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THREE GREAT GIFTS—For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God—Ecc. 2:26.

Other nations are always condemning America for the things they borrow from us.

The average consumption of spaghetti in Italy is estimated at 400 miles a year per capita, showing that Italians eat longer than any other race.

Army wives are to do their cooking now on electric ranges. The quartermaster general of the U. S. army has bought 1900 modern ranges to replace the wornout gas, coal and wood stoves now in use at officers' quarters throughout the country, and will have them installed immediately. There will be automatic heat regulators and everything. If anything was needed to popularize the military service among the military men's womenfolk, this will do it. Any army officer wanting a wife will now have a more potent appeal than brass buttons and gold braid.

One of the five major decisions arrived at by the Chinese Nationalist conference, following the capture of Peking, is the "cessation of war expenses." That shows clear vision and intelligent purpose. Occidentals will wish the yellow men the best of success in their venture. But if they succeed in cutting off military expenses and diverting their expenditure to peaceful reconstruction as promptly as they seem to think they can, they will work a miracle in western eyes. After 10 years of similar effort, the western powers are still spending billions for war purposes.

COAL MERGER

Negotiations are going forward for the consolidation of vast coal properties in the Pocahontas region of West Virginia, with an annual production of 50,000,000 tons and a capital value of perhaps $200,000,000. This action is along the line urged by nearly all the experts who have studied the coal situation for years, including representatives of the federal government. The purpose is declared to be not monopoly and extortion but "elimination of wasteful competition and reduction of operating and selling costs." One of the leading operators is quoted as saying: "There is agreement that one thing to be avoided is over-capitalization, and a feeling that actual and potential values should be placed on all properties." If the consolidators can hold to this virtuous and enlightened purpose they will deserve the gratitude not only of the consuming public but of the industry itself. No industry gains in the long run by excessive capitalization. This is one danger that the unfortunate coal industry especially needs to avoid, let its latter state be worse than its first.

ABE MARTIN

"It must be awful t' start back home from Niagary Falls with a long married life ahead o' you," said Miss Fawn Lippincut t'day. No matter how well an' fit we look ther's allus somebuddy prophesyin' we'll go all at once some day.

Sparrow Causes Fire, Explosion

PORTLAND, Ore., June 27 (AP)—A small English sparrow which lit on a high tension power wire today caused a short circuit between that wire and another, resulting in a spectacular fire in which poles were burned and wires fell to the ground, and an explosion in an electric plant. Four patrol wagon loads of policemen were sent to re-route traffic and protect pedestrians and the fire department was called out three times.

FARM SCIENTISTS TOURING EUROPE

NEW YORK (AP)—Embarking for Europe in three sections, 26 of the nation's foremost authorities on the theory and practice of scientific farming will tour the outstanding agricultural regions of England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland this summer in search of methods to swell the income of American farmers.

MRS. WILSON TURNS EARTH IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Tex., June 27 (AP)—Smiling and gracious Mrs. Woodrow Wilson turned the first earth today in the planting of a tree in memory of her husband on the site of new women's city club building here.

SEAT SMITH DELEGATES

HOUSTON, June 27 (AP)—By overwhelming votes the credentials committee of the democratic national convention early today seated 24 delegates pledged or instructed for Governor Smith.

FISTS SWING AS AL'S MEN GIVE PARADE

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attempts to stop the fight and the state parade was almost broken up as the battle raged in the front aisle just before the speaker's stand.

W. C. Newland, chairman of the North Carolina delegation held on to the banner during the melee.

Banner Goes Down

The fist fight started in the Alabama delegation sitting just behind North Carolina and the state's banner went down in the rush.

A gang of Alabama delegates swarmed about the standard and across the aisles. Tennessee delegates rallied about their standard as the rush started their way.

Tennessee banner was wrested from its moorings however, and amid a roar it was swept down the front aisle in a rush of Smith rooters.

Meanwhile North Carolina's banner was torn from its mast.

R. O. Saunders was named as the man who first attempted to [illegible] up the North Carolina standard.

[illegible] of police stood guard after quelling the fight in the [illegible]-ality of the North Carolina and Alabama stations.

Speeches Tonight

Arriving at the hall just before the convening hour, Franklin D. Roosevelt, floor marshal for the Smith forces said he understood definitely that the nominating speech would be made at tonight's sessions. Roosevelt will nominate Smith as he did four years ago in Madison Square Garden.

