tuesday and its sessions were largely attended by prominent Democrats from all over the country. United States Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas, presided over its deliberations and all of its members and many other leaders of the party whom we conversed with, feel confident that victory will perch on the banner of Democracy in 1900.

The committee decided on two of the most prominent issues for the coming campaign 'Trusts' and 'Imperialism'. These two will occupy the most conspicuous places in the next platform and other planks and issues will be added from time to time as the campaign progresses, or moves forward. It was practically agreed by the executive body to hold the national convention early in May, or possibly prior to that date and to get into the field and be in good fighting order before Mark Hanna and his political vassals are prepared to cross swords with the advance guards of Democracy.

The campaign of education will be inaugurated in the near future. Hon. J. G. Johnson, vice chairman of the Executive Committee will cause to be distributed much literature among the people in all sections of the country touching upon the various issues which will be presented to them for their serious consideration.

Much other new and important business came up before the committee. Several delegations appeared before it in reference to securing the next Democratic national convention. Those composing the delegation from the sleepy and pokey old town of Milwaukee were the most persistent in button-holing and trying to make the members believe that the city of lager beer and limberger cheese was the most suitable place to hold the convention. But Hon. T. D. O'Brien, of St. Paul, Minn. who said, put me down as saying 'Organize, organize. It is my belief we cannot begin the work of education too soon,' favors holding the national convention in Chicago and he says 'I am a staunch friend of Chicago for the next convention. It is central. It has the hotels, the halls, the ability and desire to entertain. No city much smaller than Chicago is qualified to handle the crowds of a Presidential convention.'

National Committeeman O'Brien is level-headed and full of horse sense. His views in relation to holding the next Democratic national convention in Chicago are absolutely correct, and it would be fool-heartedness and shortsightedness on the part of the committee to think about holding the convention in any other city out side of Chicago, and especially in Milwaukee, for it should be the last place to secure it. In the first place it has not the hotel facilities to accommodate the delegates without saying anything about the large crowds who would naturally attend. Secondly, its leading Democratic citizens, including the Hon. E. C. Wall, a member of the National Committee, are not in harmony with Col. Bryan's financial ideas. Neither do they entertain much love for him, and we fully believe if they could gain a point they would do everything in their power to prevent his renomination.

Therefore, it would seem that the Milwaukeeans are simply working to secure the convention for sordid and selfish motives or purposes. One of its motives is to work off, or dispose of a lot of cheap stale beer to the delegates, which would result in the enrichment of her citizens, but it would not add any glory or honor to the Democratic party or its members. Then, again, there are several other reasons why the convention should not be held in that city, namely, its leading officials are so stupid that they would not know how to treat strangers and visitors; its thick-headed policemen would arrest richly dressed delegates upon suspicion of being burglars or tramps, for they do not come in contact with many people from a distance, and if any person should happen to step on the grass they would be unable to answer the

roll call when the convention assembled.

Again the Cream City should not be selected, and the members of the National Committee should banish its claims from their minds for the reason that the railroad accommodations are inadequate to transport the immense crowds that will want to witness the renomination of Col. Wm. J. Bryan the next President of the United States. For there are only two jerk-water roads running between Chicago and Milwaukee and they would be unable to haul the Chicagoans without saying anything about the outsiders.

So we urge upon the committee at its next meeting to select Chicago the great metropolitan city to hold the Democratic National Convention of 1900 in, and not Milwaukee. That convention will be more important than any convention that has been held by the party within the last thirty years and the issues which will be formulated by it, for the adoption or the rejection by the people, must be set forth in clear and ringing tones and if they are adopted, it will mean that the people still favor adhering to a Democratic form of government, or the rule of the common people. But if they are rejected then it means that the people have departed from those time-honored principles of our forefathers and are now in favor of Trusts, Monopolies, Combinations, Militarism, Imperialism. Monarchy, in short, it will mean that they are heartily in favor of trampling the Monroe Doctrine and the Declaration of Independence under their feet and expectorating upon the Stars and Stripes which are emblazoned upon old glory.

## A MUSICAL TREAT

A rare musical treat was tendered the ladies of the Phyllis Wheatley Club last Wednesday. The musical section had charge of the programme. Mrs. Harris, chairman of this section certainly deserves much credit for the energy she put forth in preparing and carrying out such an elaborate programme.

The first number was a piano solo by Miss Amelia Scott, who is a natural born and talented young musician. She played a vocal solo, "My Love is a Sailor Lad" by Miss Bernes Spradley. Miss Clara Green gave a recitation in which she displayed considerable dramatic ability. Little Miss Victoria Bond played a solo on the cornet with piano accompaniment. Mrs. Dr. Daniel H. Williams gave a short talk on the "History of Music" from the time of the reign of the Roman Emperors down to the present. Mrs. Williams' remarks were highly instructive and well received.

