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For President: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN
For Vice-President: JOHN WORTH KERN

THE POLL:
BRYAN, WILLIAM JENNINGS..... 892 1/2 VOTES
KERN, JOHN WORTH..... 59 1/2 VOTES

Denver, Col.—With the session of the convention until the dawn was breaking and ended with the nomination of William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, for President, and a night session that resulted in the nomination of John Worth Kern, of Indiana, for Vice-President, the Democratic National Convention closed today.

Ollie James, of Kentucky, called for a resolution to order for the last time Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, the permanent chairman, suffering from a sore throat. The session began at 10 o'clock, Senator Stone, of Missouri, moved that the nominating speeches be limited to ten minutes and the resolutions to five minutes.

Charles A. Towne took the platform and withdrew in favor of Kern. The name of Kern was called and the name of Bryan was called. The name of Kern was called and the name of Bryan was called.

At 4:21 p. m. the motion to adjourn was put and carried, and the convention was over.

Denver, Col.—The striking feature of the fourth session of the Democratic National Convention, which began at 11 o'clock a. m., was the delivery of the "keynote" speech by Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, the permanent chairman. The session continued about 2 o'clock until 7 p. m.

Salute Fired in Washington. The Democratic clubs of the District of Columbia, by permission of President Roosevelt, celebrated the nomination of William J. Bryan on the Washington Monument grounds by firing a salute of forty-six guns, one for each State.

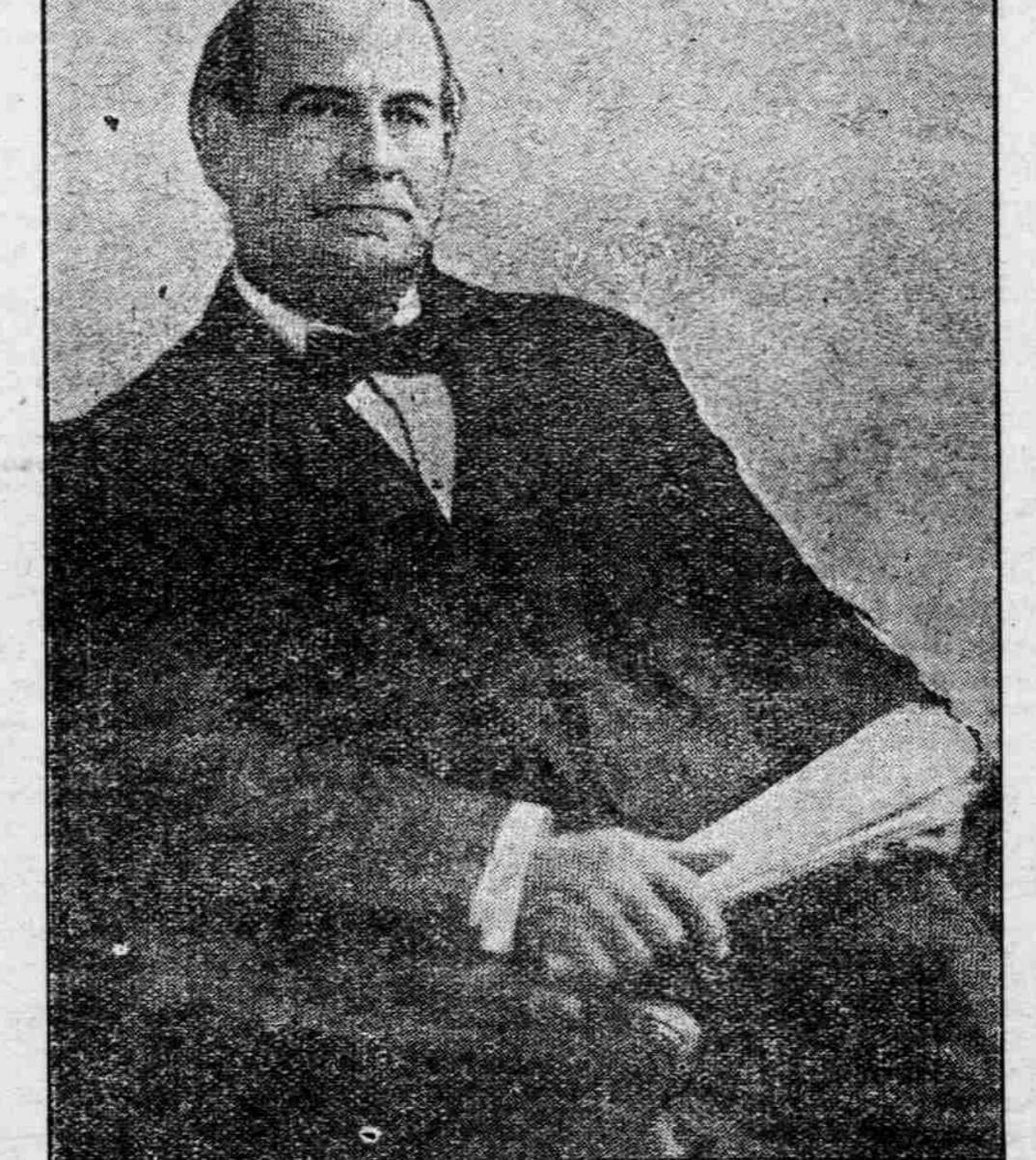
with heat, exhaustion and dead air as soon as the speaker got ready to give the signal. His concluding passage, delivered at 9:06 o'clock, was a fervid tribute to the "commoner" as the intrepid leader who had borne along the battle, carried the flag of Democracy through the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, with the devotion and faith of the crusaders of old days.



