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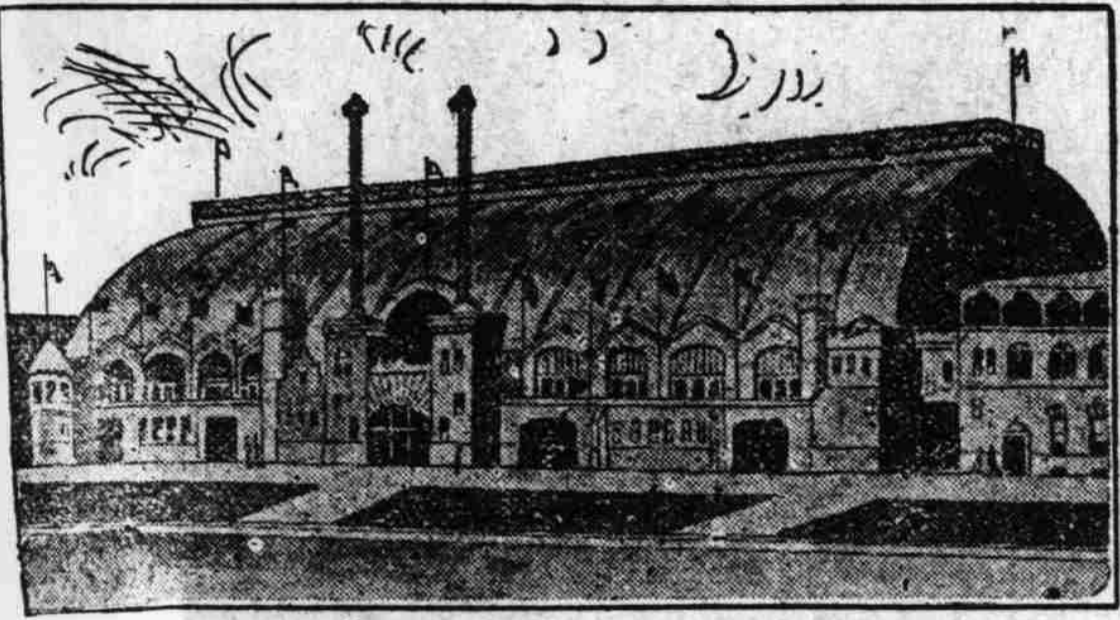
HOW POLITICAL CONVENTIONS ARE MANAGED



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



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!"

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.

