

# HOW POLITICAL CONVENTIONS ARE MANAGED

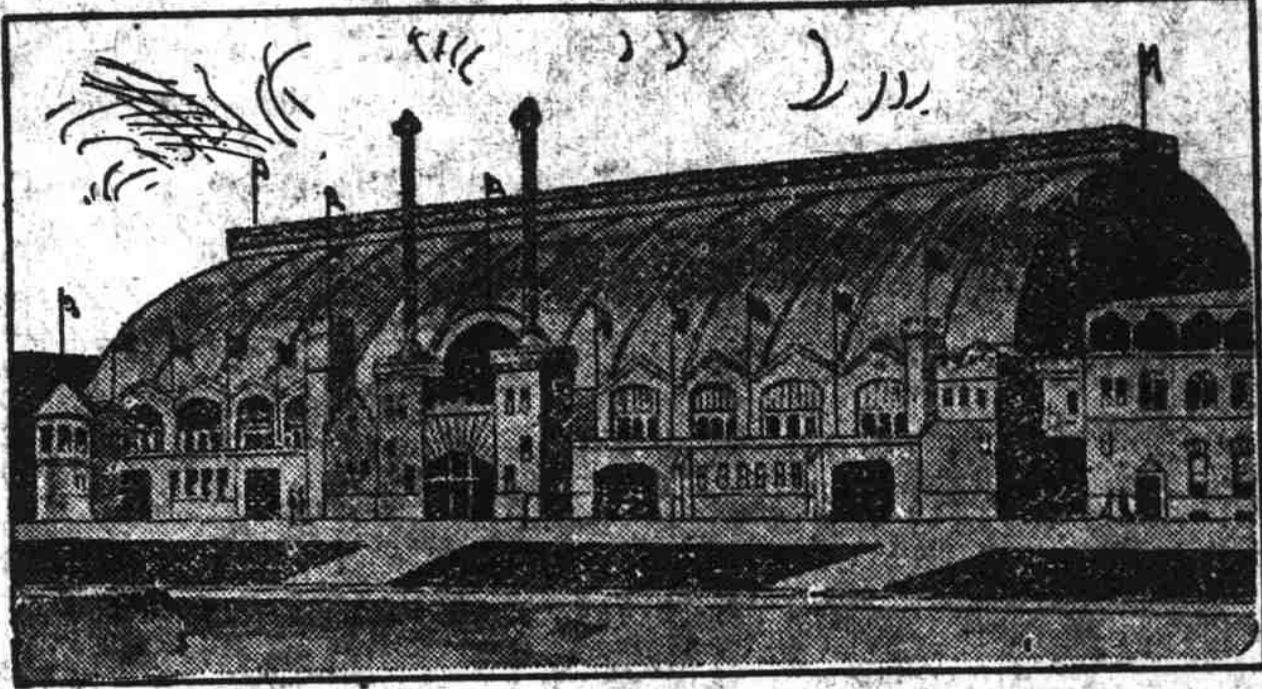


When, with "tremendous enthusiasm," "tumultuous applause," and "resounding cheers," some American citizen is nominated for the Presidency of the United States at Chicago, and when, later, some other American citizen, with ditto enthusiasm, ditto applause and ditto cheers, is nominated for the same office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

Chairman, 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



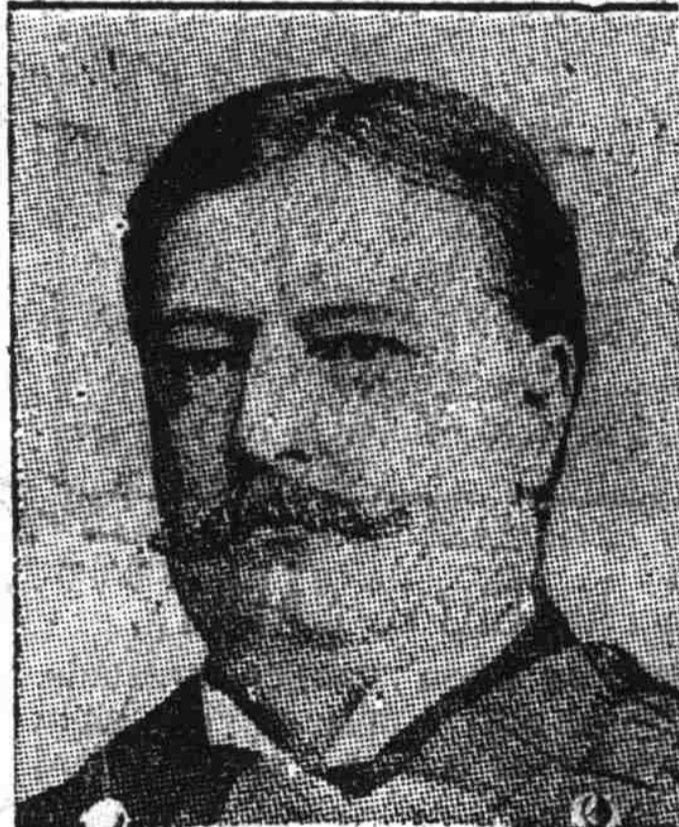
COLISEUM AT CHICAGO WHERE THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD.

