

**Remarriage of Widows in India.**

In the higher castes of the Hindus a widow is not allowed to marry. Once a widow always a widow. But a widower can marry as many times as he wishes to, and there is no law to prevent him from marrying. This social custom is not only an injustice done to women, but a poor social economy as well. The great majority of Indian widows are Hindu widows. There were, in 1901, 19,487 widows below the age of five; 95,798 between the age of five and ten; 275,862 between ten and fifteen; 522,867 between fifteen and twenty; 938,725 between twenty and twenty-five; 1,432,698 between twenty-five and thirty; 2,267,361 between thirty and thirty-five; 2,068,401 between thirty-five and forty; 3,770,495 between forty and forty-five; 2,264,038 between forty-five and fifty; 4,112,873 between fifty and fifty-five; 1,521,210 between fifty-five and sixty; and 6,596,929 of sixty and over.

These figures speak for themselves. The social lectures in India make a good deal of the figures and urge remarriage of Hindu widows. The higher castes are moving in the matter. A few examples have been set even in the otherwise orthodox families of high social standing. The most striking example of this is to be found in the remarriage of the daughter, a girl widow of ten or twelve, of Justice Ashutosh Mukerji of the Calcutta High Court. Though he belonged to orthodox Hinduism, still when it came to the remarriage of his little widowed daughter, he did not scruple to marry her again though he was vehemently opposed by some of his own caste people and relatives. Following the lead of men in high positions, others are doing the same. Widow marriage seems to be quite a fashionable thing nowadays. —From "Woman's Part in India's Social Advance," by Basanta Koomar Roy, in the "American Review of Reviews" for July.

**Parker Is Named**

Baltimore, June 20—Conservatives and progressives will look in the democratic national convention that will begin in Baltimore next Tuesday. William

Jennings Bryan is spoiling for a fight and will come to Baltimore with a chip on his shoulder.

The action today of the subcommittee of the national committee in selecting Judge Alton B. Parker as temporary chairman of the convention indicated clearly that the conservative element of the party is not afraid of Mr. Bryan and he can have all the fight he wants. In fact it was the general opinion that such a conflict is inevitable, and the sooner the die is cast the sooner the atmosphere will be cleared.

Of the sixteen votes of the subcommittee, Parker received eight, O'Connell three, O'Gorman one, Henry three, Kern one. Total opposition eight. Later the vote for Parker was unanimous. The votes were distributed thus:

For Parker—Mack (chairman) Howell, Johnston, Sullivan, Talbot, Browne, Saggart, and Wood, of Michigan.

For James—Wade, Woodson, and Hall.

For Henry—Ewing, Osborne and Daniels.

For Kern—Hudspeth.

Judge Parkes's selection will be laid before the whole committee on Monday and as a general rule the committee approves the findings of its subordinate body.

In the event Bryan persists in fighting Parker's selection on the floor of the convention he will look to the Clark and Wilson forces to help him.

The boomers of the respective presidential candidates are strictly on the job and the lobbies of the hotels are alive tonight with hustling democrats.

A report was current tonight that William R. Hurst will eventually support Governor Harmon and will be a candidate for the

**Bryan Declines.**

Baltimore, June 23.—Senator Eject Vardman of Mississippi after conference with Clark Howell of Georgia and others, tonight unsuccessfully sought to have William J. Bryan assent to the naming of Bryan as permanent chairman of the Democratic convention. Vardman had authoritatively learned from Leader Murphy and Chairman Mack of the national committee that Judge Parker's friends would vote for Bryan for permanent chairman

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