

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,

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

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. Then 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



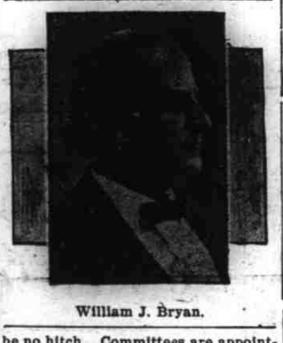
COLISEUM AT CHICAGO WHERE THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD.

the major 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."

chairman to make a speech. He invariably takes advantage of the opportunity. He "sounds a keynote." After the speech various resolutions are offered. Usually these have been arranged 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 H. Taft.



William J. Bryan.



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



A Leap Year Dilemma. From the Washington Star.

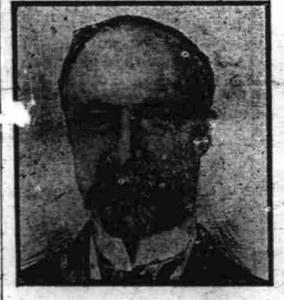
with delegates from other States. They hold meetings and elect chairmen and honorary vice-presidents. The honorary vice-president has a seat on the platform and an extra ticket, but little else. Prior to the calling of the convention to order the National Committee

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.



Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota.

speech. It, too, is of the "keynote" variety. The Committee on Platform reports after 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-



Vice-President Fairbanks.

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



Gov. Folk.

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



Thomas E. Watson. (Already Nominated For President by the Populists)

When the nominations are all made and the speeches all heard there comes the balloting. This means a call of the States. The leader of each State may rise in his place and cast the vote for the whole delegation from that State. He may announce it as so many votes for So-and-so and so many votes for Thinegambob. Some delegate may protest and ask for a poll of the delegation. Then each name will have to be called separately.

No matter how long it has taken to choose a nominee for the Presidency, the whole performance has to be gone



William F. Stone, Republican Senator from Arkansas.

through again when it comes to nominating a candidate for the second place on the ticket. There are not so many "favorite sons," however, and one ballot frequently suffices. More noise, more enthusiasm. The convention has nominated the ticket. Then resolutions of various sorts are passed. They are unimportant. The hotel keepers of the town are thanked for the splendid hospitality they have



Col. John I. Martin, Democratic Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Alton B. Parker will not be the first defeated Presidential candidate to see to it National convention as a delegate. Mr. Bryan was a delegate to the St. Louis convention four years ago.

Some Senators are angry over the assertion by the President that he is independent of Congress in the exercise of command over the army and navy.

Governor Hughes announced that he would not accept election as Vice-President of the United States, much less a nomination for that office.

James Van Cleave, of St. Louis, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, threatened a bolt of 11,804 Republican manufacturers from the party ticket in the coming campaign if it sanctions the President's policy toward labor.

At Ogdensburg, N. Y., William Randolph Hearst, of New York, has been sued in the Supreme Court by David T. Lathan to recover \$250,000 claimed by the plaintiff for campaign expenses.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Throngs 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 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 65 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 horsemanship 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.

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State.

General Assembly of Presbyterians.

Greensboro, Special.—The 48th annual-session of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church was called to order here last Thursday. The sessions began at 11 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton of Lexington, Va., the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon. He spoke especially of the white people to extend Christian influence among the negroes. Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore of Richmond, Va., was elected moderator. Rev. Dr. A. Curry, Memphis, Tenn., Rev. Dr. J. E. Jones, Meridian, Miss., and Rev. Dr. A. A. McGeachy, Sherman, Tex., were among those placed in nomination for the moderatorship. Dr. Moore was elected on the second ballot. Rev. E. M. Craig, Alabama, and R. B. Eggleston, Virginia, were appointed temporary clerks. Rev. Melton Clark, pastor of First church, presented the moderator with a gavel made of wood from a tree of the Guilford battle-ground near this city. W. T. Ellis of New York addressed the assembly and the night was set apart for a popular meeting in the interest of the Bible cause. The first business claiming the attention of the assembly was the report of the executive committee of home missions, showing total amount in hands of the treasurer during the year \$165,477.09; receipts for home missions, \$71,133.58; expenditures \$78,236.43; appropriation for the present year \$62,970. The committee directs attention to the growing needs of the work. Among the suggestions is that the assembly call upon the church for at least \$1 per member for the home mission cause. Following the report was an address of an hour by W. T. Ellis of New York, press correspondent of the Laymen's Missionary movement, who spoke very interestingly and earnestly upon the conditions and needs of the foreign field and the duty of the assembly in the premises. Very close attention was given Mr. Ellis, as it was known that his conclusions are based largely upon personal experience and observation in foreign lands. The report of the executive committee of publication and Sabbath school work was then presented. This showed encouraging advances in every department during the year.

Close of Men's Convention.

Greensboro, Special.—After holding several sessions, each one of which was characterized by enthusiasm, earnestness and spirituality, the Presbyterian Men's Convention closed with the session Wednesday night. This convention was the first of the kind held in the church, but it was eminently successful in every particular. Mr. J. J. Egan, president of the convention, presided and before the speakers of the evening were introduced the report of the committee on resolutions was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the large audience of men present. Mr. S. W. McGill then extended to the convention the salutations of the Brotherhood of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America. Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, was the first speaker of the evening and in an able manner he discussed the subject, "The Call of the Homeland." He began his address with the statement that it would seem from the subjects on the programme one might think there is some distinction made between home and foreign missions, whereas there is no such distinction and can be none, because all Christian work is one and the same regardless of where that work is carried on; the conversion of a soul is of the same importance whether it takes place on Fifth avenue in New York or in the wilds of Africa.