The convention was later than usual in getting under way. It was nearly a half hour after the eleven o'clock convening time before Chairman Bowers made his appearance among the leaders conferring on the speaker's platform, and even then he made an immediate attempt to call for order.

The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. George Gilmore of the First Unitarian church of Denver, Colo.

After a few announcements by the convention clerk, J. Bruce Kremer, of Montana, chairman of the credentials committee, presented his committee's report including the recommendation that the Smith-Ewing slate of delegates from Louisiana be seated.

Minority Report

When the committee chairman moved adoption of the report Colonel Carl Blatine, Missouri member of the committee, took the floor to present a minority report. But he announced that he merely wanted to go on record and would ask that this report be either tabled or voted down.

As soon as [illegible] has finished the reading the minority report which bore only his own signature, the convention voted it down in chorus.

Then W. W. Durbin, of Ohio, chairman of the committee on permanent organization presented his report recommending that Senator Robinson be made the permanent chairman and it went through amid a howling ovation for Robinson.

Robinson Speaks

The Arkansas senator was escorted to the platform amid a thunder of applause. He was dressed in cool looking linen with a flower in his button hole and spoke slowly and clearly as he faced the mikes to deliver his address. Robinson's big deep voice carried well through the loud speakers and the huge audience hailed every political quip and shot at the republican party with glee as he went along.

A shout of approval went up when Robinson said there would be no doubt of the "constitutional eligibility of the democratic nominee to serve in the presidency" the audience taking it as a "shot at Hoover."

The delegates cheered loudly at Senator Robinson's references to farm relief and his declaration that "the farmers of the west and middle west will not support Mr. Hoover."

Senator Robinson got another cheer out of the audience when he shot off a verbal skyrocket on the subject of the oil scandals and said the democratic party was entitled to make an issue of an honest government.

Routine adoption of the report of the committee on rules and order of business followed his speech.

MAY NOT REPORT WEST

By M. E. Barker

SAM HOUSTON HALL, HOUSTON, Tex., June 27 (AP)—Possibility that the name of Oswald West may not be reported to the democratic national convention as national committeeman for Oregon developed this afternoon.

When Oregon was reached on the roll call for national committee members, Van J. Fry, Salem, chairman of the delegation, informed Chairman Robinson that the delegation was not ready to report.

After adjournment of the session Fry explained his action was prompted by a published statement in which West was quoted as saying he would resign from the national committee, in the event of Al Smith's nomination of the presidency.

TAMMANY HITS HOUSTON

NEA Houston Bureau

Prominent New York delegates are pictured here as they arrived at Houston for the democratic national convention. Left to right are: J. S. Cullinan, who welcomed the party on behalf of Houston; George W. Olvany, leader of Tammany hall; George Van Namee, in charge of Governor Al Smith's campaign, and James Eagan, Tammany secretary.

when Chairman Bowers warmed up to his speech. The keynoter, an editorial writer for the New York Evening World, is a small man with a not overly-large voice. But he lashed out his sentences against the republicans like a baseball pitcher throwing curves, and the delegates liked it.

The amplifiers carried so well that he kept the attention of the folks in farther bleachers, so distant that they must have been unable to distinguish much of the man who was addressing them.

General Applause

Applause accompanied the speech all the way, as the speaker reviewed the oil scandal, recalled how Daugherty was driven from the cabinet, traced out the goings and comings of Will Hays with the celebrated Sinclair bonds, attacked Secretary Mellon as a republican dictator without sympathy for democratic government and fired a few shots at the protective tariff.

The farm relief demonstration interrupted the hour's speech about midway.

It began again when one of the official convention bands struck up a noisy air as the delegates were on their feet cheering. As the band joined in, a North Dakota delegate took up the standard of his state and carried it backward and forward across the front of the hall. For a while he was a one-man parade, but other state standards fell into line as the music and cheering went on and 10 minutes had elapsed before the placards of the states were all back at their stations.

OHIO VOTES TO BE GIVEN NEW YORKER

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permit the evening session to proceed in comparative comfort, with only a stray drop properly itself downward here and there to surprise an unsuspecting delegate.

Anyway, the perverse side of the elements quickly was forgotten

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