

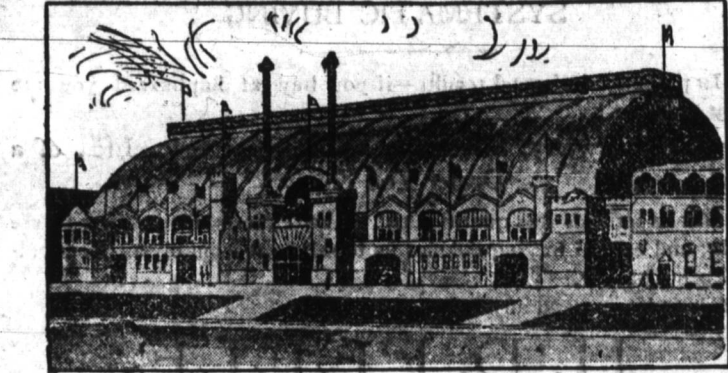
HOW POLITICAL CONVENTIONS ARE MANAGED



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 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



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."

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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



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.



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 same of So-and-so. There are loud and prolonged cheers, and by a viva voce vote Mr. So-and-so is unanimously elected.



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.

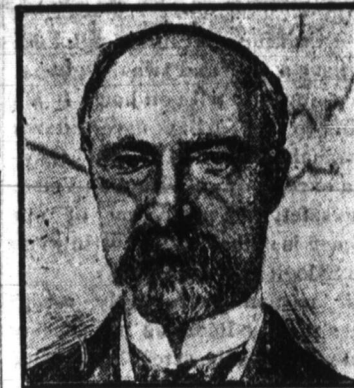
Part Played by Committees. At the second session of the convention the committees report. They have held sessions in the meanwhile and have decided the contests, arranged for the permanent organiza-



Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota.

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



Vice-President Fairbanks.

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



Gov. Folk. Judge Geo. Gray.

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



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 roll 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 Thingamebob. 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 Sergeant-at-Arms.

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. These 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.

dispensed, and not one word is said about high prices. Everybody who can be thanked for anything at all is thanked. The gavel with which the convention has been kept in order is presented to some one, probably the permanent chairman. The band plays. Cheers are given from time to time. Everybody shakes hands with everybody else. It is a grand occasion. The convention adjourns sine die.

Alton B. Parker will not be the first defeated Presidential candidate to go to a 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.

BAPTISTS ADJOURN

Great Meeting of the Southern Convention Closes

FAVORS PROGRESSIVE ACTION

Southern Baptist Convention Comes to a Final Adjournment After a Night Session Devoted to Addresses From Members of Indian Tribes and From Mexicans of the Texas Frontier.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—After a night session devoted to addresses from members of the Osage and Pawnee Indian tribes and from Mexicans of the Texas frontier, interpreted through field workers of the organization, the fifty-third annual session of the Southern Baptist convention came to a final adjournment Monday. The session passes into history as the greatest in the progress of the denomination's move in this country. Reports from home and foreign mission departments from the Sunday school board, from the Baptist Young People's Union and from the Woman's Home Missionary Union, made in this body all evidenced the great growth of this organization and pledges for even greater extensions of these departments were made.

The last work of the convention was the naming of a standing prohibition committee, to carry out the declarations iterated in the resolution passed at the morning session. This committee is composed of A. J. Barton, J. A. Johnson, S. P. Brooks, J. B. Gambrell, J. B. Crain, J. A. Maples, R. W. Daniels and P. E. Burroughs, of Texas; W. T. Amis, of Arkansas; H. A. Summerville and C. V. Edwards, of Louisiana; S. C. Wolf of Oklahoma; W. T. Lowry, of Mississippi; E. E. Folk, of Tennessee, and W. D. Uplshaw, of Georgia.

Liquor Traffic Denounced.

"The reception rendered Secretary Taft on his arrival at Shanghai means more than our people appreciate. The greatest people of the nation came to do him honor and the streets and fields were filled with hundreds of thousands who took an interest in the public reception." The convention adopted ringing resolutions condemning the liquor traffic in all its phases. Officers of the national government are requested not to issue privilege taxes in States where the sale of liquor is prohibited by the State law.

Congress is urged to inhibit the shipment of liquor into dry territory and people everywhere are urged not to vote for candidates who are in sympathy with the saloon interests. Upon motion of Dr. A. J. Barten, of Texas, an amendment was adopted providing for the appointment of a standing committee on temperance to consist of 15 members who shall keep up the fight. The sum of \$825,000 has been apportioned for collection for home and foreign missions next year by the Southern Baptist convention. Chairman J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, of the committee on estimates and appointments made his report of the convention at the afternoon session, which was adopted.

