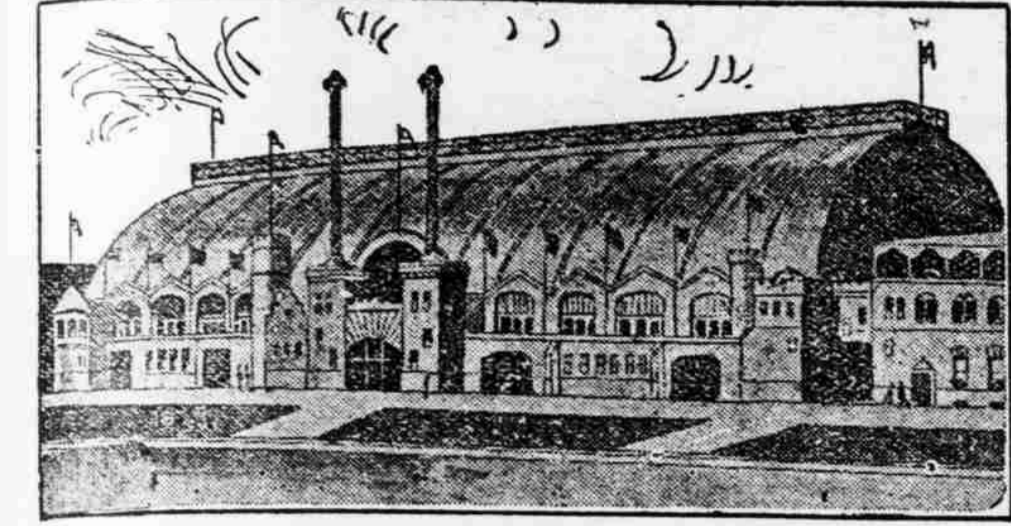


How Political Conventions are Managed



When, with "tremendous enthusiasm," "tumultuous applause," and "resounding cheers," some American citizen is nominated for the Presidency of the United States at Chicago, and when, later, some other American citizen, with ditto enthusiasm, ditto applause and ditto cheers, is nominated for the same office at Denver,



COLISEUM AT CHICAGO WHERE THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD.

the male population of the United States, or the great majority of it, at any rate, will want to know just how it was done, why it was done, and "who done it."

At a National Convention each State has its own headquarters, where the delegates gather. They do a lot of "conferring" with each other and



William H. Taft.

with delegates from other States. They hold meetings and elect chairmen and honorary vice-presidents. The honorary vice-president has a seat on the platform and an extra ticket, but little else.

Prior to the calling of the convention to order the National Committee



IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PANTRY. The Favorite Sons (in chorus)—"Somebody's taken a bite out of my pie!"—From the Journal (Minneapolis.)

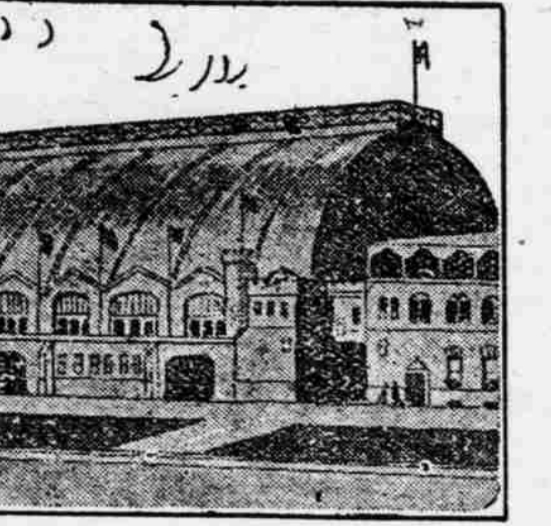
is virtually in command of the situation. With it lies the arranging of the details, the "framing up" of the procedure of the first session, the selection of the temporary chairman, and, in a great many cases, though not always, the program making of the whole convention, temporary and permanent organizations, nominating, and platform building.

