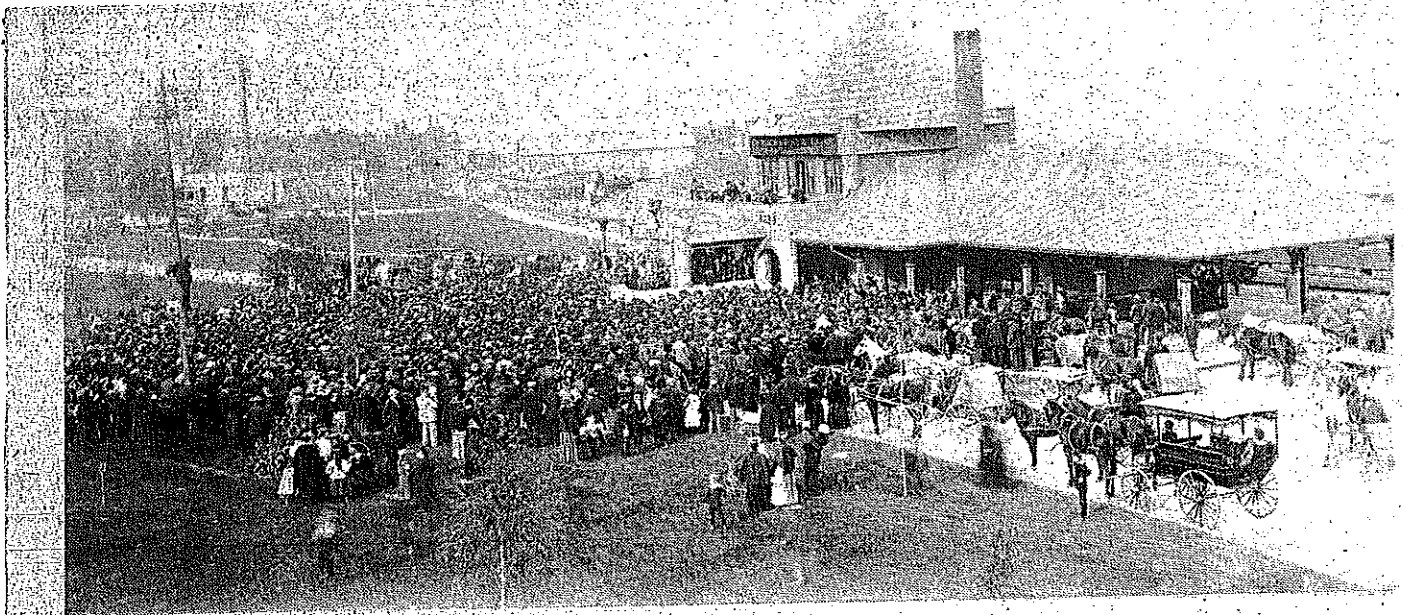


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PETOSKEY--Oct. 15, 1896--William Jennings Bryan, the only candidate for President to ever speak here during a campaign, drew this throng at

the waterfront depot. On Sunday, Aug. 10, this will be re-enacted at the same site--where the museum is today.

Presidential 'Candidate' Plans Rally Here Sunday

On October 15, 1896 the Chicago and West Michigan train stopped at the new Petoskey station (now the historical Museum of the Little Traverse Regional Historical Society).

It was a presidential campaign train and candidate William Jennings Bryan came north to get votes. He had just been nominated by the Democratic National convention in Chicago to lead their party against William

McKinley, the Republican candidate.

Bryan was the only nominated presidential candidate to ever campaign in Emmet County and the Historical Society has planned a re-enactment of the event this Sunday, August 10th as the first in a series of Bi-Centennial programs scheduled for the new year.

The short program will follow the annual business meeting and picnic which will be held on

the grounds of the Waterfront in Petoskey in front of the museum Sunday afternoon starting at 2 p.m.

The popular bar-b-cue team of the Petoskey JC's have once again volunteered their services to prepare the chicken.

Members, guests and the general public are invited to join the society for the picnic and the program. Besides chicken, coffee and soft drinks will also be available but those wishing to attend should bring

their own picnic basket, "brown paper bag" and table service if they wish to enjoy a picnic on the grounds before the program begins.

The meeting will have the atmosphere of a good old-fashioned political rally. There will be flag-waving--band music and good food, a spokesman said.

The election of new officers and reports from the financial, the treasure sale and nomination committees will precede the business session.