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## THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

### Republican Delegates Gather in Chicago to Make Nominations

#### WORK ON THE PLATFORM

With the First Place on the Ticket Settled, the Platform Agreed Upon and the Second Place in Doubt, Chicago is Astir With the Tumultuous Scenes Which Usher in a National Convention.

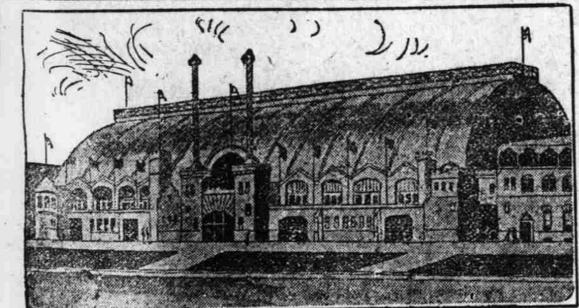
Chicago, Ill., Special.—The great Republican National Convention to nominate candidates for president and vice-president opened on Tuesday with tumultuous thousands present. The preliminaries out of the way, the convention was divided into working committees to arrange for nominations, settle finally all contests and prepare a platform. The principal features of the platform were agreed upon and are given here. Judge William H. Taft came to the convention with plenty of votes to aid the nomination on first ballot.



William H. Taft.

#### The Platform.

The five most important planks of the Republican platform, formulated by President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft and drafted by Wade H. Ellis, Attorney General of Ohio, and now in the possession of prospective members of the resolutions committee of the national convention for consideration are hereby given. They are the planks on trusts, anti-injunction, railway rate, tariff revision and currency.



THE COLISEUM, WHERE CONVENTION WAS HELD.

The trust plank is as follows: "The Republican party passed the Sherman anti-trust law over Democratic opposition and enforced it after Democratic dereliction. It has been a wholesome instrument for good in the hands of a wise and fearless administration. But experience has shown that its effectiveness can be strengthened and its real objects better attained by such amendments as will give to the Federal government greater supervision and control over and secure greater publicity in, the management of that class of inter-State corporations having power and opportunity to effect monopolies and at the same time will not interfere with the existence of associations among business men, farmers and wage earners so long as their conduct or operation results in a positive benefit to the public."

#### Railroad Plank.

The railroad plank follows: "We approve the enactment of a railroad rate law and a vigorous enforcement of the present administration of the statutes against rebates and discrimination as a result of which the advantages formerly possessed by the large over the small shipper have substantially disappeared. In this connection we commend the appropriation of \$350,000 by the present Congress, in order to enable the inter-State commerce commission to thoroughly investigate and give publicity to the accounts of inter-State railroads.

"We believe, however, that the inter-State commerce law should be

further amended so as to give railroads the right to make and publish traffic agreements subject to the approval of the commission, but maintaining always the principle of competition between naturally competing lines and avoiding the common control of such lines by any means whatsoever, and we specially favor the enactment of such legislation as will provide for Federal restriction against the over issue of stocks and bonds by inter-State carriers."

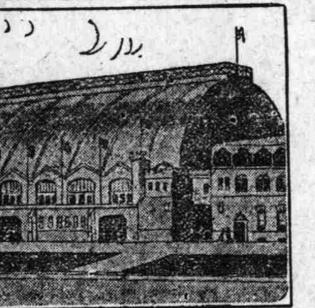
#### Tariff Revision.

The tariff plank is as follows: "The Republican party declares unequivocally for a revision of the tariff by a special session of Congress immediately following the inauguration of the next President, and commend the steps already taken to this end in the work assigned to the appropriate committees of the two houses which are now investigating the operation and effect of existing schedules. In all tariff legislation the true principle of protection is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries, and the benefits that follow are best secured by the establishment of maximum and minimum rates which shall be applied automatically to the trade of other countries in accordance with their treatment of our trade. The minimum should represent the normal measure of protection required for the benefit of our own industries.