It is the chairman of the National Committee who calls the convention to order, usually about noon upon the day set. This year the Republican National Convention will be called to order by Harry C. New on June 16, and the Democratic Convention will be called to order by Thomas Taggart on July 7.

The convention called to order, the chairman requests the secretary to read the call for the convention, which is done. Then the roll call is gone through, and this takes a lot of time. The next step is the announcement by the chairman that the committee offers to the convention as its temporary chairman the name of So-and-so. There are loud and prolonged cheers, and by a viva voce vote Mr. So-and-so is unanimously elected.

Brief News Notes About the Conventions.
The Roosevelt third-term bug which attacked Washington as well as other parts of the United States a week or two ago has disappeared.
Governor Albert E. Mead, of the State of Washington, stated his belief that President Roosevelt would not accept a re-nomination.
The threat of capital to go into politics and make its influence felt, just as labor threatens to do, has caused participation in both parties.

There is usually little trouble over the election of a temporary chairman. The chairman then appoints a committee to escort the temporary chairman to the platform; the band plays, the delegation from Mr. So-and-so's State makes a lot of noise, and all is merry.
It is incumbent on the temporary



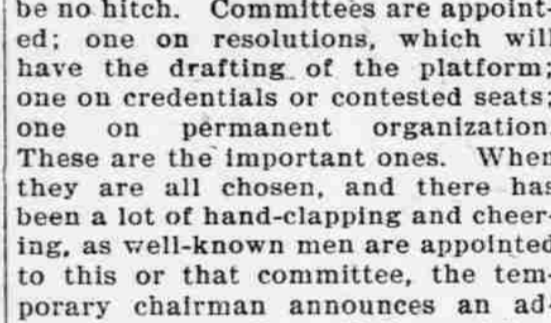
Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota.

chairman to make a speech. He invariably takes advantage of the opportunity. He "sounds a keynote." After the speech various resolutions have been arranged for in advance, and the temporary chairman works according to a printed schedule, calling on John Doe and Richard Roe at the right time, so that there may



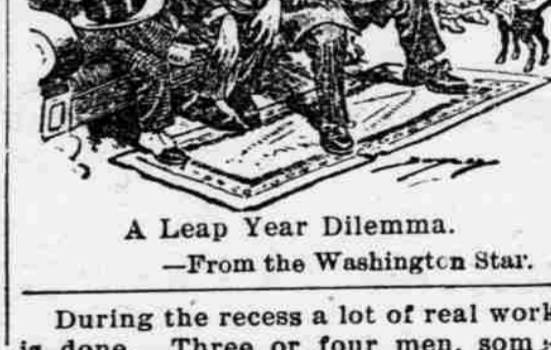
William J. Bryan.

be no hitch. Committees are appointed; one on resolutions, which will have the drafting of the platform; one on credentials or contested seats; one on permanent organization. These are the important ones. When they are all chosen, and there has been a lot of hand-clapping and cheering, as well-known men are appointed to this or that committee, the temporary chairman announces an adjournment, usually until the next day.



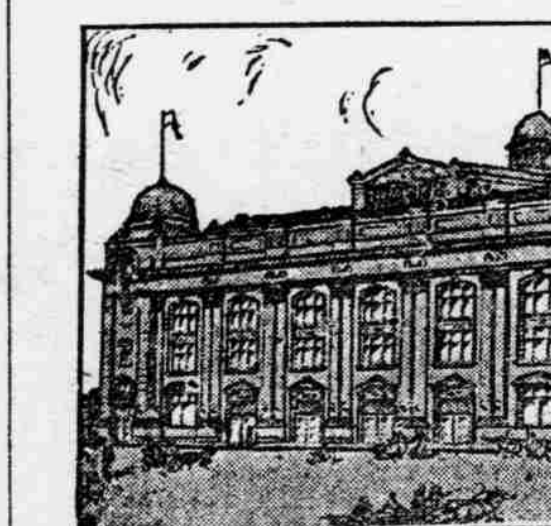
Vice-President Fairbanks.