the 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

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 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 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.



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.



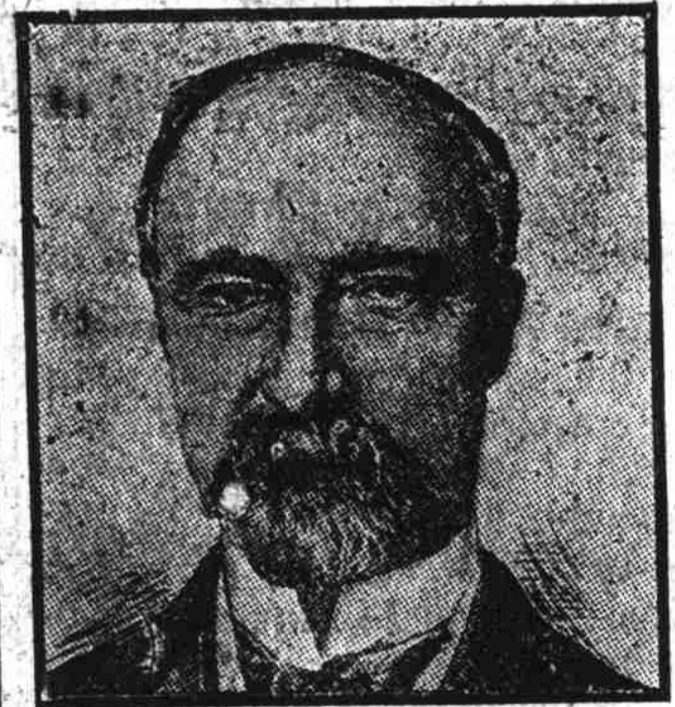
A Leap Year Dilemma. —From the Washington Star.

During the recess a lot of real work is done. Three or four men, sometimes more, but never many, get together in a back room of a hotel and talk and smoke cigars. They are the leaders.

Part Played by Committees. At the second session of the convention, the committees report. They have held sessions in the meanwhile and have decided the contests, arranged for the permanent organiza-

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

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. 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.

## TO CUT MEMBERSHIP

### Bill Passes House to Reduce South's Representation

#### SOUTHERN MEMBERS PROTEST

By a Strict Party Vote, After a Lively Debate, the House Passes the Crumpacker Bill Provides For a Reduction in Representation in the States Having Disfranchisement Laws.

Washington, Special.—A campaign contribution publicity bill, embodying an amendment by Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, providing for a reduction in the representation in the House of Representatives in those States having disfranchisement laws, was passed by the House by a vote of 160 to 125, following a lively debate. The measure was brought up under suspension of the rules and but forty minutes were allowed in which to discuss it. The Southern members in particular were bitter in their denunciation of the apportionment provision of the bill. Mr. Williams the minority leader, was especially vigorous in his attack characterizing the bill as being an attempt to revive the conditions of reconstruction days. On account of the Crumpacker amendment the Democrats voted against the bill in its entirety.

In brief, the provision regarding publicity of campaign contributions is made applicable to the national committee of all political parties and the national congressional campaign committees of all political parties and all committees, associations or organizations which shall, in two or more States, influence the result of an election at which Representatives in Congress are to be elected.

The Crumpacker amendment provides for the re-enactment of certain sections of the old Federal election law, except that the idea of the force bill authorizing the use of troops at the polls is eliminated. It also provides that the director of the census shall submit to Congress a report on population showing the number of male citizens, white and black, in each State and the number disfranchised, for the purpose of enabling Congress to ascertain the apportionment in representation to which such States must be entitled.

Mr. Crumpacker explained his amendment by saying they were designed against fraud and intimidation in elections. He undertook to say, he declared, that no member of the House would object to a law whose only purpose was to secure honest elections.

