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## STATE WILL ELIMINATE DRUNKEN AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS

### FARM BOY TO VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

#### CHARLES W. BRYAN IS A GOOD SPORT

Dem. Candidate on Ticket  
With Davis Has Not a  
"Me Too" Character

By MANTON M. WYVELL

Charles W. Bryan, in the transition from farm boy to vice presidential candidate on the democratic ticket with John W. Davis, has had a varied and interesting career. In his early manhood he manifested keen interest in horses, and for a time owned and trained several trotting and pacing horses, which he personally drove on the race tracks in the states of Illinois and Indiana.

Later he took up the manufacture of flavoring extracts and baking powder and built a successful, remunerative business. He sold this business to become a trust-busting tobacco broker, selling on his own. Bryan conceived the idea of selling directly from the manufacturer to the retailer and thus had many battles with the tobacco trust.

When but a boy, Mr. Charles Bryan also learned to use his fists to good advantage and became an amateur boxer of renown.

After William J. Bryan was defeated for the presidency in 1900 he established the Commoner, and at the urgent request of William J. Charles W. Bryan dropped all other business interests to become the publisher and manager of the Commoner and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, to enter upon these new duties. The Commoner, for twenty years, was a very successful paper, and was widely read by the host of admirers of William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan ceased to publish the Commoner soon after his retirement as Secretary of State taking the ground that most of the reforms on which he had worked for so long were then actual accomplishments.

Charles W. Bryan's love of contest soon brot him into the political field on his own account. About twelve years ago he became mayor of Lincoln to fight for lower gas rates brot about by threats of municipal competition. He became mayor for again six years later to fight for lower coal prices thru city competition, and he became Governor of Nebraska by reason of the reputation he had made as mayor of Lincoln, as an able administrator and a faithful servant of the people.

Charles W. Bryan, like his brother, W. J., wears a skull cap, which in the case of vice presidential candidate is for a good reason. Charles sat near a window one hot afternoon at a political meeting with the sun beating down his concentrated rays on his bald head for three hours, permanently injuring the nerves of his scalp. For this reason the least bit of sunlight causes him to have severe headaches. Hence, the constant companionship of the skull cap. "I am like a race horse without his pads and blinds I haven't my cap on," Charles often says.

As well as being governor of Nebraska, Mr. Bryan owns and suc-

#### A DOUBLE REPORT WILL BE REQUIRED

When in Serious Accident,  
File Report With Police  
and State Commissioner.

A clause appearing on the application blanks for operator's license to the effect that a person must report all accidents where a person has been injured or killed should not be confused with the present law relative to reporting accidents.

The old law provides that where there has been an accident involving a motor vehicle, no matter of what minor nature, the same must be reported to the nearest magistrate or police officer at once. This law is still in effect and will not be affected by the new automobile law.

Under the new law the driver of a car where a person has been injured or killed must, in addition to reporting to the nearest magistrate, report it also to the State Commissioner of motor vehicles.

fully operates several farms in the vicinity of Lincoln. He is an able executive; and while he has been connected with many enterprises, each one was a success.

Governor Bryan believes that he developed the fighting political instinct back in his boyhood days. He then was an amateur boxer when boxing was a general competitive sport. At one time he represented southern Illinois in a boxing match in which the representative of the northern half of the state was beaten into the background. And he still believes in the sport, never missing a prize fight in Lincoln.

"I taught my son, Silas to box when he was a small boy," the candidate says. "I wanted him to learn to take a beating and develop the physical courage to back up the moral courage I had tried to train in him. I taught him to be always a leader, never a follower."

It is told of Charles Bryan that when he was a horse racer riding his own steeds, a bull on his farm gored to death two of his best horses. The next day he chained the bull to the side of the stall, borrowed a meat saw from the butcher, jumped astride the animals back, and while seven men looked on from the hay loft above, Brother Charlie sat on the bull's neck and sawed off the horns, bronco buster style.

Unlike other candidates for president and vice president, Governor Bryan does not smoke, and neither does he play golf, but he is a great sport fan and a lover of a good horse. He was the last man in Lincoln to give up his driving horses.

The candidate is now retelling a story he enjoyed during the last campaign of William Jennings. His daughter, Mrs. W. E. Harnsberger, ran a block to catch a street car in Lincoln at that time and told her father about it. "Did you catch the car?" he queried. Her affirmative reply brot her father's response. "Well, I'm glad there is one Bryan who can run for something and catch it."

Charlie Bryan is now running for something and counts on catching it.

The path of least persistence doesn't lead to success.

#### Violating Volstead Act Not Exclusive to Democrats

NO DIFFERENT THAN  
IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN

Democrats Get the Blame  
But the Republicans Can  
Drink the Booze.

We take the following extract from C. W. Newman's account of the Republican State Convention now in session at Rochester, published in Wednesday's Hornell Tribune-Times.