On reaching the African coast the natives refused to sell the land they had agreed to and the two agents and a third of the colonists died with fever. The next year 28 colonists were sent out, but the renewed effort to purchase land failed. This government then sent Dr. Eli Ayres, and the armed naval schooner Alligator, commanded by Lieutenant R. P. Stockton. This effort resulted in the purchase of a coast strip of land 130 miles long and 40 broad, with perpetual tenure. The price paid was a miscellaneous assortment of trading goods. This purchase is given as the last direct act of this government towards the establishment or maintenance of the settlement, although this government sent from time to time liberated negroes to the colony.



Gov. Folk. Judge Geo. Gray.

and not in the convention hall, what is to be done is finally determined as a rule.
Again the convention meets. If the platform has not been adopted it is now. Then nominations are in order.



AUDITORIUM AT DENVER WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD.

tion, adopted the platform. The Committee on Contested Seats and that on Permanent Organization however, are ready and they report.
The contests decided, no matter how, the permanent roll of the convention is made up and called. They the Committee on Permanent Organization reports, and the permanent chairman is named, cheered and escorted to the platform. The procedure is identical with the election of the temporary chairman. The permanent chairman, too, must make a



Secretary Root.

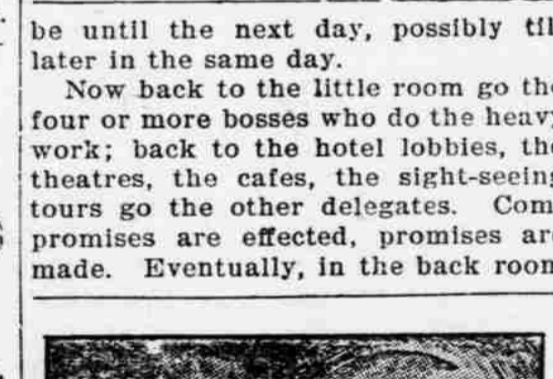
speech. It, too, is of the "keynote" variety.
The Committee on Platform reports for the permanent chairman has made his speech. When the matter of the platform is disposed of, either by the committee reporting or by the announcement that it is not ready to report, the permanent chairman announces another recess; may

be until the next day, possibly till later in the same day.
Now back to the little room go the four or more bosses who do the heavy work; back to the hotel lobbies, the theatres, the cafes, the sight-seeing tours go the other delegates. Compromises are effected, promises are made. Eventually, in the back room



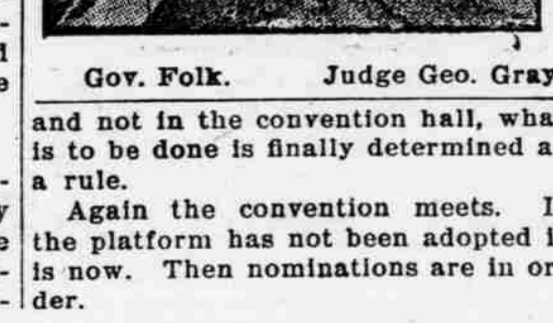
Choked to Death by Husband.

Newark, O., Special.—Mrs. Ernest Terwilger was found dead in her room Sunday. She had been choked to death. Her husband was arrested and he confessed to the crime. Sunday night such a large crowd gathered about the prison that police reserves were called out.



Bad Storm in Texas.

Austin, Tex., Special.—A terrific wind and rain storm that at times developed into a tornado swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetation, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years. In numerous places houses were up-lifted and small villages and hamlets in many instances were inundated by the terrific rainfall which in the space of four hours reached seven inches in many sections.



McKinley Property to Be Sold.

Canton, O., Special.—The McKinley block on South Market street, one of the two pieces of Canton property owned by the late President William McKinley, was sold by Sheriff Wilson at public auction. The property has been appraised at \$60,000. The sale was decided upon by the administrator of the estate of Abner McKinley and representatives of the remainder of the President's heirs.



