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THE DEMOCRAT

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

Senator Barkley waxed eloquent as he concluded his keynote speech before the convention yesterday and using the words of the immortal Kipling brought the crowd to cheers with his final paragraph. The summary of his remarks follows:

"No, my countrymen, there is nothing wrong with our people except that they have followed prophets who were false, blind and insensible to their own limitations.

"In all the generations of American history the people in every great crisis have turned to the Democratic party to lead them from the wilderness of disappointment and disaster.

"It was so in 1828, when Andrew Jackson drove out the congregation of the unholy and the unrighteous and restored to the people the government of Jefferson.

"It was so in 1854, when Grover Cleveland returned to the people and to their government the priceless heritage of a principle that 'Public Office is a Public Trust.'

"It was so in 1912, when Woodrow Wilson gave a new interpretation to the inarticulate cravings of the human heart and set the ideals of a world above the sordid machinations of selfishness and brutal greed.

"It will be so in 1932, when the principles here announced and the leaders here chosen will in the name of a people betrayed, bewildered and misled redeem for them a land despoiled and made barren by those who know not the ways of Wisdom or of Providence.

"Such a nation, such a people need only the glimmer of a new hope, the inspiration of a new goal, the stimulus of a new battle-cry, and the marching orders of a new commander.

"That hope, that goal, that battle-cry, that commander we shall present to them ere we shall adjourn this convention. He will be the choice no less of farm than of city dwellers. He will be experienced and tested no less in national than in state affairs. When chosen to the high station whereunto we shall nominate him, we pledge his dedication to the service of the whole nation without regard to class or creed or section.

"God of our Fathers, in this hour of the nation's travail, amid broken hearts, blasted hopes, faces that are drawn and feet that are eager for the road to labor and to happiness,

"Be with us yet,
Lest we forget,
Lest we forget."

Our suggestion on the two-thirds rule would be for the Democrats to adopt a resolution at this convention favoring the changing of the century-old custom and in 1936 nominate by a majority vote. Back in 1932, Andrew Jackson instituted the two-thirds vote to bring about the nomination of Martin Van Buren and since that time it has been a matter of discussion and bitter fight. A recommendation that it be changed would probably bring about the desired result and candidates four years hence would know what practice would be fol-

lowed in the nomination of candidates.

Property values in Indiana have dropped nearly one billion dollars and that's no wonder. It's hard to place the real value on things today. We all know that they are not worth what they were a few years ago. The state tax board or any other body can't change the actual value of property and under the present system of taxation the loss in valuation, based on the average tax rate in the state, means a loss of about \$28,000,000 in revenue. One way to make that up is to reduce budgets and that is and will be done. Adams county lopped off more than \$100,000 this year, one of the finest showings in the state.

The big convention got underway Monday, the principle feature being the keynote address by Senator Barkley of Kentucky. The Kentucky statesman brought the crowd to cheers several times and demonstrations of enthusiasm followed his enunciation of Democratic platform pledges. Over the radio listeners were given an idea of the ovation which greeted his denunciation of the Hoover administration to keep faith with the American people. It was a keynote speech, well delivered, sound in logic and true in statement.

Governor Roosevelt surprised the delegates yesterday when he wired the convention that he did not want his friends to keep up the fight to abrogate the century old two-thirds rule in order to bring about his nomination. Roosevelt wants it by a two-thirds vote or not at all. The convention may be deadlocked, but that is doubtful and the probability is that only a few ballots will be taken.

The same Republican papers trying to dictate the Democratic nomination for president were also opposed to Mr. Hoover and plainly speaking referred to him as a weakling.

It looks like the 18th amendment will be an amendment repealing an amendment which formerly was the 18th amendment.

Another day and the battle of ballots will begin. That's what the American people like — a contest and the announcing of the vote.

By golly when it once started to rain we were given an idea of what was meant by a soaker.

Wm Edward is name of 6 lb son born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm Berling of Bluffton.

Hon. B. J. Shively presents Gov. Marshall in nomination at Democratic National Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hyland and family go to Jamestown, O., to attend golden wedding of Mr. Hyland's parents.

Mrs. Helen Blossom of Fort Wayne discusses "Politics in 1912" by a clever rhyme.

Martha J. Fenner is in Terre Haute visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erwin of Delphos are visiting here.

M. Fullenkamp store is to have new glass front.

Miss Anna Winaas has returned from her week's visit at Valparaiso.