Miss Estella Bond and Miss Lucas each rendered a finely executed piano solo. Miss Euphemia McQuann was last on the programme and sang "I Will Extol Thee" in a very clear and melodious voice which charmed all who heard her.

At the conclusion of the programme a vote of thanks was extended to those who so generously donated their talent for the occasion.

Next Wednesday the Industrial section will meet. An excellent programme is promised. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and visit the club. Some of the very best talent of the city is secured for these weekly meetings.

We hope all members will endeavor to attend regular and thereby encourage those who so unselfishly give their time for the advancement and higher education of women.

Congressman H. D. Clayton of Alabama, member of the Democratic National and Executive Committees, attended the late sessions of that committee held at the Sherman House. The congressman is a most genial Southern gentleman, and it is very distasteful to him to have any one, black or white, to cringe or bow down real low when they attempt to salute him or engage in conversation with him. Before departing for Washington, Congressman Clayton expressed his highest admiration for The Broad Ax and the work it is accomplishing for the party. He has become a staunch friend and reader of The Broad Ax.

## MASONIC COLUMN

Palestine Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine among the colored Masons in the United States was established in Chicago on June 6, 1893. It was the first temple of colored shriners in the United States of America and through out the world.

Prince Hall Consistory of the 32nd degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons in Chicago was organized on the 10th of November in the city of Chicago in 1879. It was the first consistory of Colored Scottish Rite Masons that was established in any of the states west of Pennsylvania. Richard M. Hancock 33 was the first commander-in-chief of the Consistory. Prince Hall Consistory meets on the fourth Tuesday in each month at Arlington hall corner of 31st street and Indiana avenue. Illustrious William Grav 33, is now the Commander-in-Chief of Prince Hall Consistory. Illustrious C. J. Waring 32 is Grand Secretary.

The Daughters of Sphinx is the only female organization in the United States that was organized by the Masonic Fraternity. It was established many years ago in Greece and Egypt and introduced into the United States in 1875. It is for the wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters and all female relatives of Master Masons. Liberty Lodge A. F. & A. M. at Liberty Mo. have recently purchased them a lot and have built themselves a Masonic Hall. Illustrious L. W. Puhes, 33 Grand Secretary General of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons for the United States, whose office is at 604 F street, N. W. Washington D. C. is a prominent lawyer at the Washington bar and one among the best posted colored Masons in the United States and a man of high scholarly attainments. A Masonic convention composed of a large number of distinguished Masons from different parts of the world, will convene at Paris France in August, 1900. The colored Masons of the U. S. have already elected their representatives to the convention. Magnus L. Robinson 33 of Alexandria Va., who is the Imperial Grand Recorder of the Imperial Grand Council of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, is hard at work arranging the minutes of the last session at Cleveland, for publication. The election of officers in a number of the lodges and other Masonic bodies will soon be held, and a number of new brethren will be at the helm in managing the affairs of the institution. Changing officers so much in any organization, generally proves disastrous to the order. When we have good men in office it is always better to keep them there.

There are now 975 Masons in the Republic of Liberia, Africa and they are recognized to be the most brilliant Masons in the world. They have a Grand Lodge and ten subordinate lodges and they are in a prosperous condition. The Grand Master is Brother C. T. O. King, who is a judge of one of the Courts in that country and Brother L. W. Johnson is Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. I. H. Kelly Lodge A. F. & A. Masons at Belleville Ill. on the 11th of November had a grand Masonic banquet and it was largely attended by Masons from all parts of the country. F. O. B.

Congress William Sulzger of New York, heard of The Broad Ax before he struck town and concluded he could not perform any more graceful act while in the city than to subscribe for our Ax. The Congressman has many friends among the national leaders of the party who would delight to see him forge to the front as the leader of the party in the House of Representatives. He is eminently equipped for all the honors which can be conferred upon him by the party and The Broad Ax would like to see him occupy a prominent position, in the councils of the party of Thomas Jefferson.

Vice President Hobart passed from this life last Tuesday and his death is mourned by the people throughout the country regardless of their political affiliations.