Negro Shoots and Kills Another.

Southern Pines, Special.—Hilliard Harrison was fatally shot by Joe Davis, both colored, in a dispute over wages. During the dispute Davis went into the house, got a shotgun and deliberately fired, killing Hilliard instantly. Davis then fled. Deputy Dillehay and a posse of armed people are after the murderer.

LIBERIANS APPEAL TO CUT MEMBERSHIP ALMOST FATAT ACCIDENT

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Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Throng again visited the Guinness death farm at Laporte, Ind.

Archbishop Peter Bourade, of Santa Fe, died in Chicago of heart failure.

Clarence Darrow says Mayor Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, Ohio, will be Bryan's running mate.

The Massachusetts Legislature will be asked for an appropriation of \$300,000 to fight the gypsy moth and other pests.

Arrests in Pittsburg followed the alleged discovery that an organized band had been formed to rob telephone slot boxes all over the country.

The French steamer Breiz Huel, which broke its rudder at sea and ran short of coal, was towed into New York.

A stirring appeal for money for missions was made by Rev. Dr. R. J. Willingham before the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Atlantic fleet of battleships will sail for Seattle this week.

Cars were being operated in Cleveland without any serious outbreak on the part of the strikers.

King Manuel of Portugal is said to have upset plans to marry him to some eligible princess by declaring that he will wed his boyhood love, the daughter of a lady-in-waiting, or not at all.

An agreement is said to have been reached between Japan and the United States regarding conventions for which shall secure protection for American interests in Japan and Korea.

Congress will adjourn this week, if the Senate and House conferees can agree upon an acceptable currency bill.

The clique of old Senate leaders is said to have chosen Burrows as chairman of the Chicago convention as a rebuke to the younger element.

Though there is considerable Johnson sentiment in the South, Bryan seems likely to get a large majority of the delegates from that section.

Richmond residents adopted resolutions urging Bishop Van de Vyver not to resign.

Rev. W. T. Palmer was installed pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg.

William D. Heywood, addressing the Socialist Convention, denounced courts, judges, the President and a number of others.

Secretary Taft arrived at Charleston from Panama, well and smiling.

The Russian general sent to punish marauding Persians has been ordered to burn and kill.

French forces lost 13 killed and 85 wounded in an engagement with Arabs.

The Senate substituted the original Aldrich bill for the Vreeland bill and both houses sent the currency measure to conference.

The House passed the omnibus public building bill and the Military Academy Appropriation bill.

General Sherwood, of Ohio, made a caustic attack on General Keifer, of Ohio, in the House.

President Roosevelt and William J. Bryan made the closing addresses at the National Resources Conference.

The Governors have agreed to hold an annual convention of State executives.

The convention of machinery men at Parkersburg elected officers for next year.

The President has ordered that Coast Artillery officers who decline to take the horseman's test be made to walk 50 miles as a test.

The property of the Federal Coal and Coke Company, of West Virginia was sold to the New England Gas and Coke Company for \$1,250,000 cash.

Eugene V. Debs was nominated for President by the Socialists.

The Wright brothers have broken up their aeroplane, wrecked on the North Carolina coast, but they have a new and stronger machine at Dayton, Ohio, with which they will experiment in August.

Rear Admiral Charles Stillman Sperry assumed command of the battleship fleet at San Francisco.

The jawbone found in the ruins of the Guinness home at Laporte, Ind., was identified by a dentist as that of Mrs. Guinness.

Freight shippers at a meeting in Chicago took steps to fight the rise in rates announced by the railroads.

Walter Wyckoff, who wrote "The Workers" and other sociological studies, is dead.

Joshua Levering was elected president of the Southern Baptist Association.

Various Republican State conventions have declared for Taft.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Lewis, president of Western Maryland College, was elected president of the Methodist Protestant Conference.