Gene Stratton-Porter purchases G. Max Hoffman cottage at Rome City.

Mrs. Richard Wallace and daughter of Oaxaca, Mex., are visiting in Bluffton.

Grass stains

To remove glass stains, cover with lemon juice and salt and hold over a steaming kettle. Or rub lard on the spot, then wash with soap and cold water and rinse well.

Jams

Fermentation can be prevented by adding a small piece of sulphate of potash to the boiling syrups or jams.

Varnishing Floors

When varnishing floors, place the can of varnish in a shallow pan of hot water and the varnish will not only flow more readily, making the task easier, but it will dry almost twice as rapidly.

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"Go Around To the Back Door"



Country Comes First

By KENNETH C. HOGATE, Vice-President and General Manager Wall Street Journal.

Love of country and love of erment. That others will have to be adopted is being increasingly realized. The difficulty in effecting a reduction in governmental expenditures is that practically all of these expenditures benefit some portion of the population. We do not favor economies, in general, and at the other fellow's expense, while at the same time insisting that we maintain the programs which enure to our individual benefit. We can easily convince ourselves that such monies are being wisely expended. Undoubtedly it is upon this rock that efforts thus far to effect substantial savings have founders.

Love of country inherently implies love of others. It implies self-sacrifice and devotion to a common and a national ideal. Such devotion has ever been the fundamental for complete and satisfactory living.

Now there is a proposal to effect savings at the expense of our agencies of national defense and national education. People generally are not immediately affected by the impairment of strength of a compromise. Few politicians have the courage of their convictions.

Infinitely more interesting are the labors of the various committees. Notwithstanding Governor Roosevelt's telegram to his supporters to cease their efforts to abrogate the two-thirds rule, the battle was hot and heavy in the committee on rules. Richard S. Metcalf of Nebraska introduced a resolution that the two-thirds vote of the convention be required to nominate the candidate until after the sixth ballot, at which time the convention might by a majority vote, change the rule and nominate their candidates by a majority vote.

The simple truth is that, for reasons of national defense and for the safeguarding of the primary American concept of love of country, these two governmental activities should, by every citizen, be placed above and apart from any economy program that he believes the government should undertake. It is patriotic to renounce an expenditure of tax money from which personal benefit is being received. But the upbuilding of the forces of national defense and of the agencies inspiring the highest type of citizenship deserves unqualified support under every circumstance.

Tomorrow: Wm. John Cooper, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

CONGRESS TODAY (U.P.) Senate

Debates nominations and appropriation bills.

Appropriations committee considers second deficiency bill.

Judiciary subcommittee resumes bankruptcy hearings.

Foreign relations committee considers treaties.

Conferees continue discussion of Wagner relief bill.

House

Considers minor bills.

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McLEMORE PAYS VISIT TO RULES COMMITTEE

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brace, and done a very unusual thing. But a smart thing. As you doubtless are aware, the Democratic conventions usually have been run on the Marquis of Queensberry rules. That is, no hitting in the clinches, no socking opponents while they are down, and no rabbit punches.

"Well, the committee has decided to do away with all rules. They reached this decision after yesterday's opening day session which was as quiet as a hen-pecked husband coming in after dawn, and which saw the paying customers, openly disapprove of law and order. If the people want fights, the committee reasoned, it is up to us to give 'em to them.

"So the committee did away with all rules and simply laid down a few regulations. If you will brace me once more I'll give the provisions to you. Thanks, pal. Here they are:

1. The rabbit punch must not be used on women over 55 years of age and children under twelve

years of age.

2. State standards (those hickory poles from which the names of the various delegations flutter) must not exceed 50 pounds in weight, 12 feet in height, and must not be sharpened but at one end.

3. Delegates who have been knocked down must be allowed five seconds to regain their feet and change their vote.

4. Larger delegations, such as Texas and New York, must not attack weaker (numerically) groups save on a man-to-man basis.

5. Hand grenades, trench mortars, liquid fire, dowie knives and brass knucks must be used on the mezzanine floor only.

6. Medical attention will be free save for concussions, stab wounds exceeding four inches, cauliflower ears, twisted fifth vertebrae, and fractured conks.

A fee of one buck will be charged for fixing these ailments. Payment in cash or stamps. No

7. There will be two safety zones. When a delegate is knee deep in Lake Michigan or within the city limits of Muncie, Ind., he must not be attacked.

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