Rochester is Wide Open

It is perhaps a shameful thing to say and ought, like a family skeleton, to be kept in a secret closet, but it is true, nevertheless, that there are lots of places in Rochester where news of Andy Volstead's law has apparently never crept in. The funny part of it is that the delegates to the Republican convention—men who have time and time again bitterly assailed the rum traffic and pledged the party to fight the insidious foe to the last ditch, seem to actually enjoy a return to the convivial habits of years ago. There isn't any secret about it in Rochester. If you want a drink, a guide will show you where to go. And so far as outward indications are concerned it is just like old times. To be sure, a glass of beer costs fifteen cents now instead of a nickel and a shot of real or sympathetic liquor sets you back a half dollar instead of a dime. But

the liquor is there and the white coated servitor sets the bottle on the bar with the same nonchalance that characterized the procedure back in the days B. V. A., (Before Volstead Act.)

It may be said that the lid has been pried off just for the convention so that Rochester can continue to lay claim to its proud boast of being the most friendly city in the world. But be that as it may, as Harry Cooper used to say, the lid is off and the Rochester folk don't seem to fret about it.

Don't Vote as They Drink

Neither, for that matter, do the hordes of delegates to the convention. The Tribune Reporter, putting aside personal prejudices, actually entered one of these places with the swing doors and was chagrined to find there a teeming, rollicking crowd of bang-up good fellows, who proudly displayed their delegate's badges and didn't seem to give a hang who knew they were taking a drink.

But the rumor is that when the state platform is adopted this afternoon it will contain the usual plank pledging the Republican party to continued faith in the enforcement of the prohibition laws. And there will be applause and cheers and lots of flowery language. And the same chaps who lined up to the bar over here on Clinton avenue will vote to a man to support the party edict—except those who are still at the bar and can't get away to vote. They will denounce the rum traffic in the boys will be back to lap up an uncertain terms and tonight most of few more drinks and have some more fun.

Life is a funny proposition—or isn't it?

#### Investigation of Wire Corporations is Coming

Immediately after the convening of Congress for the December session, Representative John J. O'Connor, democrat, of New York, will bring his resolution to investigate the telephone trust before the rules committee and ask that the committee of Congress to carry on the investigation be immediately appointed and put to work.

O'Connor will supplement his original resolution calling for the proving of the telephone companies' organizations with another resolution asking for power to include in the investigation an exhaustive and detailed quiz of the Western Union Telegraph Company and other wire companies.

During the summer recess of congress, O'Connor has been diligently gathering data and reports of investigations made in local communities throughout the country. He has had, and is now working with numbers of local investigators in many parts of the United States who have supplied him with detailed reports of their work.

"I have enough information to place before the rules committee to convince my colleagues; if I have not already done so, of the immediate necessity of going into the network of interlocking corporations of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Western Union and the Western Electric Company," Congressman O'Connor asserts.

"Congress can, and I am sure it will, turn the light on the inside workings of these corporations who now have the public in their grasp. This investigation will be one of the farthest reaching ever attempted but once begun there will be no let-up," he continued.

"There is hardly a town marked on the map where the inhabitants haven't just complaint against these greedy corporations. I am continually getting letters of complaint. These letters are not only from individuals but from associations and organizations who know how grasping these so-called 'public' utilities are.

"In Ohio, the latter part of this month, one of the largest associations of business men began making it its business to delve into the local conditions regarding the rate increases for telephone service.

"The trust is not afraid of local

investigations. But they dread the searchlight of congressional investigation. Their attorneys cannot dodge and elude the exhaustive and detailed examination of their clients' activities." Congressman O'Connor emphasizes.

"Congress is the only legislative body that can regulate them. When the investigation is thru there will be no question of the passing of the proper laws to break the tentacles of this octopus.

"In Indiana the Public Service Commission recently denied a recently engineered plan of the Telephone Trust to grasp the control of four local telephone companies. A close study of the growth of the trust will show even the layman that the trust is constantly taking over or planning to control the smaller and independent companies still apart from its domination. The members of the public service commissions in some communities are waking up and protecting their citizens.

"Congress with one investigation can and will find the means to protect all communities. I know that one of the first actions taken in the coming session of the House of Representatives will be the adoption of the resolution providing for the investigation. The public everywhere is demanding it," the Congressman says.

#### Farewell Party

Friends and members of the Andover Methodist church are cordially invited to attend a farewell party for the Rev. G. Chapman Jones, Friday evening, September 26. Dr. Jones has been supplying the Methodist pulpit in Andover since last spring.

A tureen supper will be served by the Brotherhood and Phalathia classes and a program of music and remarks by Rev. Jones.

#### Notice

The annual meeting of the Andover Free Library Association will be held at the library building, Monday evening, October 6th, at 8 o'clock. Election of trustees and any other business which may be brought before the meeting.

John E. Simpson, Pres.  
Margaret Baker, Librarian.

#### Commissioner Says He Will Not Restore License Under a Year to Anyone.

If there is any one section of the New York State Motor Vehicle Law which with deliberately inserted provisions of drastic penalties, yet a section meeting with the unqualified approval of the public, it is that part of the law dealing with the punishment that must be meted out to persons operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants. And that is exactly as it should be. Every possible effort must be made to keep the drunken driver off the highways of this state.