## CHIPS.

If the people of our race desire encouragement, they must demonstrate that they are worthy of it.—Ex

The colored physicians of Atlanta have formed an association under the name of The Atlanta Negro Medical Association.—Ex

Be polite to everybody, black and white. It costs little, but brings great reward in the end. But only real ladies and gentlemen can do this.—Ex

Henry M. Coburn, the well known attorney of 1428 Unity building, has been waited upon by many of our best colored citizens urging him to become a candidate for either the Circuit or the Superior Court and the managers of the Democratic party could make no mistake by selecting Mr. Coburn for that responsible and honored position.

In Maryland the Republican party was turned out of office because of the bad treatment the Negroes received at the hands of the party. This ought to inspire in the party all over the country a sort of reverence for this particular vote in 1900. There are other states than Maryland where this ignoring process has prevailed. Now look out all along the line.—Ex

The colored people of Boston Mass. held a meeting at Charles Street African M. E. church recently. President McKinley was scored and his administration condemned on account of its attitude toward colored people of this country. Hon. Archibald Grimes, consul to San Domingo read the resolutions which were the most caustic allegations as yet given to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Newby made a pleasant call upon Editor and Mrs. Taylor several evenings ago. Mrs. Newby is an accomplished lady and an interesting conversationalist. Mr. Newby is widely known as the president of the Colored Democratic League of Cook County and he is an energetic worker in behalf of Democracy.

E. E. Murphy of Leavenworth Kas., who is one of the national organizers of the Woodmen of the World, visited Chicago the past week. Mr. Murphy is a bosom friend of J. G. Johnson Esq., national committeeman from Kansas. The former gentleman is very popular with the Afro-Americans of his State while being a strong Democrat yet many of them are ever ready to cast their lot with him.

D. C. Dunbar, county clerk of Salt Lake County Utah and ex-chairman of the Democratic city committee of Salt Lake City, passed through this city last Tuesday on his way to New York where he will be treated for rheumatism. Mr. Dunbar is in close touch with the national leaders of the party and while in the city he held a long consultation with United States Senator James K. Jones, respecting the political situation in the west.

T. D. O'Brien, Esq., one of the great luminaries of Democracy of St. Paul, Minn. was a hard worker during the sessions of the committee which he has the honor of being a member of both the Executive and the National. But notwithstanding this fact he was ever ready to chat pleasantly with the members of the press. Mr. O'Brien intends to receive part of the Democratic gospel from the columns of The Broad Ax.

The American people have become bereft of all reason over the actions of Admiral Dewey in transferring the title of the house which they presented to him, to his wife, who in turn deeded it to the son. The American people are fickle minded, they lose sight of the fact that as long as the house belonged to Dewey even if they did present it to him, he had the right to dispose of it to suit himself, and they are simply displaying their ignorance by kicking up a big fuss over Dewey and his house.

The Indianapolis Freeman admits that it believes in the doctrine that all Democrats are bitter enemies of the Negro and that the Republican party and its leaders, have ever been his friends. But for sordid reasons or motives it solicits subscriptions to the Freeman from Democratic governors, statesmen, and the rank and file of the party. This shows that The Freeman, its editors and managers, do not possess as much logic and reason as the

four legged beast which was rode by Baalam.

Julius F. Taylor editor and publisher of The Broad Ax a colored Democratic journal published at Chicago is in the city in the interests of his paper. Mr. Taylor has the confidence of the Democrats of Chicago and is doing a good work there among his people.—From the State Register Springfield Ill.

Next Thursday Nov. 30 has been set aside by President McKinley and Gov. Tanner of Illinois as Thanksgiving Day and the people are admonished to repair to their various houses of worship and render thanks for the good fortune which has attended the favorite few during the last twelve months. But the people in general of the masses or the laboring classes have not much to be thankful for. For prosperity which the President and his friends are continually blowing about so far has not enabled them to enjoy the common and actual necessities of life.

Hon. W. H. Thompson of Grant Island Neb. member of the Executive and Democratic National Committees informed us that the colored Democrats of his town maintain a club which has over fifty members and is in a very flourishing condition. It expects to cause a rattling of old dry bones among the colored Republicans in the campaign of 1900. Mr. Thompson prides himself on being a warm friend of the colored race and he has become interested in the success of The Broad Ax and hereafter it will visit each week his elegant home in Grand Island Neb.

The Watuta League of Chicago gave its annual Stag Thursday evening Nov. 22 at their club house 47th and Halsted streets. Through the kindness of Al Kenney Sachem of the 30th ward we received an invitation and we sincerely regret that owing to being absent from the city on that night it was beyond our power to be present and accept of the hospitalities of that famous club. Alderman John T. Russell was chairman of the committee on entertainment and we feel confident that the minutest wants of the guests were looked after.

## SOCIETY ITEMS

Mr. Robert L. Taylor has resigned from his position as member of the Board of Control of the Sunday Forum.