"The aim and purpose of the Republican policy is not only to preserve, without excessive duties, that security against foreign competition to which American manufacturers, farmers and producers are entitled, but also to maintain the high standard of living of the wage earners of this country, who are the most direct beneficiaries of the protective system. Between the United States and the Philippines we believe in a free interchange of products with such limitations as to sugar and tobacco as will avoid injury to domestic interests."

#### Injunctions Plank.

The plank relating to injunctions is as follows: "We declare for such an amendment of the statutes of procedure in the Federal courts with respect to the use of the writ of injunction as



SENATOR J. C. BURROWS, Of Michigan, Temporary Chairman.

will on the one hand prevent the summary issue of such orders without proper consideration, and on the other will preserve undiminished the power of the courts to enforce their process to the end that justice may be done at all times and to all parties."

The currency plank contains this language:



SENATOR J. C. BURROWS, Of Michigan, Temporary Chairman.

"The Republican party approves the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill, but only as an emergency measure. We declare for a thorough and new system of currency laws that will be in accord with the needs of the time and which would be more adaptable to the demands of business and more elastic in its character as a circulating medium."

## KILLED BY AN OFFICER

### While Trying to Avoid Arrest Officer Swain Shot Him in the Head—Coroner's Jury Fails to Exonerate on Account of Conflicting Testimony.

Winston-Salem, Special.—In a desperate battle with a police officer in the eastern part of Salem known as Happy Hill, Charles Phelps, colored, was shot and killed by Special Officer Swain at an early hour Sunday morning. The negro had been arrested on the charge of gambling but broke from the officer before he could get the handcuffs snapped. The officer followed in hot pursuit and had almost overtaken the negro when the latter began firing at the officer over his shoulder. The officer took deliberate aim at the negro and one shot ended his life, the bullet taking effect in the head. Dr. E. A. Lockett, the coroner, was notified of the killing and summoned a jury and named 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon as the time for the inquest. Five witnesses were examined, Special Officer Swain, a young white man who accompanied him to make the arrest, and three negroes, all of whom were witnesses to the shooting. The evidence was conflicting. The negroes and the white men told a different story regarding the affair. The negroes testified that Phelps did not have a pistol and had not owned one in years. They said that two shots were fired by the officer, one when the negro was only about ten feet away and the second when he was forty feet away. The officer stated, and his testimony was corroborated by the young man with him at the time, that three shots were fired; that the negro shot at him twice before he pulled his pistol. The shooting occurred shortly after 4 o'clock. It seems that Swain went to Phelps' house to arrest him for gambling and was admitted by Phelps' mother, who aroused her son. The negro dressed, but before the officer could get the handcuffs on him he darted off around the house. The coroner's jury found as its verdict that "Charles Phelps came to his death at the hands of Special Officer Sam Swain while the deceased was trying to avoid arrest." Thus it will be seen that in view of the conflicting testimony the jury did not feel justified in exonerating the officer and the case will probably be heard in the courts.

### Neck Broken, He Lived a Week.

Winston-Salem, Special.—After having lived for a week with a broken neck, perfectly conscious, able to eat, and realizing that the end was soon to come, Henry E. Disher, who had been thrown from his horse while running a race on a country road near his home, when the animal suddenly became crazed and plunged headlong into a cherry tree, died at his home near Walkertown, in this county. He was 28 years old, and was conscious until midnight Monday. At all times the young man appeared perfectly conscious and could talk in an intelligent manner upon any subject. His tongue and brain were untouched by the paralytic stroke which rendered all other parts of his body numb and senseless. Mr. Disher was a great lover of blooded horses and so was his brother, so the two decided to run a race with the result that Henry's horse suddenly swerved from the road and plunged into the cherry tree with the result stated.

### Drastic Dog Ordinance.

Asheville, Special.—The Asheville board of aldermen has passed a drastic dog ordinance. It provides that every dog caught on the streets without a muzzle or in leash shall be taken up and if not claimed inside of 24 hours killed. Violation by owners of dogs of sections of the ordinance is made a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$5. The ordinance is designed to rid the city of hundreds, if not thousands, of dogs now allowed to run loose on the streets. It was prominently to the front as a result of a large number of alleged mad dogs being killed. Several persons have been bitten this year by dogs supposed to have the rabies and the public demanded that drastic action be taken looking to the better protection of men, women and children.

