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DENVER NATIONAL CONVENTION GETS UNDER WAY IN AUDITORIUM AT NOON

Chairman Taggart Lets Monticello Gavel Fall and Temporary Chairman, Just Off Train From California, Delivers Keynote Speech, Which Severely Arraigns Republicans for Extravagant Administration and "Big Stick" Panic--Resolutions Committee Will Get to Work on Platform Today--No Longer Any Doubt of Bryan's Nomination on the First Ballot.

(By W. G. F. PRICE)

Denver, July 7--Beneath a cloudless sky, with just a comfortable degree of summer heat, the democratic national convention at noon today began the task of selecting a candidate with whom they hope to beat William H. Taft for the presidency of the United States, to choose a running-mate for him, and to build a platform which will gain the confidence--and votes--of the majority of the people of the United States.

To the amazement of those delegates not from the mountain states, particularly those from the south and west, they passed through banks of snow on the way to the convention hall. It has been hauled down the mountains back of Denver and great piles of it were banked up along the streets leading to the convention hall. It was just another of the many attractive ways in which Denver is going to let the whole country know, through the representatives of the states, territories and outlying territory, just what Denver can do.

The doors of the Auditorium were thrown open to ticketholders at 11 o'clock, but Denver took its breakfast early and two hours before opening time all roads in Denver led to Champa and Fourth streets, where the three-quarters-of-a-million Auditorium is situated. Not 10 per cent. of those who gathered about the big building had the remotest chance of seeing the inside of it, while the convention was in session, but they could see the big men of the nation's democracy as they gathered to settle the policy of the party for the next four years, and they were all happy and enthusiastic.

The hall in which the convention is held is beautifully decorated. Denver has spared no expense in this respect. Back of the speaker's stand is a great picture of George Washington. Flanking it are Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson. On the opposite wall is the face of Grover Cleveland. Galleries and walls are covered with flags and bunting. Cut flowers and palms flank the speaker's stand. Indiana and Nebraska have the best seats, directly in front of the stage. The space set apart for delegates, however, is very compact, every bit of space being utilized and they all can follow the proceedings.

The national committee breathed a sigh of relief this morning when the special train with Temporary Chairman Theodore A. Bell came in and all danger of having to postpone the opening of the convention was eliminated. Mr. Bell, exhausted after his strenuous experience, went at once to bed and rested up all the morning.

The first cheer of the convention was given for "My Old Kentucky Home," by the band, and "The Arkansas Traveler" got the next.

It took "Dixie," however, to stir the crowd. There was as much enthusiasm for the southern national anthem as for the average vice-presidential candidate.

Sharp at 12 o'clock Chairman Tom Taggart moved to the front of the stand. The hall at this time was not much more than half full. In many of the state reservations there were no delegates at all, and this in the biggest states. Mr. Taggart stood for awhile talking to different members of the committee and distinguished democrats, apparently waiting for the delegates to come in.

Michigan marched in with a great white and gold banner at the head of the delegation. There was a salvo of cheers as the Marylanders came in while the band played "My Maryland."

It was just then when Chairman Taggart's gavel fell and the convention was ready for business. It was several minutes before the confusion subsided. Mr. Taggart instructed that the Michigan banner be taken from the hall. Mr. Taggart awaited patiently for the delegates to settle.

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Charles F. Murphy, of New York.



The defection of Murphy, who controls New York's 78 votes, from the anti-Bryan wing of the convention has made the nomination of the Nebraskan a foregone conclusion. Mr. Murphy decided, at the last moment, to be a band-wagon passenger this trip, and, while other New York leaders declare that the Empire State is yet a state on the fence, little doubt exists today as to the disposition of Murphy to turn New York into the Bryan column.

Carolina League to Have Four Clubs

Kinston Voluntarily Withdraws--Raleigh, Wilson, Goldsboro and Wilmington to Finish Season--Wilson Club Winner of First Pennant--Arranging New Schedule.

Beginning Thursday there will be but four clubs in the Eastern Carolina League--Raleigh, Wilson, Goldsboro and Wilmington--Kinston having voluntarily withdrawn for the good of the league. Her forfeit money of \$350 was returned today.