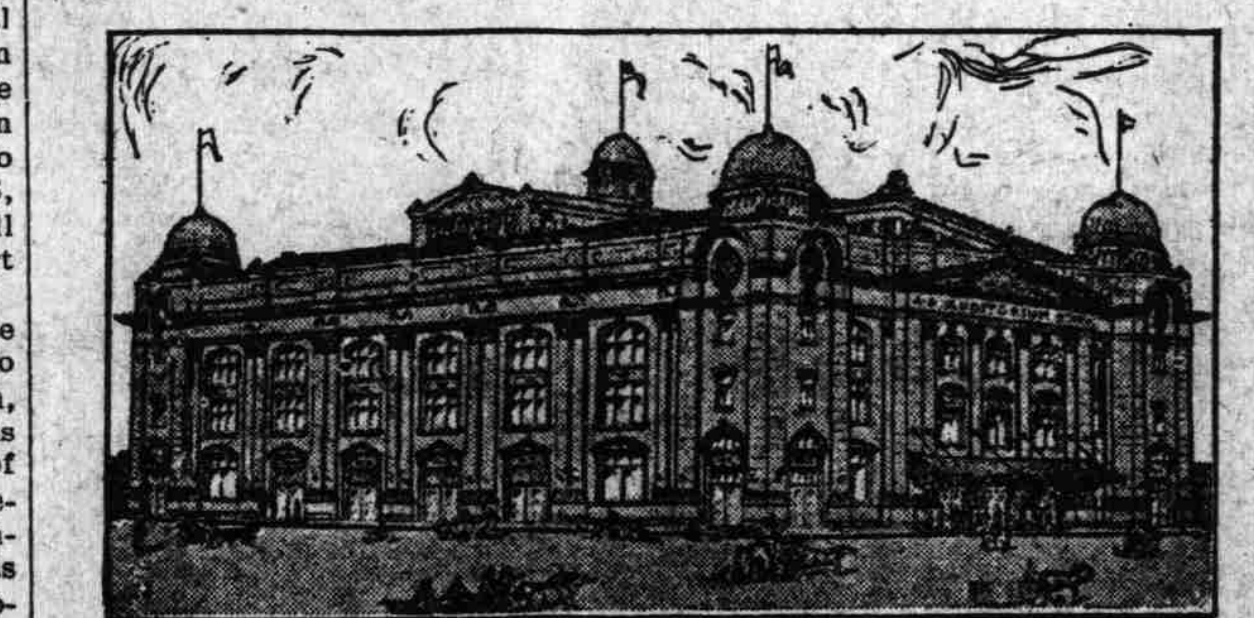


A Leap Year Dilemma. —From the Washington Star.

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.

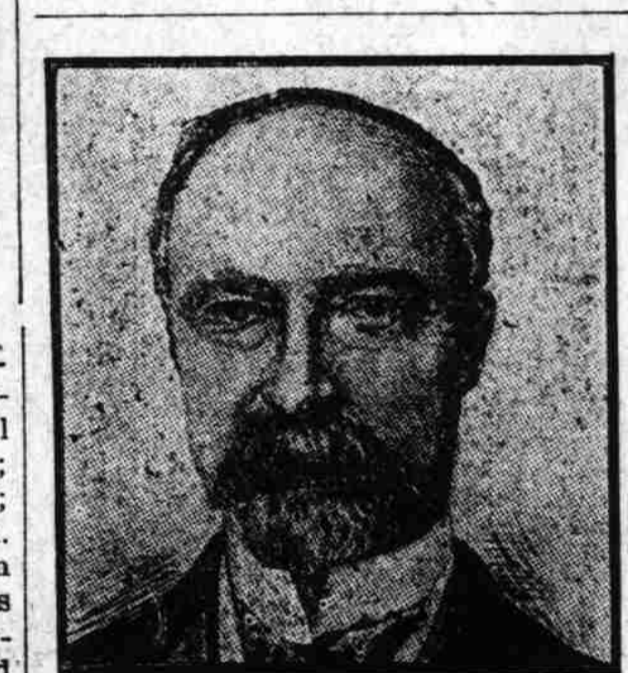
Part Played by Committees.

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-



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

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.

END OF GREAT CONFERENCE

The Set Programme of the Last Day 'Swept Aside and the President, With Characteristic Progressiveness, Lets it be Known That Action is What is Needed and There Will be no Halting for Precedent or Red Tape.

Washington, Special.—The first conference of the Governors of the States of the American Union ended Friday. The final accomplishment of the conference, which has been in progress at the White House for three days cannot be set forth with mathematical precision. That its immediate results are more than ample is the expression of President Roosevelt and of the Governor who participated.

The printed record of the conference, which will later be available to every American home, will be a compilation of facts, startling in their meaning; convincing in their universal conclusion that the States must act, and that the States and the nation must co-operate that to the end the whole people of the nation may secure the lasting benefit of its natural resources.

'Declaration of Co-operation.' Besides the compilation of facts by the experts and the freely expressed opinion of the Governors, the conference leaves as its permanent record a thousand word "declaration of co-operation."

Perhaps greater in importance than all else was the determination of the Governors of the States to perfect a permanent organization whereby a heretofore unknown intimacy may be developed among the Executives of the forty-six sovereign States, made strong by a common purpose and made potent by a pro-announcements which may not lightly be disregarded.

Of the last day the story is one of many features. The set programme was swept aside. The President presided throughout. The prepared papers were not presented, but they will be printed in the permanent record. Their places were taken first by the "declaration" which was adopted after discussion which brought to light no serious objection to its affirmations.

President Roosevelt himself answering the one criticism—that of Governor Folk, of Missouri—to the declaration, aroused the conference to its warmest demonstration of approval. He swept aside the "academic question" of where the line of authority should be drawn between the States and the nation. He wanted action, and what he said received endorsement at each period. It was this:

Roosevelt for Action.