### Boy Dies of Hydrophobia.

Asheville, Special.—Clyde Pinner, a lad 9 years of age, son of Mr. J. D. Pinner, a resident of West Asheville, died Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the effects of hydrophobia. The child died in great agony, although conscious to the last. Just before death ensued the child insisted that his dog be slain, saying that he knew he was dying but he wanted to make sure that his dog would never bite a person and probably cause such a death.

## DEATH BY LIGHTNING STROKE

### One Killed and Four Shocked in Sunday Storm

#### AN OLD OUT BUILDING STRUCK

### A Party of Youths Out on a Sunday Plum Gathering Take Shelter When a Rainstorm Comes Up in an Old Building, Which Is Struck by Lightning, and Odell Young Is Killed and Four of His Companions Receive Severe Shocks.

Lexington, N. C., Special.—Odell Young, the 14-year-old son of Mr. A. S. Kelly Young, of this place, was killed Sunday morning about 10:30 o'clock by lightning, and four other boys who were with him were injured but it is thought that all will recover, although two of them were severely shocked. The boys were out gathering wild plums, when a heavy rainstorm came up and they took shelter in a building formerly used as an office of the Victor Brick Company. Formerly a telephone had been in the office and the wire remained, although the telephone had been removed. The lightning struck the wire and in this way was carried into the office where the boys were gathered.

Odell Young was killed instantly. Of the seven boys in the party two were uninjured and they hurried to a nearby residence and told what had happened. Other boys in the party, and who were shocked were: Ernest Bean, 15, son of Mr. Richard Bean; Mack Andrews, 14, son of Mrs. Frank Andrews, Everett Welborn, 14, son of Mr. William Welborn, and Hollis Craver, son of Mr. J. A. Craver. The last named young man is about grown. The condition of Hollis Craver is regarded as serious, in fact, up to late Sunday afternoon he had not regained consciousness from the shock. Ernest Bean was also severely shocked but will recover. None of them were burned, not even Odell Young, although there was a slight discoloration in his case.

#### World's Temperance Conference.

Saratoga, N. Y., Special.—With a gavel made from a rafter in the old home of Dr. William J. Clark, who founded the world's first temperance society in Saratoga county one hundred years ago, the World's Temperance Congress held to commemorate that event was opened here Sunday with a mass meeting in Convention Hall. An address was delivered by Rev. C. H. Mead, D. D., of New York, who reviewed the history of the temperance movement.

#### Big Rail Mill's Resum.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The big rail mills of the United States Steel Corporation at Ensley will resume this week and this, with allied plants, means that about 300 men will return to work. The plant, which is being greatly enlarged and extended, has a daily capacity of 1,500 tons of finished rails. During the past month furnaces and mines have resumed in this direction, putting 3,000 men to work.

#### Captain Stuart Goes to Manila.

Washington, Special.—Captain Edwin R. Stuart, corps of engineers, stationed at Savannah, Ga., has been ordered by the War Department to transfer his present duties to Lieutenant Colonel Dan C. Kingman, corps of engineers. After consultation with the chief of engineers here, Captain Stuart will sail on August 5th for Manila, to become assistant to the chief of engineers of the Philippine division.

#### Officer Shoots Negro Barber.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Late Saturday afternoon Frank Dickson, a negro barber, was shot and killed by Bailiff Hitchins at the door of the negro's shop at Piedmont avenue and Harris street. It is alleged the bailiff fired after demanding the negro to pay a debt of seventy-five cents. Hitchins was arrested.

#### Earl of Derby Dead.

London, By Cable.—Frederick Arthur Stanley, Earl of Derby, died here Sunday. The Earl of Derby was born January 15th, 1841. He married Lady Constance Villiers, eldest daughter of the fourth Earl of Clarendon, in 1864. He was lord of the admiralty in 1868, financial secretary for war and later secretary of war. He held the offices of Secretary for the Colonies and president of the board of trade. As Lord Stanley, he was Governor General of Canada in 1888-93.