Wilson is now the winner of the pennant in the first race, but a new series will begin Thursday, with each of the four clubs on an equal footing. Kinston will play here today and tomorrow and Raleigh will go to Wilson for three games; Goldsboro will play Kinston also.

Had the management of the New Bern club not released the players a six-club league would have been maintained until the end of the season, but the New Bern club was disbanded and yesterday nearly every player was out of the state. President Washington telephoned to New Bern asking that the men be held together and sent to Wilmington until something could

be done, but it seems that he was too late. Fayetteville and Petersburg, Va., were anxious for a team, and the enthusiasts in the latter place held a meeting last night and decided to come in if allowed. As it would take at least a week to put out a nine, it was considered best to continue the league with only four clubs.

Kinston voluntarily dropped out. It might be said here that the members of the Kinston team are all gentlemen; they played clean ball; seldom kicked, and it was a pleasure to witness their conduct on the field. For Kinston and her team the Raleigh fans have nothing but praise, and they will desire to see that city in another league next year.

Besides Fayetteville and Petersburg, Rocky Mount was desirous of entering the league. That thriving city endeavored to have the New Bern players (Continued on Page Three.)

NEGRO QUESTION MAKING BOTHER

Overman Tells Leaders at Denver Black Delegation Will Want Brownsville Plank.

(Special to The Times)

Denver, July 7--Now the democrats, after having enjoyed the discomfiture of the republicans, on account of Brownsville, are threatened with a bitter dose of the same medicine.

Senator Overman, of North Carolina, brought the news to Denver that a delegation of negroes, representing the malcontents of the race in Ohio, Indiana, and New York, were on their way to ask the national convention to go on record in the case of the battalion of soldiers who were dismissed from the army without honor by the president because of the shooting up of the Texas town nearly two years ago. The mission of the delegation is to request the convention to adopt a resolution condemning the president for his action and embracing Secretary Taft in the indictment for his execution of Mr. Roosevelt's orders. Having failed to induce the republican convention at Chicago to take cognizance of the matter, representatives of the race concluded to make an appeal to the rival party.

Embarrassment for Democrats. No matter what their motives may be, they are going to put the democrats in an awkward position. Up to this time it has been anticipated that the democrats would profit by the prospective disaffection of negro republicans. They had visions that the expected revolt among the race would contribute to democratic success in such states as Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and others where the negroes come pretty near holding the balance of power on election day.

Southern States in Danger. Southern leaders expressed a serious apprehension lest the incorporation of a Brownsville plank in the platform endanger the vote of several of the states now comprising the solid south. They fear North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky might go republican, and that Maryland would do so also. Consequently, they will be firm in their opposition to the convention's yielding to the petition of the delegation of negroes. The indications are that this question will provoke a lively discussion in the committee on resolutions.

Much as some of the northern leaders would like to take advantage of whatever negro disaffection may exist during the campaign, it would seem that they will be outvoted by the southern contingent, which expects to be able to get some support among the western delegations.

FLEET WILL SAIL FROM FRISCO THIS AFTERNOON.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) San Francisco, Cal., July 7--Shore leave for the men of the Atlantic battleship fleet came to an end yesterday, and those few sailors who were seen about the city were attending to the last duties peculiar to the sailing of the vessels.

The patrols were out in force all day and were still on duty last night, rounding up the last of the crews, but the majority of the work has been done. The fleet leaves about 2 o'clock today.

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of New York, member national committee.

JOHNSON-GRAY BOOMERS BLUE

Man From Minnesota and Man From Delaware Still Have Active Managers On Spot But There's Little Heart Left in Undertaking.

The Johnson boom and the Gray boom are still on earth today, but vitality is low. New York--that is, the Tammany Hall part of New York--decided, at the eleventh hour, to hop into the Bryan band wagon. Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany chief, at length persuaded that Johnson and Gray would not show up on the first rollcall with 300 votes, concluded that it wouldn't do for Tammany to take up with any hopeless candidates in presidential year. The "allies" had hoped, up to the last minute, to get that cluster of 78 votes which Murphy, under the unit rule, could deliver to beat any candidate New York didn't want nominated. But Murphy has picked out his band wagon seat and the anti-Bryans are disconsolate.

