

### GOP Convention May Be Tame In 1912 Comparison

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Republican convention at Cleveland may be one of the liveliest political shows in years, but political old-timers do not expect it to rival the fireworks set off in 1912 by "Teddy" Roosevelt.

That bitter battle between Roosevelt admirers and Taft supporters split the old, powerful phalanx of Republican voters, paving the way to easy victory for the Democratic candidate, Woodrow Wilson.

Charging that the Republican high command had "robbed" him of delegates, Teddy made a characteristic rip-roaring invasion of Chicago, the convention city, to lead his own fight for the presidential nomination.

**Teddy In Action.**  
Fifteen minutes after arrival, he appeared on a hotel balcony and pitched into the first of a series of fighting speeches, charging the party bosses with "the naked theft" of delegates and claiming the preferential primaries had shown he was the choice of rank and file Republicans.

The Taft leaders replied that his unorthodox appearance at the scene of the convention was "just another Roosevelt bluff that had failed."

Delegates shouted that opposing delegates should be in prison; Elihu Root delivering the temporary chair man's address was interrupted by derisive guffaws; speaker after speaker was called out of order.

**How Taft Won.**  
The Taft lines held. With the majority of the accredited Roosevelt delegates sitting in dramatic silence, Taft won on the first ballot with 561 votes to 107 for Roosevelt, 41 for Robert M. LaFollette, 41 for Senator Albert Cummings of Iowa and 2 for Justice Charles Evans Hughes.

Some 344 Roosevelt delegates had abstained from voting. That night "bolting" Roosevelt followers held a separate convention in a nearby hall and nominated the colonel for the presidency. Governor Hiram Johnson of California was chosen as his running mate.

### Substitute Bill Drafted To Test Coal Regulations

By PRESTON GROVER  
WASHINGTON.—The substitute Cuffey coal bill, to many competent observers, seems to have been drafted to test to the limit the extent to which the supreme court will permit regulation of the coal industry.

Before the test is made, it is possible that changes in the personnel of the court may occur, and that the new justices will entertain different views from those held by their predecessors.

The majority justices held invalid the labor sections of the act. These vanished, almost entirely, from the new bill.

The majority did not rule on compulsory fixing of coal prices intended to guarantee profits to owners and better wages to labor. The minority trio and Chief Justice Hughes, on the other hand, said it was permissible under circumstances outlined in the act—so this feature was included in the new draft.

**Retain Penalty Tax.**  
The majority said the penalty tax designed to compel compliance was invalid as employed in the bill. They seemed not to go so far, however, as actually to outlaw its use in enforcement of practices legal in other respects. So the tax language was retained in the bill.

Proponents of the measure predict that if it passes it inevitably will be subjected to a supreme court test, probably within six months to a year. To some that points to a possibility that due to the advanced age of several of the justices changes in membership may intervene either through retirement or death.

The number of five-four and six-three decisions indicates mathematically that a complete change in the prevailing philosophy of the court might result even from one vacancy.

### 1,389 SIGN UP FOR SOIL PROGRAM IN RUTHERFORD

FOREST CITY, May 29.—County Agent F. E. Patton announces that 1,389 farmers of Rutherford county have signed work sheets of the new soil conserving program. This represents over one-half of the acres in the county as a number of large farmers have filled out work sheets. A number of farmers are already qualified, having the required number of acres of soil conserving and building crops. Others are planning to sow these crops in the form of soy beans and peas after their oats, on vacant land and by planting every other row of corn in peas or soy beans.

### Our Heroic Dead—They Have Not Died in Vain



### Driver Of "Old 999" Reticent About Famous Locomotive Run

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Forty-three years ago next month Charlie Hogan drove "Old 999" at the then unheard of locomotive speed of 112.5 miles an hour—and he hasn't talked about it yet.

Eighty-six now, and still a rail-roader, Charlie always changes the subject when someone asks to hear his story of the world-famous run. Reticence to the point of brusqueness, his longest comment is supposed to have been that "it wasn't much; I just happened to be at the throttle that day."

"That day" was May 10, 1893 and Charlie Hogan was in the cab of the Empire Express on a New York to Buffalo run, which the New York Central had announced as the first high speed distance run in America.

The Central wanted to beat the records of Britain's famous trains. It built 999, added eight-foot driving wheels for extra speed, but Hogan in the cab and announced an average speed of "better than 50 miles an hour" would be maintained.

