

Dramatic Moments of Democratic Conventions I Have Attended

for HALF A CENTURY By UREY WOODSON, Noted Political Figure

IV—Parker's Gold Telegram

The next Democratic national convention was held in Kansas City in 1900. In a great auditorium that had just been rebuilt in ninety days, after a fire had destroyed the earlier one, James A. Reed, the mayor of Kansas City, later U. S. Senator, delivered an address of welcome. Charles S. Thomas of Colorado, was elected temporary chairman. James D. Richardson of Tennessee, was permanent chairman.

This convention was a mere ratification meeting. Bryan was renominated by acclamation, and Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, was again nominated for vice president.

The Kansas City Democratic national convention met in St. Louis. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, was temporary chairman. Champ Clark, of Mississippi, permanent chairman. It resulted in the nomination of ALBION B. PARKER of New York, for President at 5:45 in the morning, of July 9.

The deciding ballot came after Mr. Bryan had made a final plea in a vain attempt to accomplish the nomination of Senator Francis M. Cockrell, of Missouri. The ballot resulted, Parker 658; William Randolph Hearst, 200; Cockrell, 42; Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, 38 and Edward C. Wall, of Wisconsin, 27.

Parker's "Gold" Telegram
At a later session the following night there was a very tense situation caused by Parker's celebrated gold telegram which he sent to his campaign manager, William F. Sheehan, of New York, declaring that as the gold standard had now been adopted by the United States he could not consider making the campaign on any other platform. This convention had not adopted a silver platform. It was silent on the money question. There was for a time an attempt to suppress this telegram but the news leaked out.

Bryan hearing of it, arose from a sick bed and went to the convention hall and spoke with great earnestness in criticism of Parker's telegram, saying he should have sent it before and not after the nomination.

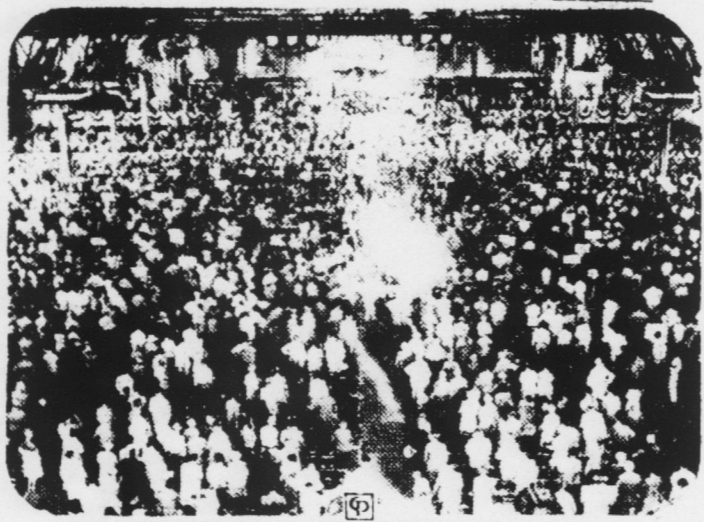
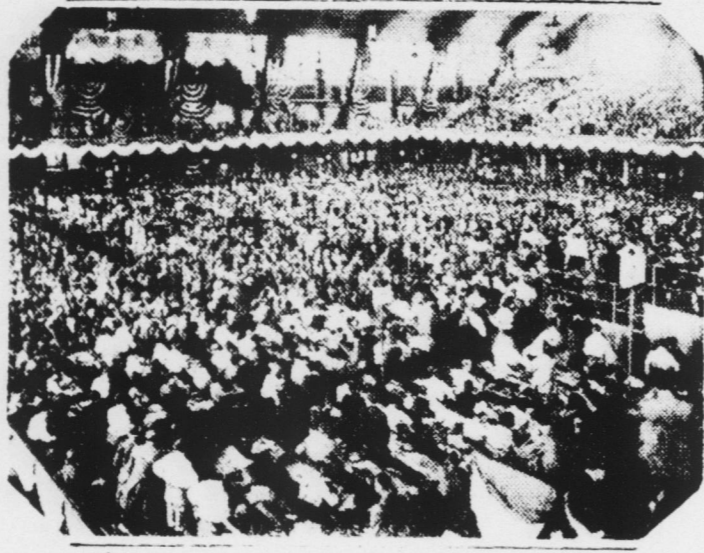
Harmonious speeches were made by John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi; Edward W. Carmack, of Tennessee; and Chairman Champ Clark and others, and Mr. Bryan was finally induced to withdraw a resolution he had offered.

Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, notwithstanding he was 80 years old, was nominated for vice president at 1:15 o'clock Sunday morning, July 10.

The Democratic campaign that year was a listless affair. The delegates went home from St. Louis discouraged on account of the Parker telegram and there was no recovery before the election.

The national committee was never in sorer straits for money than throughout this campaign, which was eventually financed by Thomas F. Ryan and August Belmont, who each gave \$500,000 to the committee, aided by Anthony Brady, of New York and Albany, who gave \$250,000.

Why Ryan Did It
At a subsequent senatorial investigation of campaign funds of both parties in Washington, Mr. Ryan, on the witness stand was asked how much he gave to the Parker campaign. He replied he thought about \$500,000. Some senator asked Mr. Ryan, "Did you know Mr. Parker never had any chance of winning?"
"Certainly I did," said Mr. Ryan. "I never favored his nomination. I thought it was a mistake from the out-



Democratic convention of 1908 at Houston, Tex.

set and could at no time see any hope for him."

"Then why should you give such a munificent fund to his campaign?" the senator inquired.

Ryan replied: "Well, the committee needed the money and could find no other way of raising it. While I had no connection with the party organization, I didn't want to see the committee go home leaving debts behind it. I made this contribution for the honor of the Democratic party."

Mr. Belmont had endorsed the committee's notes to the amount of \$450,000 and was of course very glad to have this assistance from Mr. Ryan and Mr. Brady.

Denver Convention
The convention in 1908 met in Denver, where it was a foregone conclusion that Bryan would be nominated again and the delegates went to Denver to have a good time—and they had it. The convention assembled on the Fourth of July. Theodore A. Bell, of California, was the temporary chairman, H. D. Clayton, of Alabama permanent chairman.

One feature of the Denver entertainment was snowballing the delegates as they went into the convention hall. The Denver people had run several flat cars loaded with snow down the mountains and switched these cars to a siding near the convention hall entrance. Two hundred or more boys stood on these flat cars and snowballed the multitude that went into the great hall.

A pleasant incident of the Denver convention was the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Medill McCormick, of Chi-

cago, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Longworth, all Republicans but to be our guests for the convention.

Living in Denver at that time was Ruth Bryan, now Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, the Congresswoman daughter of our Peerless leader. We lived up two adjoining boxes in the convention hall, one for Ruth Bryan and the other for Alice Roosevelt Longworth, her husband and the McCormicks, seating them side by side. The daughter of the then President Roosevelt and the daughter of the great Democratic leader, about to be nominated for president for the third time, were introduced, visited each other's boxes, and became good friends.

Alice listened intently and with complete composure, to the Democrats who were panning her father to a fare-you-well, while Ruth, all smiles, listened to the encomiums of her father. Many years afterwards, Mrs. McCormick, of this party, and Ruth Bryan Owen served in congress together.

On the ticket was Bryan named at Denver was John W. Kern, of Indiana afterwards a senator from that state. Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, vigorously declined to be considered for vice president though he was Bryan's first choice. Ollie had a safe seat in the house of representatives from a Kentucky district that gives 12,000 to 25,000 majority.

The wind is a force of the heavens; to some extent it is one of its secrets, for although much has been learned, the whole truth is not yet laid bare.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



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DID YOU KNOW?

By R. J. SCOTT

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A COMPARISON OF THE FORCE OF GRAVITY ON THREE DIFFERENT WORLDS— CENTER— THE NORMAL JUMP OF AN ATHLETE ON EARTH— RIGHT— THE SAME AMOUNT OF EFFORT WOULD CARRY HIM 6 TIMES AS HIGH ON THE MOON— LEFT— HIS JUMP ON JUPITER WOULD BE LESS THAN HALF OF THAT ON THE EARTH

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BIG SISTER



MERCY! JUST WHEN I WAS MOST FRANTIC, WORRYING ABOUT DAD AND BUDDY THEY SEND THIS WIRE— "SAFE AND WELL; WILL BE HOME SOON"

Half a Loaf—



WELL, THAT'S A BIG RELIEF. I HAD VISIONS OF 'EM BOTH IN THE RIVER, DROWNED OR MURDERED, OR CAST UP ON AN ISLAND. GOODNESS, BUT I FEEL BETTER!



BUT—BUT NOT A WORD DID THEY SAY ABOUT THE BUBBLE. I WONDER IF THAT MEANS THEY DIDN'T FIND IT. I HOPE IT DOES AND THEY'RE BREAKING IT TO ME GENTLY.