Meantime, Denver is chock full of men with all kinds of planks for all kinds of platforms, and the men who expect to be on the resolutions committee already are walking about with a hunted look.

(By SAMUEL G. BLYTHE)

Denver, July 7--There is not much in the air in Denver anyhow, and when it comes to keeping a pair of pallid presidential booms alive the task becomes enormous.

They have been pumping oxygen into the Gray boom and the Johnson boom all day and all night, in the hope of getting them into shape for inspection for such political gentlemen or otherwise as may have slants against Bryan, complicated with intense desires to be on the band wagon when the procession starts.

Lynch and Beamish and Marvel and all the rest of the Gray and Johnson trained nurses worked valorously, and with much trepidation consented to display their booms, stipulating that the curtains should be drawn; that no unnecessary noise should be made; and that positively no conversation should be held in the room. The plan was to have such visitors as were interested call around, take a fleeting glance at the patients, and then go out and decide whether they are alive or dead.

The most eminent visitor was Dr. Charles F. Murphy, of New York, held by his friends to be a skilful politician-diagnostician. Accompanied by a staff of attendants, Dr. Murphy looked in on the patients. He felt their pulses, observed the oxygen treatment, inquired whether the right

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ROOSEVELT'S FRIEND ANOTHER BOOST COMING

ELOPES IN OKLAHOMA IN PRICE OF FRESH MEAT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Guthrie, Okla., July 7--John Abernathy, aged 31, the famous wolf catcher, United States marshal and friend of President Roosevelt, whom he accompanied on his southwestern hunting trip, was married here to Miss Elmira Purvance, aged 19, the daughter of a farmer living three miles from Guthrie. Rev. Mr. Cameron, state superintendent of public instruction, officiated.

Abernathy was a widower, his first wife dying a year ago, leaving him with six children.

Miss Purvance lived a few miles south of here. Her father, it is said, refused Abernathy admittance to the house early in the afternoon. Abernathy called later and eloped with Miss Purvance in a carriage to Guthrie.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., July 7--Several weeks ago it was announced by the southeastern railways that an increase in rates on fresh meats would be made into the Carolinas from Ohio and Mississippi river crossings. The interstate commerce commission has been informed that a general advance in rates, effective August 1, will be made by southeastern lines on all commodities of southern classification, taking classes B, C, D and F from Ohio and Mississippi crossings to all southeastern points.

The increase amounts to 3 cents per hundred on class B, 2 cents per hundred on class C, 2 cents per hundred on classes C, A, D, and 4 cents a barrel on class F. While no announcement is made with respect to fresh meats,...

Bryan's Man Brown Brings Lincoln Planks to Denver

Won't Explain What They Are, But Truth of It is That These Are Haskell's Oklahoma Planks, Duly Inspected and Approved By Candidate.

(By THOMAS ROGERS.)

Denver, Col., July 7--Instead of bringing a voluminous platform from his home town, Mayor F. W. Brown, of Lincoln, reached Denver late Monday with an outline of six or seven planks. This outline represents the views, on that many questions, of Mr. Bryan.

"I have a number of suggestions of Mr. Bryan which he asked me to lay before the committee on resolutions," said Mayor Brown, shortly after his arrival from the Nebraska town.

"Those subjects, naturally, represent what Mr. Bryan is most interested in, but what they are I cannot tell you. I shall do as Mr. Bryan suggested and turn them over to the resolutions committee when the proper time comes."

While saying that the planks came direct from Lincoln, Mayor Brown declined to indicate what they were or in what form they were furnished. As a matter of fact, they were carefully prepared and were turned over to Gov. Charles B. Haskell, of Oklahoma, who is slated as the Bryan candidate for the chairmanship of the resolutions committee.

Anti-Injunction One of Them. Late in the evening Gov. Haskell admitted the planks had been received from Mayor Brown. There was no disposition among the close Bryan friends to indicate what the planks were, but there was no doubt they are the ones that Mr. Bryan is the most interested in. This would mean that (Continued on Page Seven.)