## GREAT PARADE OF VETERANS

### With Sprightly Step, Measured to Stirring Airs, Ten Thousand Old Warriors Parade the Streets of Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The parade of the heroes of the Confederacy was a fitting climax to what is generally pronounced to be one of the most successful reunions of the United Confederate Veterans. With sprightly step, measured to the airs of the South loves, the old warriors, no less than 10,000 strong, traversed the two miles of the parade route between thousands of sympathetic and interested spectators and there was not an accident, no sign of a tottering step.

Loving hands served ice water to the old men as they passed along the route, fans were distributed and everything possible was done to relieve the long tramp of its tedium. That the heroes were in excellent spirits was shown by the fact that many of them sang old camp songs as they marched, such as "Buttermilk Cavalry," "Old Time Confederate," "Bonnie Blue Flag."

There were many in the parade who had left a leg or perhaps both legs on some bloody battlefield, but they enjoyed the occasion as much as the others, being carried in vehicles. Their appearance drew forth, if anything, greater applause than the sight of the foot soldiers.

The parade formed shortly after 11 o'clock and required one hour and 45 minutes to pass a given point. The route was from Sixth avenue on Nineteenth street to First avenue, to Twenty-first street to Fifth avenue, to Twentieth street to First avenue, counter-marching on Twentieth street to Capitol Park, where the reviewing stand was located. In the vanguard were eight companies of the local National Guard, including one battery of artillery and one troop of cavalry. Chattanooga had one troop of cavalry in line. Governor B. B. Comer, of Alabama, with his entire staff, was next in line. General Harrison, commander of the Alabama division, was chief marshal, and Col. E. J. McKossin, of Birmingham, was chief aide.

The veterans of the Department of Tennessee headed the line of visitors of honor, these being followed by the trans-Mississippi and the Army of Northern Virginia. Among the more conspicuous were the Forrest Corps, mounted, and the mounted troop from Nashville, which has attracted a great deal of attention during the reunion. These companies are regular members of the National Guard, being the only Confederate body to have that distinction. Memphis representatives also came in for applause. They were accompanied by the crack fife and drum corps, which helped to give the martial atmosphere. Probably no one person in the parade attracted more attention than the handsome Miss Tommy Gentry, a full blooded Indian maiden, who accompanied the Indian Territory Department as sponsor. Her escort was Adjutant General I. D. Colman. Gen. Clement A. Evans, the new commander-in-chief, was at the head of the column with his entire staff.

consisting of Gen. J. F. Shipp, Gen. W. E. Mickle, Col. J. H. Bankhead, Col. W. B. Leedy, Col. J. Thompson Brown, Col. J. W. Reed and Colonel Bass. The Sons of Veterans followed the veterans and they were accompanied by their sponsors. A noticeable feature of the parade was the fact that a number of the sponsors preferred to walk with the companies they represented rather than ride in the carriages, which had been provided. Miss Mary Hall, clad in gray, accompanied the Georgia division on foot. Mrs. Kelly, of New Orleans, a lady 79 years of age, went through the march on foot, as did Miss Edna Raub, of Memphis, who had the title of daughter of the company she represented.

#### "Blind Tom" Dead.

New York, Special.—"Blind Tom" famous negro musician, marvel of three generations of playgoers, died Saturday in Hoboken, N. J., where he has been living for years in retirement and subsisting on charity. Thomas Wiggins is the name given in his burial certificate, but the surname was one which the famous pianist adopted. He was born a slave near Columbus, Ga., about 1850.

#### Double Tragedy at Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—T. Luther Birchfield, a young electrician, Sunday afternoon shot Mrs. W. A. VanHooser and then fired a pistol ball through his own breast. Both died shortly afterward. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. VanHooser, 712 South Twentieth street. It is said that Birchfield had formed an attachment for Mrs. VanHooser and that she declined to have anything to do with him.

#### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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