

# Convention Sidelights

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Ever since Mother Eve first donned the fig leaf woman has had the inalienable and unquestioned right to change her mind. But apply the entry of the modern Eves into politics upon the deathbed scene. The women in the Democratic National Convention are being blamed for not changing their minds. They are being charged with responsibility for the deadlock. Having made up their minds to vote for a certain candidate, nothing can induce them to break away.

In the old days when men monopolized the business of being delegates, it was possible to be bought and sold and reach a compromise. Men would hatch a conspiracy. "There's no possibility with a woman," said one of the tired and more or less personation. "They listen to all of your arguments and then shake their heads. We have been criticized for not getting together in a smoke-filled room at 2:11 a. m. and agreeing upon a candidate. If only men were present we could do it. The women won't comply. They are responsible for this long delay in reaching a decision."

The popular band tunes at the convention these long July days and nights are "Lincoln Awhile," "Oh, Dear What Can the Matter Be?" "We Want to Go Home," "There's O'Clock in the Morning."

And, most popular of all: "I'm Tired, So Very Tired."

Colonel Jack Shuff of Cincinnati, one of the original Jimmie Cox men in 1920 and just as enthusiastic for the former governor, has composed a new song. It is sung to the tune "The Old Gray Mare." She Ain't What She Used to Be, and it runs something like this:

"If you would search my once fat pocketbook;  
"Once fat pocketbook;  
"Once fat pocketbook;  
"If you would search my once fat pocketbook;  
"You wouldn't find a darn cent there."

Members of the state delegations instructed for McAdoo have been receiving sheets of telegrams from home telling them to "atek fast" and not to give up the ship. The Texas delegation in particular has been bombarded by the messages. One of the telegrams received by a Lone Star delegate contained a confidential postscript which said: "We will send you a lot more telegrams if you think they are needed."

The delegate sent a heated and pertinent reply:

"Keep your telegrams," he said, "but send us the money."

Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama has an encouraging support in the galleries. Every time the Alabama delegation starts a new ballot rolling with the familiar cry "Twenty-four votes for Underwood" the gallery rots cries out with glee, "Come on, Oscar."

Jimmie Gerard, the former ambassador to Germany who has been having things pretty much his own way as the Beau Brummell of the convention, has his nose out of joint at last. The honorable Jim Ham Lewis of Illinois is back in his place just across the aisle from Ambassador Gerard and the effluence of his costumes throws the New Yorker into the shadows of sartorial despair. And here's a very important note for all the paragoners: Jim Ham's internationally known whiskers can scarcely be classed as pink any more. They are tinged with an unmistakable gray and the effect in the spotlight is almost one of silver rather than the once famous sunset glow. Time will take its toll, even of such an evergreen spirit as Jim Ham.

During the last few days Joe Tumulty, former Secretary to President Wilson, has been seen conferring with delegates of the convention floor. Joe's home-state of New Jersey has been voting solidly for Al Smith ever since it gave Governor Silzer, of the Mosquito State, a few complimentary ballots.

Volunteers constantly are being rushed to the chairman's desk as relief workers for the hard pressed reading and tally clerks. The confusion and crowding in the hall have made the work of these officials extremely difficult and trying on the nervous system almost next to impossible for the clerks to hear the replies of the states and in order to make themselves heard they have to stretch their voices to the limit. The sepulchral voice from Texas has helped out on a number of occasions and it has been a godsend. Texas also has furnished the only real reliable "rebel yell" heard in the convention. The author of this yell gives a whoop every time a vote is announced for McAdoo.

What the Democrats aptly need are a few smoke-filled rooms in a headquarters hotel where they can get together and compose their differences as to candidates. The difficulty about the Democrats emulating the example of the Republicans in this respect, is that William Jennings Bryan does not smoke. And if Mr. Bryan is left out on anything he is going to get up on his hind legs in the convention and howl. He has proved that on too many occasions to leave any doubt in the minds of the delegates. Some of

# CROWDS ENJOYED SPORTING EVENTS

## Horse Racing, Baseball, Swimming Contests, and Fireworks Were Features of Fourth of July Celebration.

Celebration of the Fourth of July in Elizabeth City took the form of several sporting events including horse racing, two baseball games, swimming and diving contests and closed with a display of fireworks from a barge near the hospital.