Serious Affray at Murphy.

Murphy, N. C., Special.—Will Meroney and Garland Posey got into a dispute here Monday evening. Meroney struck Posey with a rock and Posey cut Meroney four times with a knife near the heart. Meroney's condition is not considered serious. Posey is under bond. Both are of prominent families. The trouble came from the effects of too much whiskey.

Monster Whale Captured.

Beaufort, N. C., Special.—A large whale was captured at Cape Lookout on Sunday and was towed to Beaufort, where it will be pulled out of water by the shipyard railways. The monster is about fifty feet long and twenty-five feet around the body. It will be on exhibition at the shipyards for two or three days. The estimated value of the bone and oil is \$600.

Telegraphic Briefs.

The Southern Baptist Convention adjourned on Monday after one of the most largely attended sessions in its history.

On Monday congress passed the deficiency bill, carrying nearly \$18,000,000.

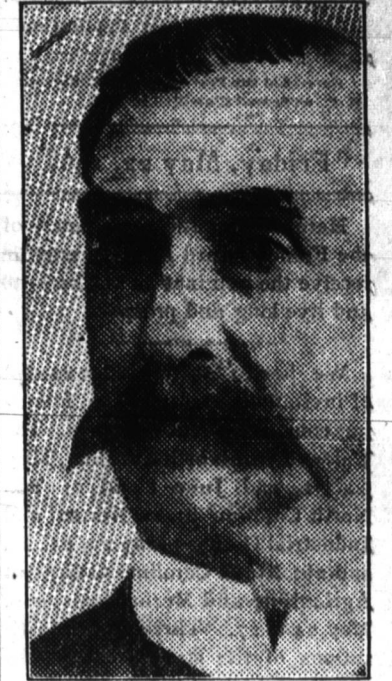
Stockholders of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railroad met Monday and sanctioned the issue of \$15,000,000 bonds.

Hearing in the notorious Platt divorce suit was resumed.

The Atlantic fleet has sailed to Puget Sound.

GOOD DIGESTION

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MR. R. Y. LECKIE.

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NATIONAL GAME.

Fred Clarke's brother "Josh" is making good for Cleveland.

In Cleveland southpaw pitcher Bill Lattimore is pronounced a sure find.

McHale, the Boston American center fielder, has a pretty good "whip."

Fred Tenney is playing a fast game around first base for the New York Nationals.

Ex-Manager Hanlon, of Cincinnati, picks the New York Nationals to win the pennant this year.

Catcher Roger Bresnahan, of the New York Nationals, still wears his cricketer's shins-guards.

Bradley is the best sacrifice hitter on the Cleveland team and one of the very best in the league.

This is Frank Chance's tenth year in baseball. In all of this time Chance has remained a Chicago National.

Third baseman "Jimmy" Collins, of the Philadelphia Americans, looks like the Collins of several years ago.

Pitcher Campbell, of the Cincinnati, apparently is one of the best of the new crop of big-league pitchers picked up.

Few first basemen in either league are showing anything better than Tim Jordan, of Brooklyn. It seems to pay him to be popular.

Jimmy Williams, who was traded by the New York Americans to St. Louis, has batted in more runs for the St. Louis American Club than any player of the team.

The benefit game played recently between the St. Louis American and National League teams netted \$4359 for Chris Von der Ahe, the former boss president of the Browns.

From every corner of the country comes the cry: "Don't gamble on baseball." A man who gambles on baseball doesn't care a rap for our national game, and he who does not love it cannot be much of an American.

Leo's Secretary of State.

Cardinal Rampolla cherishes the peace and seclusion which he so well deserves. Almost every afternoon about two hours before dusk, he drives from his isolated house under the shadow of St. Peter's, and returns shortly before the bells ring out the Angelus. Two or three times a week he attends the Congregations of which he is a member. With those exceptions he never leaves his house, and within it nearly all his time is spent in his private library, which also serves him for a reception room. He never leaves Rome even for a day, and not even in the fiercest heats of summer. He has lately published a very erudite work on the life and times of St. Melania the Elder and he is now engaged in another historical work which may see the light early next year.—Rome Letter to London Tablet.

The laws of Norway compel a man who chops down one tree to plant three saplings.