In the opinion of Mr. Rucker, of Missouri, if anything were wanting to demonstrate that the leaders and managers of the Republican party in the House were guilty of deceit and false pretense, the bill supplied that want.

"It is horse play," remarked Mr. Hardwick, of Georgia.

Mr. Williams declared that if the publicity feature of the bill should become law, "it will damn your Republican party and be worse for you than the force bill which defeated Harrison: 'Like children you are paying with fire in a powder magazine.' He closed by asking the Republicans if they were fools enough to believe that the South would ever again submit to the policies to which she submitted when she was weak and helpless.

Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, said no greater evil than that gentlemen should be sent as representatives to the House, "not by virtue of the votes of their fellow citizens, but by virtue of the suppression of votes."

#### Governor Broward Leads in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Complete returns from Tuesday's primary election have only been received from 22 counties out of the 46 in the State. From these returns Governor Broward for United States Senator leads by about 1,100 votes, and Albert W. Gilchrist for Governor, leads by 4,500 votes. Governor Broward and Duncan U. Fletcher for United States Senator, and Gilchrist and J. N. C. Stockton will have to fight it out in the second primary in June.

#### Oregon Train Wrecked; Three Killed.

Oakland, Cal., Special.—The second section of the Oregon express train on the Southern Pacific Railroad, was wrecked near Pineole Friday. Three men were killed outright. One died Friday. Three were injured. The wreck is supposed to have been caused by the front truck of the baggage car jumping the track.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

**DR. E. J. TUCKER and DR. B. R. LONG,**  
Dental Surgeons,  
ROXBORO, N. C.  
**DR. O. P. SCHAUB**

Offers his professional services in the practice of medicine in all its branches to the people of Roxboro and surrounding country. Office over Bank of Roxboro.

**W. T. BRADSHAW,**  
Attorney at Law,  
Office over People's Bank.  
ROXBORO, N. C.  
Practice in Person and adjoining counties. Special attention given to collections.

**Wm. D. Merritt,**  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law.  
Peoples Bank Building.  
ROXBORO, N. C.

**Marcus C. Winstead,**  
Attorney at Law,  
MILTON, N. C.

Practice regularly in Person and Caswell courts. Prompt attention given to all business.

F. O. Carver S. G. Winstead,  
**Carver & Winstead**  
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law  
Office over Bank of Roxboro.  
Phone 55. Roxboro, N. C.

**DR. R. J. TEAGUE**  
I will be in my office at Morris' Drug Store every Saturday and Sunday. Special attention given eye, ear, nose and throat diseases and fitting of glasses.

**N. LUNSFORD,**  
Attorney at Law,  
Office over E. A. Bradshaw's Store,  
ROXBORO, N. C.

**Kitchin & Carlton**  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
ROXBORO, N. C.  
Practice wherever services required. Phone 10.

**S. E. WOODING,**  
Tonsorial Artist,  
Special attention given to the treatment of the scalp. To the traveling public. When in Roxboro you are cordially invited to give me a call. Our towels are clean; razors sharp. Shop up-to-date. Corner Main street and Beams Avenue.

**N. & W. Norfolk & Western**  
Schedule in Effect  
MAY 17, 1908.

Ex. Sun. Daily	Except Sun. Daily
p. m. a. m.	a. m. p. m.
5:30 7:00 Lv Durham, Ar	11:25 9:30
7:15 8:23 Lv Roxboro, Ar	9:45 8:00
8:05 8:55 Lv Denniston, Ar	9:03 7:27
8:40 9:10 Lv So. Boston, Ar	8:34 7:03
8:57 9:31 Lv Houston, Ar	8:18 6:49
12:05 11:59 Ar Lynchb. Lv	5:15 4:15

Connection at Lynchburg with trains east and westbound.

If you are thinking of taking a trip YOU want quotations, cheapest fares, reliable and correct information as to routes, train schedules, the most comfortable and quickest way. Write and the information is yours for the asking, with one or four complete Map Folders.

Write for rate, maps, time tables to any agent or to

M. F. BRAGG, T. P. A.  
W. B. BEVILLE, G. P. A.  
Roanoke, Va.

#### TO REMOVE MILDEW STAINS

Mildew stains may be removed from white goods by wetting the spots and rubbing plenty of good laundry soap on the spots and a generous amount of powdered "French chalk." Place the cloth out of doors on a flat surface in the city, if out of town spread on the grass. As the cloth dries dampen it again, and if all spots are not removed try another application and all marks will be removed.