"Just a word on what has been called the twilight land between the powers of the Federal and State governments. My primary aim in the legislation that I have advocated for the regulation of the great corporations has been to provide some effective popular sovereign for each corporation. I do not wish to keep this twilight land one of large and vague boundaries, by judicial decision that in a given case the State cannot act, and then a few years later by other decisions that in practically similar cases the nation cannot act either. I am trying to find out where one of the other can act, so there shall always be some sovereign power that on behalf of the people can hold every big corporation, every big individual, to an accountability so that its or his acts shall be beneficial to the people as a whole. In matters that relate only to the people within the State of course the State is to be sovereign and it should have the power to act. If the matter is such that the State itself cannot act then I wish on behalf of all the States that the national government should act.

The declaration, upon which the President's remarks were predicated, was presented to the conference by Governor Blanchard, of Louisiana, at the opening of the session. The declaration begins:

"We, the Governors of the States and Territories of the United States of America, in conference assembled, do hereby declare the conviction that the great prosperity of our country rests upon the abundant resources of the land chosen by our forefathers for their homes and where they laid the foundation of this great nation."

The declaration states that the natural resources of the country are the common heritage of all the people, and that the duty of the government is to ensure the same for future generations.

Reclamation work is advised and the streams and watercourses should be protected and improved. Forestry ought to be encouraged by the States and the general government. The final work of the conference was to make it a permanency.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Fernando E. Guachalla has been elected President of Bolivia.

President Roosevelt returned to Washington from Pine Knot, Va.

J. Ogden Armour is preparing to retire as head of the great Armour packing house.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, says he will retire to private life after March 4, 1909.

Andrew Carnegie has interested himself to a certain extent in the new language, Esperanto.

The engagement of Joseph Leiter, of Chicago, and Miss Juliette Williams was announced at Washington, D. C.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the college philanthropist, celebrated his eightieth birthday recently at Pomona College.

Sir Alexander Condie Stephen, K. C. M. G., who was a groom in waiting to the King, died in London. He was born in 1850.

Lincoln Steffens has ceased his active connection with the American Magazine and will devote himself to sociological studies.

Tributes to the memory of Representative Adolph Meyer, of Louisiana, were paid in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C.

Augustus Thomas, himself prominently mentioned for the place, declared Daniel Frohman was the man best fitted in America for director of the New Theatre.

A signal honor is to be conferred upon Frederick M. Crunden, who has served St. Louis as librarian for thirty-one years. The new branch library is to bear his name.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, declares that if the combined armies of the world were to attack the United States they would never get an opportunity "to drink from the Ohio River."

A Second Gillette Case.

Kanab, Utah, Special.—Alvin Heaton, aged 18, confessed to the murder of Mary Stevens in the canyon back of Orderville under circumstances resembling Gillette's murder of Grace Brown. Heaton declared that the girl pleaded with him to marry her. Driven to desperation he asked her to meet him in the canyon, and shot her while she begged him to wed her. The body was found two days later where it was hidden under a pile of rocks.

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 picture postcard craze is 4-

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Baron S. Sakatani, ex-Minister of Finance of Japan, arrived in New York City.

Congressional conferees agreed on a flat increase of \$500 in the pay of navy officers.

Maine timbermen declared publishers' statements as to the low cost of pulp wood are all wrong.

At Madrid the infant Prince of the Asturias was made a private in a Spanish regiment on his first birthday.

Cardinal Logue preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, from the text, "God is Wonderful in His Saints."

The Navy Department prepared a new skeleton mast to be tested by shells when the monitor Florida is fired upon.

The Rev. Dr. Aked, of New York City, in preaching on the "Decay of Christianity" asserted all faiths were losing believers.

A meal with the President's head on one side will be presented to Isthmian Canal employes having rendered two years' service.

Over 200 prisoners have died from typhoid at Kieff, Russia, and practically all the inmates of the jail have contracted the disease.

Representative Townsend announced in Washington, D. C., that the proposed anti-injunction bill will be dropped for the present.

The foundation stone of a new city, to supplant Cetrinje as capital of Montenegro, was laid on the Adriatic Sea by the Prince of Montenegro.

The Temps expresses French resentment over President Castro's expulsion of Frenchmen, and urges that stern measures be taken against Venezuela.

Torpedo Flotilla at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—The torpedo boat flotilla, commanded by Lieutenant W. G. Mitchell and comprising the Porter, flagship, De Long, Thornton, Blakeley and Tingey, reached here by the inside route from Brunswick and tied up at the docks. At sunrise the vessels will sail, taking the inside route for Charleston. They are bound for Northern waters.



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