That the legislature had no intention of leaving the punishment of second offenders to the discretion of the courts or anyone connected with the Motor Vehicle Bureau, is perfectly clear. The law says that a first offender is guilty of a misdemeanor.

If a person operates a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition, after having been convicted of operating a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition, that person shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not less than sixty days nor more than two years, and by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars.

To those who are more or less familiar with criminal procedure it may seem that the first offender is in no particular danger, inasmuch as he is guilty of a misdemeanor—the punishment being within the discretion of the court.

However, another part of the same section of the law says: the license of any person convicted of driving an automobile while in an intoxicated condition must be revoked. That being the case, even the first offender will be without a license until it is restored by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and while I am acting in that capacity, obtaining from me a restoration of a license revoked for this cause will be one of the most difficult tasks imaginable.

In any case I would not consider the restoration of such a license within a year from the date of the conviction. And in no case would I give the matter even the slightest favorable consideration until the

person convicted presented to me a communication in writing from the judge or magistrate before whom the matter had appeared and the revocation made, reciting special circumstances seemingly warranting a restoration, and a recommendation from the judge or magistrate that the license be restored. Even then I do not say that I would act in accordance with the recommendation for restoration, I merely state this requirement absolutely necessary before I would give the case any consideration.

With this policy carefully adhered to, the probability of second offenders inviting a compulsory jail sentence is materially lessened. Of course, here and there a person who has lost a driving license thru conviction on a charge of intoxication, may decide to "take a chance" and operate a motor vehicle without the license.

Should any such cases arise there is absolutely no reason why leniency should be shown the offender. The operation of a motor vehicle without a license as required by law is a serious violation, but the person who operates while his license is suspended or revoked is not entitled to the least consideration.

In the elimination of the drunken driver we perhaps need the co-operation of the motoring public as much, or more, than in any other phase of motor vehicle law enforcement.

No person with a conscience and any regard for human life will attempt the operation of a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition. On the other hand, few people will admit intoxication; it is commonly known as a difficult charge to prove, yet thru the co-operation of the motor public both these obstacles can be removed. First by personal abstinence from the operation of a motor vehicle when there is the slightest reason to believe yourself incapable, and secondly by seeing to it that the other fellow does likewise.

The person who looks upon this matter of the intoxicated driver as something that applies only to the other fellow, is in grave error. We know that drunken drivers have been the direct cause of death to many innocent persons, and you or some one dear to you may be next. Do your part to rid the state of this menace.

#### WHO GETS THE FEES?

Judge Brown Says the  
County—County Clerk  
Says He Does.

Belmont, Sept. 18.—Judge Brown has filed in Supreme Court here his opinion in the action to determine whether the county of Allegany or the county clerk is entitled to the commission allowed for the handling of automobile license under the old law. He decides the fees should go to the county.

The action is in the nature of a test case, and was brot by the county against County Clerk D. P. Snyder for the sum of \$716.49, being the fees for the year 1921. It was argued for the county by Attorneys Keller & Hopkins of Cuba and Fred Robbins of Hornell, and for Mr. Snyder by the Hon. Charles D. Newton of New York.

It is understood the case will be appealed.

#### Driver Held After

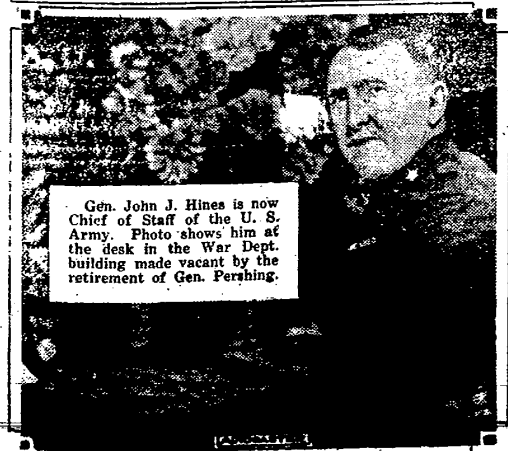
Auto Injures Boy  
Olean, Sept. 15.—Gordon Smith, 16 years old, of Winters avenue, who suffered a fractured skull and a fractured cranium when struck by an automobile driven by Ernest Richardson, 34, of Bolivar, at Front street and First avenue, Saturday night, will live, reported Dr. Eugene B. Burdick.

Richardson, charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated is a prisoner in police headquarters. The accident was near Dr. Burdick's home, and while the surgeon took him to the Olean General hospital, officers held Richardson for police. Richardson was carrying two gallons of moonshine in his automobile, according to police.

#### Notice

Beginning October 1st, our blacksmith shops will again be open Saturday afternoons.  
J. A. O'Leary  
Mortimer Driscoll

#### Now at Pershing's Desk



Gen. John J. Hines is now  
Chief of Staff of the U. S.  
Army. Photo shows him at  
the desk in the War Dept.  
building made vacant by the  
retirement of Gen. Pershing.