Miss Mabel A. Wheeler announces a musicale at her residence 4440 Langley avenue for Thanksgiving Day for the benefit of Provident Hospital.

Mrs. Van Sickle entertained a number of friends at a dancing party at her residence 4630 Dearborn street last Thursday evening. A good time was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Miss Amee Richardson Gillespie formerly a nurse of Provident Hospital died at that place last Saturday after a short illness. Her home since her marriage was in Council Bluffs.

A very largely attended dance was given at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Hudlin 51st street near State last Thursday evening. It was managed by a committee of ladies whose object was to raise money to put an old man now in the poor house in the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored people.

Last Sunday afternoon Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones pastor of All Soul's church, addressed a very large meeting of the Men's Sunday Forum at Bethel church on the subject "Lincoln the Sad Humorist of the Sangamon." His eloquent words and beautiful thoughts held his hearers enraptured during the delivery.

A grand reception and ball will be given by the Cosmopolitan Dancing Club at the South End Dancing Academy, 3347 State street, Monday evening, Nov. 27. Music by Prof. Boorman's orchestra. Admission, 25 cents. The officers of this Club have made ample arrangements to entertain their friends who delight to dance, until 4 o'clock in the morning.

The heart's reservations are the limitations of the life's usefulness. What some people are seeking is sensation, rather than salvation. There is a good deal of difference between giving up and giving out. Forgiveness of sin is the first step; full freedom from it, the final one.

## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Chicago Sept 16 1899  
Mr. Julius F. Taylor editor and publisher of The Broad Ax  
Dear Sir—I am glad to learn of the work that is being done by your paper in behalf of Chicago platform, principles. That platform stands for such a government as Jefferson and Lincoln favored namely a government of the people, for the people and by the people and I believe that such a government will prove a blessing to the great majority of the people.  
Yours truly,  
W. J. Bryan.

July 15th, 1899

To whom it may concern  
Julius F. Taylor who comes to this city well recommended has begun the publication of 'The Broad Ax', which, I am informed, will disseminate Democratic principles and contend for the higher intellectual development of the Afro-American race and mankind in general. While he is thus engaged I bespeak for him the hearty support of all loyal and true friends of Democracy. Respectfully,  
Carter H. Harrison.

Headquarters of Democratic State Central Committee of Illinois, Sherman House Chicago Oct. 5th 1899

To whom it may concern  
This is to certify that Mr. Julius F. Taylor editor of The Broad Ax—a publication of this city devoted to the interests of the democratic party and an able exponent of democratic principles—comes to us highly recommended and I therefore take pleasure in commending him to the favorable consideration of democrats with whom he may come in business contact.  
Respectfully  
Walter Watson  
Chairman Democratic State Central Committee of Illinois

## MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Philadelphia will add 400 officers to its police force.  
Hartford Conn. is having a million dollar bridge.  
Denver is to have a new state treasury to cost \$50,000.  
A new railway road to Cleveland is to cost \$2,000,000.  
New York has nearly \$10,000 in deficit in public schools.  
Athens Ga. is to have a new cotton factory to cost \$200,000.  
Philadelphia has decided to allow motorcycles in the parks.  
A new penal institution for minors is to be built in Baltimore.  
New England cities may unite to help Boston improve its harbor.  
Milwaukee supervisors have appropriated funds for a new law library.  
Richmond Va. has been offered \$50,000 for a street railway franchise.  
New York and Brooklyn are afflicted with swarms of unseasonable mosquitoes.  
Charleston is to build a big mill for manufacturing cloth from Sea Island cotton.  
Two rival trolley lines are fighting over possession of the streets in Wilmington Del.  
The Ancient Mechanical Society of Baltimore celebrated its 136th anniversary recently.  
Philadelphia pays smaller salaries to its public school teachers than New York Boston or Chicago.  
While New York courts have ruled that automobiles can enter Central Park the park board insists they shall not.

New York has bought an island in Spuyten Duyvil creek which was necessary to the extension of Broadway.  
At Jamaica L. I. the crowded condition of school buildings has forced the authorities to open a schoolroom temporarily in a barn.

## RAM'S HORNS.

Doctrine and dogma are directly different.  
The personal ideal is the only powerful one.  
God requires our persons before our purses.  
Justice is not made for the law, but the law for justice.  
There is no salvation without the salvation of the soul.  
God links us to Himself that He may loose us from our sins.  
The promises of faith are better than the paintings of fancy.  
Only toy boats are disturbed by every waft of change.  
If you mean to take the train, don't try to take the station, too.