"FAIRVIEW," MR. BRYAN'S SUBURBAN HOME, FOUR AND ONE-HALF MILES FROM LINCOLN, NEB.

At 9:14 o'clock, when the demonstration was eight minutes old, the parade of standard and banner bearers through the hall began. Up and down and across the section devoted to the delegates and alternates the long line weaved, bobbingly and slowly. By this time the noise had assumed the proportions of the roar of Niagara.

At 9:36 Chairman Clayton, possibly deeming half an hour sufficient for the show of loyalty to Bryan, smashed his gavel against the table. If he was sincere in desiring to still the tumult, he took the wrong method of accomplishing his object, for the sound of the gavel was the signal for a renewal of the hysteria and concerted noise-making.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

General George S. Batcher, American, died in Paris, France. Agents of the big beef packers declared that the price of meat would be advanced again.

L. Irving Handy, of Delaware, then made an eloquent speech, concluding by placing in nomination Judge George Gray, of Delaware. The Gray nomination also received its full share of enthusiasm, although the nominating speech of L. Irving Handy, of Delaware, was frequently interrupted by the impatient crowd, and finally by the arrival of the Committee on Resolutions bearing the completed platform.

It was after midnight when the nominating speeches were temporarily suspended to receive the report of the committee. Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, chairman of the committee, made the report, announcing that it was presented, as the unanimous view of the committee, the entire membership of which ranged themselves on the platform flanking Governor Haskell as an evidence of their united attitude.

The speeches seconding the nomination of candidates were then resumed, with a limit of five minutes for each. The seconding speeches for Bryan included those of Governor Glenn, of North Carolina; Governor Swanson, of Virginia; Representative Healin, of Alabama; Augustus Thomas, the playwright, of "Missouri"; Jerry B. Sullivan, of Iowa; O. W. Bryan, and Senator Gearin, of Oregon; John J. Lynch, of Ohio; James A. Reed, Mayor of Kansas City; Ben F. Looney, of Texas; Elias A. Williams, of Illinois, and O. H. James, of Kentucky.