By LES FORGRAVE



THAT ENDS OUR TRIP DOWN THE RIVER AND OUR SUMMER IN THE OZARKS, O, AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH GRAND FUN! ANYHOW I'M GLAD THAT DAD AND BUDDY ARE SAFE.

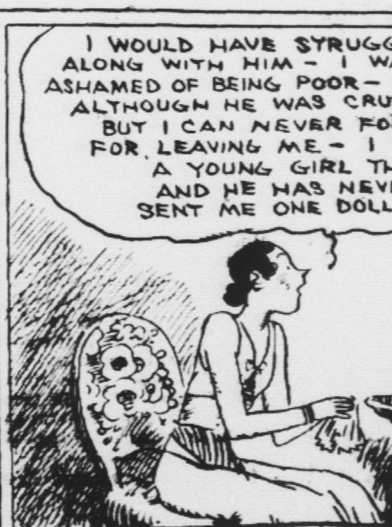
THE GUMPS—TOO LATE—TOO LATE—



TO THINK— THAT AFTER ALL OF THESE YEARS HE HAS COME BACK TO ME— NOT ONE WORD— NOT ONE LINE SINCE HE LEFT ME THAT NIGHT WITHOUT HIM YELLING ME THAT HE WAS GOING— AND TO MAKE A FORTUNE FOR ME— NOW SILLY—



I WOULD HAVE STRUGGLED ALONG WITH HIM— I WAS NOT ASHAMED OF BEING POOR— I LOVED HIM THEN— ALTHOUGH HE WAS CRUEL TO ME— BUT I CAN NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR LEAVING ME— I WAS ONLY A YOUNG GIRL THEN— AND HE HAS NEVER SENT ME ONE DOLLAR—



HE SAID HE WANTED GOLD— ONLY TO MAKE ME HAPPY— AND YET HE RETURNS A TRAMP— PENNILESS— AND WOULD ROB ME OF ALL THE HAPPINESS THAT I NOW HAVE—



TOM— I WILL TELL HIM EVERYTHING— I WILL TELL HIM ALL— I AM INNOCENT— WHY SHOULDN'T I TELL TOM— HE IS MY HUSBAND— HE WILL UNDERSTAND—



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FORECLOSURE SALE

By virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed by Lena Mims Hill and husband, Claude Hill, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Vance County, in book 146, at page 153, default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured, on request of the holder of the same, I shall sell for cash by public auction at the courthouse door in Henderson, North Carolina, to the highest bidder, on Thursday, July 28th, 1932, at twelve o'clock, noon the following described real property:

"Begin at a stone on Robinson Street, Ed Turner corner, being 47 feet from the edge of Kittrell Street, and run thence along 1/2 S. E. 1/4 W. 190 feet from Kittrell Street, thence S. 9 W. about 82 1/2 feet to a pin, Kelly corner; thence along Kelly line S. 88 E. about 170 feet to Kelly corner on Robinson Street; thence along said Street North 4 East 83 feet to place of beginning. See deed to Lena Mims from S. G. Kelly and wife recorded in Register of deeds office of Vance County, in book 134 page 167, for more accurate description."
J. M. PEACE Trustee.
This 27th day of June, 1932.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust, made, executed and delivered on the 7th day of January, 1932, to the undersigned Trustee by Curtis Peace and wife, Lucy T. Peace, which said deed of trust is duly of record in Book 181, page 107, of the Public Registry of Vance County, default having been made in the payment of the bond secured thereby, and at the request and direction of the owner and holder of said bond, I shall, on Friday, July 22, 1932, offer for sale to the highest bidder by public auction for cash in front of the court house door in Henderson, N. C., at about the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, the following described lot or parcel of land situated in Kittrell Township, Vance County, State of North Carolina, and described as follows:

Adjoining the lands of Mrs. Annie Powell, John Harvey, and the Peace Estate, containing 89 acres, more or less. Being the land bought of Miss Margaret Peace and being the land upon which Curtis Peace now lives.
This June 18, 1932.
W. M. PENNIX, Trustee.
Hancock and Tyler.
Attys. at law, Oxford, N. C.

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191—5:45 A. M. for Savannah Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, St. Petersburg.
3—3:45 P. M. for Raleigh, Hamlet, Columbia, Savannah, Miami, Tampa, St. Petersburg.
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For information call on H. E. Pleasant, D. A., Raleigh, N. C. or M. C. Capps, TA., Henderson, N. C.