In the opening baseball game the Elizabeth City Cubs and South Norfolk played loosely for practically the entire length of the contest. Hits and runs were bunched and the final score gave the home team the long end of 19 to 12. Read at short stop for the Cubs was a sensation in both fielding and hitting.

The second contest was close and interesting. The South Norfolk team defeated South Mills by 2 to 1. The game developed into a pitchers' duel, each with tight support from the field.

A crowd estimated at two thousand witnessed the swimming races at Dawson's Beach in the afternoon. The winners in the various contests were:

Free for all, 100 yards, men—J. J. Dawson, first, Earl Sutton second.

Free for all, 50 yards, girls—Beattie Harner, first, Frances Lewis, second.

Boys under 16, 50 yards, Tukio Spence, first, Billie Lewis second.

Boys under 12, 40 yards, Hugh Sawyer, first, John Lewis, second.

Fancy diving, free for all, John Lewis first, J. J. Dawson, second.

High diving, George Little first, Frank Scott, second.

Little John Lewis, winner of the free for all fancy diving contest is only 8 years old. He won against the competition of 20 men and boys.

John is the son of Mrs. Anna Lewis, County Welfare officer.

The fireworks in the evening were seen by thousands of people. Between three and four thousand people are said to have assembled on the hospital grounds and in the vicinity of the bathing beach to witness the display. Others were lined up along the river from the Elizabeth City Iron Works to beyond the beach.

Polly Dodge, owned by W. R. Smithson of Williamston was winner in the District Fair ground on the Fourth of July with Salem X, owned by Jim Simpson of Pasquotank, second, and Montana, owned by Mr. Butler of Williamston, second.

The 2:21 pace was won by Skeeter, owned by Mr. McMillan of Henderson. Skeeter taking first money in three straight heats. Time: 2:44 1-4.

Petrol of Walker Brothers Stables of Elizabeth City won the Free For All in three straight heats. Time: 2:18 1-4, 2:16 1-4, 2:18 1-2. Jennie B owned by L. B. Armstrong took second money, while Old Hickory won by Mr. McMillan of Henderson was third.

A crowd estimated at 1,000 was in attendance at the races.

# COUNTY OF GRAHAM MADE OF CHEROKEE

Raleigh, July 5 — In an act ratified January 30, 1872 the General Assembly established the County of Graham out of a part of Cherokee, according to Colonel Fred A. Olds, of the State Historical Commission. There were man boundaries, he said, including Slick Rock, Snowbird, and Hanging Dog Creek. The act forming the county is very brief, the historian said, as it contains only 22 lines.

"The county was named in honor of one of North Carolina's noted men," Colonel Olds declared. "This man was William A. Graham of Orange who served as governor, United States senator, Secretary of the Navy, Confederate State senator and also held other offices of importance. The county seat, Robbinville, was named in honor of Representative Robbins of the General Assembly."

"This county has the smallest population of all but two other counties in the state. Its area is only 268 square miles."

"The first meeting of the county commissioners was held in the store of King and Cooper on Cheoah river in October 1872, and the first session of court was held in the Baptist Church at Cheoah, a mile from the present Robbinville, in March 1873."

"The first clerk was J. G. Tatham; the first register was William Carpenter, while the first sheriff was Will Holloway. In December 1873 the commissioners chose Rhea Hill as the county seat, but soon changed its name to Robbinville. The first court in Robbinville was held in October 1874 upon the completion

of the first court house which was constructed of wood. In 1886 the first building was replaced by the present one which is also of wood. "Near the court house is a boulder under which is supposed to be buried the Cherokee Indian warrior, Junaluska who led 1,500 of his tribe against the Creeks in Alabama under the command of General Andrew Jackson, U. S. A., a native of North Carolina. The Cherokees were highly commended for their bravery by General Jackson, the United States, and North Carolina."

"The first representative of the County was George B. Walker who took his seat in 1882. Previous to that year the county had voted with Cherokee County. The will and deed book begins in 1872."

## TWO LIVES LOST FIVE BOYS MISSING

Baltimore, July 5.—A negro man and woman are known to have lost their lives when the Bay steamer Three Rivers burned off Cove Point, a wireless dispatch from a newspaper man aboard stated today.

Three hundred and fifty passengers were rescued and are proceeding to Baltimore on the steamer Middlesex.

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