Officials of the line, who were his passengers, were dismayed when the Empire pulled into Syracuse half an hour behind schedule, but Charlie promised he would pull into Buffalo on time, he did.

He drove those 150 miles faster than they had ever been covered before, reaching Buffalo in slightly under three hours after a stop at Rochester. He pushed 999 to a world's speed record to do it.

On the straightaway between Batavia and Buffalo he "opened her up" and held his top speed of 112.5 miles an hour for a measured mile—and became a celebrity in less than 35 seconds.

Old 999 was retired in 1931, after almost 40 years of service. Five years ago railroad officials ordered her hooked on the Empire and asked Charlie to take the throttle. When he brought her into Buffalo two minutes ahead of time, he looked from under his shaggy brows, said simply "good" to drive her again and went back to his desk as manager in the department of shop labor.

Last year he went to see the Commodore Vanderbilt, the world's first stream-lined steam locomotive. When he found out he would have no rest until he said what he thought of it, he said, "It's great."

### RIVER "HITCH HIKERS" HAVE 800 MILES TO GO

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 29.—Two 18-year-old river "hitch hikers" continued their journey southward today after a brief stop here.

"Now that we've reached Memphis," said Joe Simko, "we haven't much farther to go."

"Not said Jimmy Neill, "only about 800 miles—that's all." The two youths, residents of Unlenton, Pa., are on their way by canoe to Dallas for the Texas centennial celebration.

### Slated for Cabinet



Irene Curie Joliot

Paris reports indicate that Leon Blum is ready to appoint Madame Irene Curie Joliot, daughter of Madame Curie and herself a Nobel prize winner, to a high administrative post in the French Republic. She would be the first woman ever to hold public office in France, where women have not been granted the ballot.

### Artificial Cells Are Produced By Laboratory Means

CHICAGO, May 29.—Artificial growth of the cells which manufacture human blood was announced today in the journal of the American Medical Association.

Two University of Oregon medical school men—Dr. Edwin E. Osgood and Alfred N. Muscovitz—said they developed the process by building a chemical "robot" lung, kidney and circulation system.

They reported that cells thus reproduced outside the body lived, moved and were capable of destroying germs "many days" after the original cells were transplanted.

Although emphasizing that their work was only "preliminary," with detailed results yet to be announced, the two experimenters asserted they had obtained "material" suitable for any studies of the make up of the blood and the physical and chemical processes by which body tissues are built and maintained.

In living humans, nature carries out the complex blood building operation with characteristic efficiency. The red, oxygen bearing corpuscles are made by the marrow inside the bones of the skeleton, and squeezed into the blood stream as the demand for refueling arises. Some of the white, germ

### Colon Blanton Of Oak Grove Marries

(Special to The Star.)  
OAK GROVE, May 29.—An event of interest to their many friends throughout the county is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary Catherine Ledwell of Lawndale to Colon Blanton of this community. The ceremony was quietly solemnized Tuesday night, May 26, in Gaffney. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton are spending this week with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton, here after which they will make their home in Lawndale.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ledford announce the birth of a baby girl.

Miss Lois Lovelace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovelace was taken to the Shelby hospital last Wednesday where she had her tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ware and little son, Billy, of Mooresville spent the week-end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ware and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell and children attended a birthday dinner celebrating the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Bell's grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Harmon at her home in the Beth-Ware community Sunday.

Mrs. L. I. Eaker and little son, Jack, and daughter, Helen, spent several days this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Costner of Lawndale.

A number of the relatives and friends of William Watterson surprised him Sunday with a bountiful dinner celebrating his birthday anniversary. Those attending from out of the community were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Borders and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Watterson of Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Clemmy Wright of Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Champion and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Randall motored to Lake Lure Sunday.

Killing corpuscles, also made here but most come from the lymph glands.

It was the marrow's "blood factory" which the apparatus built by the Oregonians was intended to duplicate.

In contrast with the compactness of nature's machinery, the artificial plant was made up of about two dozen glass compartments and tubes of varying sizes and shapes. One of these compartments, shaped like a test tube, was filled with a chemical medium, or culture in which marrow cells would remain alive and reproduce.