The seconding speech for Governor Johnson was made by Attorney-General Straus, of Maryland; that for Judge Gray by F. J. O'Boyle, of Pennsylvania. Most of these speeches had been scheduled in advance, but owing to the widespread Bryan sentiment and the desire of the various States to record their preference for him many impromptu speeches were made and nearly every State voiced its approval.

Detailed Vote for Bryan. Table with columns for State, Bryan, Gray, and Total. Total: 892 1/2 for Bryan, 59 1/2 for Gray.

When Oklahoma was called, the chairman announced: "Oklahoma casts her eighteen maiden votes for William Jennings Bryan." It was 3:30 o'clock in the morning when the roll call was completed.

Women in the Day's News. Mrs. Egbert Farnell, an Australian, invented perforated underwear. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt is the heaviest taxpayer in Newport, R. I., paying on a total valuation of \$1,040,200.

MURDERED IN BED

Horrible Tragedy At Home of North Carolina Merchant
SHOT DEAD WITH HIS OWN GUN

Two White Men Enter Home of Mr. John M. Morris in Search of Money and When He Awakes Shoots Him With His Own Gun.

Monroe, N. C., Special.—Two unknown white men, one clad in the garb of a woman, entered the home of Mr. John M. Morris, a well-known farmer-merchant of the county living two miles east of Wedington Academy, at 3 o'clock Saturday morning to burglarize it; Mr. Morris was awakened by the intruders and shot dead in his bed by them, his own gun being used, and the burglars made good their escape after securing a small amount of money from the home and store of the murdered man.

The explosion of the gun awakened Mrs. Morris, who was sleeping with a child in another bed, and she found the bed on which her husband lay on fire. This she threw on the floor and extinguished and saved the house from being burned. By the light of the flames she recognized the two assassins as white men, one of them wearing a dress, supposedly as a disguise.

Coroner Sykes empaneled a jury and held an inquest, examining about fifty witnesses. The verdict of the jury was that Mr. Morris came to his death at the hands of unknown persons. Two white men of the neighborhood, however, are suspected of the bloody crime and the officers are now searching for them. These suspects told parties that they were going away, saying to some that they were leaving for a picnic in Stanley county and to others that they were coming to Monroe, and it may be that these are the burglar-assassins.

The home of Mr. Morris is located in the same building in which he conducted a store, and robbery was what led to the brutal murder. When the burglars entered the sleeping room they found Mr. Morris' gun in the rack on the wall and when he awoke shot him with it before he could move. The assassin was standing within a few feet of the bed and the discharge of the gun set the bedclothes afire. The load entered the dead man's side just below the ribs, tearing a great hole through the body. Death was almost instantaneous. The gun used with such deadly effect was carried off by the burglars when they fled.

Mrs. Morris, bereft of her husband in a moment and without warning, and with no protection left her, not even a pistol, and with two assassins just leaving the house, was terrified beyond bounds, but her self-possession did not leave her, and with the child clinging to her side in fright, and not understanding the catastrophe, she went outside and gave the alarm.

It was a weird sight which met the gaze of the first hurrying men who came to the rescue. The dead man lay half way across the bed where he had been peacefully sleeping only a few minutes before. The burned bedclothes told another part of the story, and an open door in the house where the two men, who were seen by Mrs. Morris escaping told the remainder of the story.

Men with lanterns, and armed for an emergency, sought about the house and store for traces of the burglars and assassin, and secured the nearby sections but without avail. The burglars had successfully eluded detection and were doubtless making their hasty retreat from the scene of the crime when the searchers arrived on the scene.

BOSTON FIRE-SWEPT

Destructive Conflagration On the Water Front
NARROW ESCAPE OF SHIP

Fire Caused by Spontaneous Combustion or a Spark From a Locomotive Sweeps the Harbor Front of East Boston, Causing a Property Loss of Nearly a Million and a Half Dollars.

