

DEMOCRACY'S TIME TO STRIKE IN STATE NEAR

Convention Must Choose Between 'No Quarter' Fight or 'Soft Pedal.'

FALL VICTORY AT STAKE

The democratic party of Indiana is going to determine this week whether it wins Indiana this fall or whether it continues to be the anvil on which the republican politicians beat out their products.

Two distinct courses confront the party and there must be a choice at the democratic convention, which opens here Wednesday.

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The militant democrats of Indiana on whose shoulders rests the only chance of the democratic party to success in the state are endeavoring strong opposition in their attempts to lay out a campaign that will be worthy of the name.

They are opposed by the democrats who have business interests in common with the republicans, who do no such act for the right as to deserve anything so much as to be regarded as the democratic party without any necessity for doing that which is necessary to maintain a party.

ONE KEYNOTE AMONG OPENING SPEECHES

There will be three campaign speakers and one woman speaker at the opening of the democratic state convention and only one keynote speech.

Vice President Marshall will get off a lot of sophisms about the constitution, getting back to democracy.

Henry G. Johnson will discuss the righteousness of the democratic national party in his own inimitable style, and, as usual, his learned discourse will go over the heads of the most of his hearers.

Claude G. Bowers of Ft. Wayne will strip the hide of the Goodrich name, insist that it is the symbol of success as a symbol for victory and give the democrats an idea of what they must deal with in event they really want to carry Indiana.

Bowers was selected to sound a keynote for the Indiana campaign because it was well known that either of the senior speakers would do so.

Following the oratory the convention will name Carleton B. McCulloch for governor and select the other members of the state ticket.

It will also name delegates at large to the San Francisco convention and then it probably will show some surprises.

Thomas R. Marshall, as usual, has his lightning rod in the air and hopes that in its despair the democratic party will select him as a standard bearer.

He knows that if the selection were left to Indiana democrats he would not be selected and he comes to the democratic convention as an Indiana delegate. In order to insure being able to tell the convention what he thinks of it.

NO OPPOSITION TO MARSHALL DELEGATESHIP.

There will be no opposition to Mr. Marshall as a delegate.

The party in Indiana generally feels that he will attract national attention to the delegation, entertain the national convention and do no particular harm beyond "filling" William J. Bryan.

As to the other members of the delegation at large there is some dispute.

Most of the democrats think it would be good to fit in at least two women as delegates and both Alice Foster McCulloch of Ft. Wayne and Julia Landers of Indianapolis agree wholly with this view.

Miss Landers, however, asserts that she is not willing to pre-empt the seat that Thomas Taggart says he is going to occupy and Mrs. McCulloch says she is going as a delegate.

But all of this is merely interesting.

The real question that will be determined at this convention is what, if anything, the democratic party of Indiana stands for.

The answer thereto will be found in the platform.

It will be an open and militant denunciation of Goodrichism and a demand for everything that Goodrichism is not. It will be another of those "safe" platforms, drafted with cunning for the purpose of saying nothing and accomplishing just that.

If the state convention adopts a platform that has teeth in it and affords the disgruntled republicans a chance to express their disgust with Goodrichism at the polls, the democrats will carry Indiana this fall.

If it does not, then the republicans will continue to rule in Indiana and the democrats who oppose anything that would hurt the feelings of the republicans will continue to get the minority plumb which they now regard as more desirable than a fight for party principle.

NEW WET STORY ON DEMOCRATIC LINEUP

Among the many stories which are now being circulated concerning pre-convention combinations in the Indiana democratic party is a report of a conference at which it was decided to nominate James M. Cox of Ohio for president and Edward L. Edwards of New Jersey for vice president.

This story, sent broadcast from New York, with a decidedly wet flavor, says that the leaders who attended the conference planned to work against the possibility of the nomination of President Wilson or William G. McAdoo and to demand a "wet" plank in the national platform.

