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THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.
(Winchester Democrat.)Viewed from every angle, measured
to meet every essential, plumb-
ed, squared and leveled, the Democratic
party, in its one hundred and twenty
years of continuous existence, never
put forth a better ticket than the
deliberations at San Francisco
brought out. Both nominees are fine,
upstanding, full-fronted, virile Amer-
icans, to the manor born—Democratic
in breeding, bearing—men of the
people, in touch with the needs of
the people.James Middleton Cox, three times
elected governor of the great state of
Ohio, twice sent to Congress, and in
each station making a most enviable
record, is a genuine Jeffersonian
in thought, act and purpose. To
every fundamental of the great
founder his mind is both cohesive
and adhesive. He believes that "life,
liberty and the pursuit of happiness"
is God-given. Not one syllable would
he strike out of the "Bill of Rights."
Has he a shibboleth for a happy na-
tion? Yes: it is FREEDOM! Free
men—free minds, free speech, free
service for righteousness—that is,
equality of all men under the law.
No man has the right to be master
of another, and that creature is not
much of a man who will be subser-
vient to a master.James M. Cox has never been allied
with any corporate cliques or
buccaneers of Big Business. No danger
that he will ever barter honor
for power, or conscience for glory.
He has, perhaps, one obsession—the
rigid enforcement of all law. While
not partial to a bad law he still insists
upon its strictest enforcement
as the best mode for its final rid-
dance by due process of legislation.
While one does not think of him as
an idealist yet he has idealized many
real factors of good government and
has realized genuine ideals by for-
ward-looking and ultimate consum-
mation.Of a verity the chider of the ideal-
ist is a sudden throwback. Only by
the attainment of ideals has the world
made progress. The march of civil-
ization has been led by idealists. Mo-
ses, the ancient lawgiver, was an
idealist. He restored Israel's liber-
ties. Jesus of Nazareth was an
idealist, but the Sermon on the Mount
encompasses the wisdom of the world.
Columbus was an idealist but he
had the courage to prove how factual
were his theories. Jefferson was an
idealist, whom the old monarchists
laughed to scorn; but his immortal
doctrine of equal rights will abide
from everlasting to everlasting. Lin-
coln was primarily an idealist but the
prescience of realization was vouch-
safed unto the great martyr. So when
the finger of blackguardism points to
Wilson, the idealist, we think of the
goodly company he keeps, and we
ask the great God of the universe to
send us another like unto him—yes,
many such.The new Democratic leader may
not emphasize his ideals so deeply,
but nevertheless he is a dreamer of
fine things—moral, spiritual, soulful.
One may predict what he may do by
what he has done. Any true Demo-
crat must feel proud of the leader-

The Canned Candidate in Action

(The New York World.)

maggots that would otherwise have
matured into flies.This is precisely the sort of service
the motor boat has performed
on water, with respect to the mosquito.
Accordingly, mosquitoes are streams.

MORE TAXATION

The taxpayers of Indiana are to
have their leg pulled in a good old-
fashioned way, apparently, by a one-
time legislator.At present, the Indiana highway
commission's tax levy is 3.9 cents on
each \$100 of taxable property. A
bill has been prepared for introduc-
tion when the Legislature meets in
special session that would make the
levy 30 cents, an increase of 26.1
cents. Where the commission now
has approximately \$7,750,000 for the
1920 program, it would have between
\$26,000,000 and \$30,000,000 available
for road and bridge construction,
overhead expenses and maintenance
in 1921. The existing highway rate
yields the commission about \$2,242,
500. The difference between that and
\$7,750,000 is made up by federal aid,
automobile license fees, inheritance
taxes and other revenue. The pro-
posed 30-cent rate, based on the
state's total taxables, would yield
about \$18,000,000 from the state
alone, and this would be increased by
federal aid, license fees, etc.

CONVENTION CLOTHES.

(New York World.)

The Tribune's correspondent at
San Francisco tells us that the Repub-
lican delegates at Chicago were
much better dressed than the Dem-
ocratic delegates, and adds: "Seem-
ingly, the average Democrat trades
at those interesting shops where you
climb one flight of stairs and save
\$10."Democrats are notoriously poor
but honest, and the saving of \$10 is
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of Johnson, the friend of the prole-
tariat. Chicago in convention week
ought to have resembled an Easter
parade on Fifth Avenue in the matter
of gorgeness of attire.But handsome is as handsome
does. The best dressed of all con-
ventions finally simmered down to
Harding and the Old Guard. Beauty,
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