Doston, Special.—A fire, believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion or a locomotive spark and fanned by a brisk northwest wind swept nearly a quarter of a mile of the harbor front of East Boston late Wednesday, causing a property loss estimated at nearly \$1,500,000. Much of the loss falls upon the Boston & Albany railroad. One person was reported missing and it is thought he perished in the flames. It was Daniel Sullivan a watchman at the Curand line pier.

The fire was the biggest and most destructive that has broken out along the harbor front for many years. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity and by the time the first fire fighting apparatus arrived on the scene they were beyond control and leaping from pier to pier.

Within an hour of the time the fire was discovered, four piers, three warehouses, a grain elevator containing 30,000 bushels of grain and many loaded freight cars had been destroyed. Several vessels and lighters narrowly escaped destruction. The big Leyland line steamer Devonian, which arrived Tuesday from Liverpool was destroyed. The discipline on the Devonian was so excellent, however, that she was warped out into the stream without even having a square inch of paint blistered. Less fortunate were the British bark Belmont, of Yarmouth, N. S., and the schooner Paul Palmer, a five-masted craft, and the O. H. Brown, a four-masted schooner. The Belmont was moored by steel cable to the pier where the fire started. So quickly did the flames envelop the wharf and warehouse that it was impossible to slip the cables from the mooring posts, and it was necessary to resort to the tedious process of cutting a half dozen or more of the great wire ropes.

Revolutionists Are Defeated. St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Dispatches received say fighting began Wednesday night at Tabriz, Persia, the city held by revolutionists and attacked by the Shah's troops. Two hundred were killed in the fight and it is believed a massacre followed, although wires are cut and details could not be learned. The defense of the revolutionists was meagre and it is believed the city fell about the time the telegraph station there was destroyed. The troops are irregular, semi-barbaric and it is believed to be certain that the place will be pillaged and the inhabitants claim if they have succeeded in entering.

To Exhibit in Memphis. Memphis, Special.—Dr. J. L. Andrews, President of the City Board of Health is Chairman of a special committee which has invited the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis to send the American Tuberculosis Exhibition to this city. Four hundred dollars is to be raised by Memphis in addition to the expense covered by the National Association. Dr. Andrews has sent several insistent telegrams to the exhibition headquarters asking for an immediate arrangement of dates so that the campaign can be pushed vigorously.

Regulating Bucket Shops. Baton Rouge, La., Special.—The first step toward regulation of cotton futures trading in the present Assembly was taken last week when the Senate passed the Boggs bucket shop bill. The bill provides that there shall be "no future contracts except where intended for actual delivery or for hedge on actual products or securities." Under this provision the New Orleans Cotton Exchange is declared not to be affected, and a number of members of the Exchange have worked for the passage of such a law.

Court Ousts Macon Locker Club. McDonough, Ga., Special.—Judge Magdon, of the Superior Court here Wednesday, overruled and dismissed the certiorari of the Macon Elks' Club case brought before him from the city recorder's court. The decision means that no locker club can be operated in Macon. The case may be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special.

In a fit of insanity Mrs. Thomas V. Pfaff, of 922 Academy street, Salem, attempted to take the life of her husband by striking him a terrific blow on the side of the head with an axe while he lay asleep about 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and afterwards tried to commit suicide by jumping into a well in the yard. She was on the verge of making the descent to the bottom of the well and eternity when Mr. Pfaff, who had partially recovered from the effect of the blow, arrived.

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Negro Murderer Gets Life Sentence. Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Alfred Johnson, a negro who recently held up and murdered George M. Smith, a respected white man of Bristol, was found guilty of murder in first degree, with mitigating circumstances at Blountville, and sentenced to serve a life term in the penitentiary.

John D. Celebrates 69th Birthday. Cleveland, O., Special.—John D. Rockefeller quietly celebrated his 69th birthday at Forest Hill, his suburban home Wednesday. Mr. Rockefeller, to the friends who called to congratulate him, declared that he was enjoying splendid health, and that he never felt better in his life.