Among those named as present at the conference and concurring with its decision to nominate Cox are: James F. Murphy, Tammany leader; George E. Brennan, Lieutenant of Roger Sullivan of Illinois; Johnson M. Camden of Kentucky; Charles Boeschenstein of Illinois and Thomas Taggart of Indiana.

Mr. Taggart, who is now in Indianapolis conferring with democratic leaders about the platform, has been asked to let it be known that he does not favor permitting the wet and dry question to be touched on in the platform of the Indiana state convention.

WOMAN'S EQUALITY DEMOCRATIC PROBLEM

Does a woman equal three men, or do the old, old rules of mathematics apply in democratic politics as well as elsewhere?

This is one of the questions the democratic party of Indiana is going to solve before the end of the state convention.

Recently at a meeting of the state convention which is rapidly becoming famous it was declared that equal representation must be given women in the makeup of the delegation at large from Indiana to the democratic national convention.

The average democrat interpreted this action as definitely determining that two of the delegates and two of the alternates would be women. There was, however, every indication that the rather bothersome question of making up this delegation had been simplified.

But the situation is different now.

Ben Bosse of Evansville, the state

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Prof. Vladimir Karatoff of Cornell has been elected to the Indianapolis Lafayette section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers Friday evening on "The Coming Science of Acoustical Engineering."

Inclement weather is preventing the opening of service on the extension of the Shelby street car line, according to James P. Trotton, superintendent of the company. Service will begin within a few days, he says.

C. A. Richardson of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company delivered an address on the manufacture of steel at a meeting of the Indianapolis section of the Steel Treating Research society at the Chamber of Commerce last night.

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The stand taken by the Marion County Housewives' league against the non-sugary one of sugar is commanded in a telegram received by Mrs. W. H. Hart, president of the league, from Miss Edith C. Strauss, secretary of the women's section of the department of justice.

Mrs. Edward E. Hayes is the new president of the Indianapolis Proprietary Association following a meeting of the board of directors yesterday. Other officers elected are Mrs. Henry D. Pierce, first vice president, Mrs. Alexander P. Spruance, second vice president; Mrs. George C. Hilt, secretary, and Mrs. Frank N. Lewis, treasurer.

Members of the educational department of Swift & Co. are in Indianapolis for the purpose of giving lectures and practical demonstrations to the schools, lodges and women's clubs on the cheaper cuts of meat, and also to encourage wider consumption of meat.

Henry D. Pierce, first vice president, T. R. Bradley, will give a lecture and give a practical cutting demonstration to students of Manual Training High school tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock and 2:30 o'clock at Technical High school.

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MARSHALL'S VIEW AGAIN ASSAILED

R. C. Minton Declares Wet Talk Contradicts Jefferson.

Taking Vice President Marshall to task for an interview he recently gave out on the subject of prohibition, C. M. Minton, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league, today made public a statement in which he declared the vice president has strayed far from the principles of Jefferson.

Saturday Vice President Marshall was severely criticized by Wayne B. Lewis, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league in Washington, who called the assertion of the vice president that prohibition would not have received twenty votes behind closed doors, "a deliberate insult to the senate."

"The corner stone of our government," said Mr. Minton, "is found in the declaration of independence when it says 'governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.'

"There is no way by which the people may recall their senators if they abuse the power conferred upon them. In fact if we accept his theory, the people should not be granted the authority to change their senators until the expiration of their term, even for gross abuse of power."

"Before he strays too far afield, he should reread the writings of Thomas Jefferson. It is this 'egom of their agents' that is feeding the fires of radicalism today."

"Ours is or should be a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

"When the egom of our rulers leads them to ignore the wishes and desires of the majority of the people, it breeds unrest and hostility to government."

"In recent years more than thirty of our states have adopted a constitutional provision for the initiative and referendum as a direct protest against the doctrinaire policies advocated by our distinguished vice president."

"Is it possible that we have come to the pass where we hold the brewing business so sacred that their interests must be protected, even though we must break from the wisdom of our great fathers and destroy the foundation upon which our republic has been built?"

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