The era of transition through which the South is passing in every respect, at the present time was a thought upon which Dr. Smith laid special emphasis, and he insisted that with the expansion of world interests which are everywhere so evident demands expansion of all Christian work, in order that the demand may be met. Speaking further along his line Dr. Smith deplored the fact that in some respects the South has suffered, as in reverence for the Bible and for the Sabbath and asked very forcibly this question: Will the young people of the new South be able to stand the strategic point of the South, he said, storms of adversity of the past? The other speaker of the evening was Mr. Fletcher S. Brookman, who is Y. M. C. A. Secretary in China, Japan and Korea and who has spent ten years in the far east engaged in that work. He brought a message which showed that the awakening from industrial, commercial, educational and religious points of view that have come to the east is far greater than it is easy for one to realize who has not been on the field and among the people. He showed also how rapidly the east is adopting the life of the west in all of these changes. China in one day having cast aside her old system of education to adopt that of America. This he said brings new and greater responsibility to America because if the east is not made better by her contact with the west, she will be made worse. His entire address was filled with an earnest plea for the west to recognize and discharge her duty to the east, and especially in the work of carrying the Gospel there.

Publishers' Meeting Comes to Conclusion.

Charlotte, Special.—The annual meeting of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association came to an end with the annual banquet at the Hotel Selwyn, Birmingham, Ala. was chosen as the next place of meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. P. Caldwell, Charlotte Observer; vice president, Col. Rufus N. Rhodes, Birmingham News; secretary-treasurer, Victor M. Hanson, Montgomery Advertiser; executive committee, R. W. Brown, Louisville Courier-Journal; J. C. Hemphill, Charleston News and Courier; F. W. Hinman, Jacksonville Times-Union; C. B. Johnson, Knoxville Sentinel; E. M. Foster, Nashville Banner; F. L. Seeley, Atlanta Georgian.

Killed by Lightning.

Tarboro, Special.—Grover Cleveland Robinson, near Robinsonville, was instantly killed last week by lightning during a severe storm. He was seated by an open fire-place in his home, when a bolt struck the chimney. When the young man was picked up by occupants of the room, he was dead.

Incorporations.

The Auto Livery Company, of Gastonia, with \$10,000 authorized and \$1,500 subscribed capital stock, was chartered, the incorporators being: A. R. Anders, A. Burwell, Jr., F. G. Wilson, J. F. Johnson, R. L. Swan, and others.

20 Years For Burglary.

Winston-Salem, Special.—In the Superior Court here a negro named Gus Hill, submitted to the charge of burglary in the second degree and was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. About two weeks ago Hill entered the sleeping room of Miss Lizzie Ormsby, daughter of Postmaster Ormsby, of Salona, and was driven away by Miss Ormsby.

Shop at Spencer Will Be Reopened.

Spencer, Special.—A rumor has gained circulation here that the Southern Railway shops in Spencer will be reopened at an early date when a large number of employees who were laid off March 10th are expected to be called back into the service. The report lacks official confirmation, but there is a strong probability that it is true. The management, however, has succeeded in handling an immense amount of business during the period of retrenchment as shown by the large number of trains forwarded.

Twelve More Doctors.

Chapel Hill, Special.—The graduating exercises of the University of North Carolina Medical Department were held in Gerrard Hall. Diplomates were presented to twelve men: James Marion Buchner, William Wilks Greene, Jr., David Watson Harris, Evander MacNair McIver, Ph. D., 1904; Robert Gray MacPherson, Julian Deacatur Maynard, George Monro Monk, Austin Flint Nichols, A. B. 1905; Everett Joseph Stewart Scofield, Albert Johnson Terrill, John Blois Watson, Samplatt Edgar Webb.

In Conference About Freight Discrimination Hearing.

Raleigh, Special.—T. C. Guthrie of Charlotte, E. J. Justice of Greensboro were in conference with the corporation commission with reference to the commission's suit against the Norfolk & Western Railway for freight discrimination. The hearing will be at Winston-Salem before Special Examiner Bryan of the Interstate Commerce Commission on June 2.

The Rockingham.

Rockingham, Special.—Mr. J. E. Peebles, of Norfolk, Va., who made the plans for the new Johnson of Richmond, Va.; the Monticello and Lyshaven, of Norfolk, Va., was selected as the architect for Rockingham a new hotel which has been situated in the Rockingham. Work began at once and the hotel will be open for guests in November.

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.

The Chicago Tribune and Johnson leading for Democratic Vice-President with twenty-two per cent. of the votes. Ex-Governor Douglas, of Massachusetts, is second with sixteen per cent. Chandler got only seven per cent. Calhoun and Gray still less, and Hearst brings up the rear.

The Rhode Island delegation is instructed, and will be subservient to the wishes of Aldrich. Even yet the vision of a Roosevelt stampede is disturbing the rest of the more nervous of the Republicans. It is altogether likely that as a result of the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers there will be formed a business men's political party to take a hand in the approaching campaign.