### CIVIL ENGINEER AT 62 GETS FLYING LICENSE

BRADFORD, Pa., May 29.—Paul P. Lyons, 62-year-old civil engineer, of Bradford, received his private pilot's license from the United States bureau of air commerce, of the department of commerce.

For some time, Mr. Lyons has held the rare distinction of being one of the world's "flying grandfathers."

### Ghosts Of Great Conventions Led By Bryan, The "Commoner"

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The ghosts of great convention figures of other years, led by the silver-tongued William Jennings Bryan, will march in many memories as the nation watches the making of new political history at Cleveland and Philadelphia.

Drama-packed conventions of both major parties have become almost commonplace but probably the No. 1 thriller of all was a one-man performance—Bryan's capture of the Democratic presidential nomination at Chicago in 1896.

When the convention opened, young Bryan was given little or no

consideration as a possible nominee. Representative Richard P. Blinn of Missouri, farmer-leader of the silver forces, was rated the favorite candidate and Horace Boies of Iowa was figured a second choice.

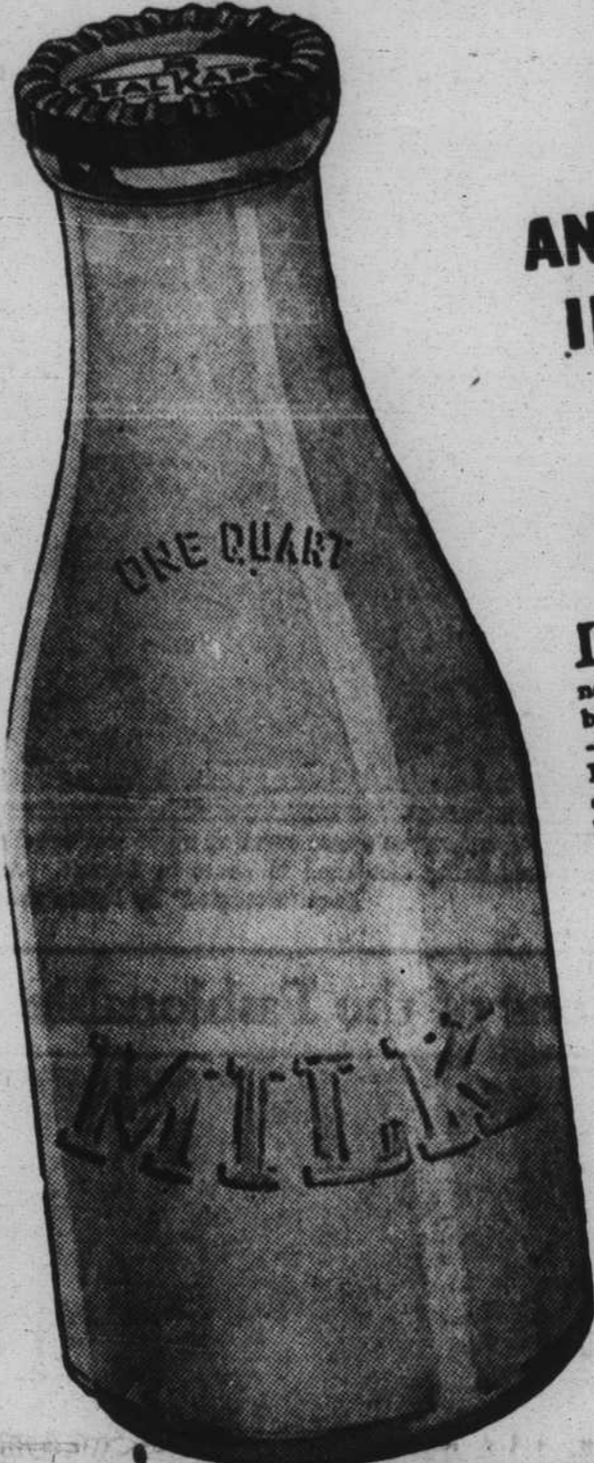
**A Bryan Stampede**  
But on the fateful afternoon of July 9 "the boy orator of the Platte" marched to the platform and stamped the delegates with a torrent of eloquent attack upon the gold standard, the Republican protective tariff and Wall street.

Twenty thousand listeners sat spellbound as that classic, final

period fell from his lips: "You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

"There was an instant hush," said a press description of the scene. "Then a storm burst whose fury seemed to sweep everything before it... Dully, black-eyed delegates wept."

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