WILSON'S DEFEAT AIM OF PLOTTERS

Machine, Quitting Harmon, Is Concentrating on Cark as Strongest Opponent.

THIRD PARTY AT STAKE

Small Attention Yet Paid to Vice-Presidency--New York Man Probable Mate for Clark; Cleveland Man, for Wilson.

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has a small and select number of delegates at his disposal and who will dispose of them and be disposed of early in the proceedings, it is clearly apparent that eventually there will be a nomination, and beyond that there is no imperative reason to stray.

I have seen a good many National conventions in my time—Republican, Democratic, Gold, Silver, Populist, Prohibitionist, Greenback and Socialist, but there never was one, since I began to go to them, where there was so much of that political ingredient called intrigue but not deserving the name. The plotters here have been exceeded in number only by the counter-plotters, and plotting became such a rage that not a few schemers found themselves unable to keep track of their various machinations and were dismayed to discover themselves entangled in the meshes of their own machiavellianisms. A good many of them, after taking a hasty review of the situation, ascertained they had been plotting against themselves.

Red Fire Continues to Burn.

Naturally, this perplexed both the plotters and the plottees and the situation at times assumed certain phases of uncertainty that were relieved only by the appearance of a band of full-grown men carrying a little shivering dog with them, and singing Mr. Champ Clark's battle-hymn, while waiting for the friendly ministrations of bartenders. After one of these exhibitions, the nomination of Clark seemed sure. Likewise, the Princeton contingent did much to further the cause of Dr. Woodrow Wilson. It is not yet possible to say how many votes were secured for each stick of red fire burned in Baltimore and each sizz-boom-ah, but the returns must have been satisfying, for the red fire continues to burn and cheers to sizz-boom and will continue undoubtedly until either Mr. Clark or Mr. Wilson hears them—meaning the delegates calling him.

At this writing Mr. Clark has the better hearing facilities of the two. His captains, including the noiseless Stone, the whiskered Pettigrew, the smiling Dubois and the various others, aided and abetted by the Sullivan-Murphy Taggart triumvirate, and by William Randolph Hearst's unselfish devotion, did some plotting during the night of Wednesday and the daylight hours of Thursday that would win a prize at any intrigue show. These gentlemen may have a deep and abiding affection for Champ Clark, and they have—if you let them tell it.

Wilson Object of Attack.

They are more concerned in beating Woodrow Wilson than in nominating Clark and have taken Clark for the end to secure that means. Far be it from me to intimate whether love or duty impels, but it may not be amiss to say that no tears will be shed in New York City below Fulton streets, and especially not along Broad and Wall streets, or lower Broadway, or in the vicinity of the Stock Exchange if Mr. Wilson is beaten.

This Democratic convention has had two impelling motives. One, and the one that impelled the Democrats who think, with good reason, that a reasonably good nomination means success at the polls next November, has been to look the various candidates over, take counsel about them and nominate the man who is best qualified to win.

The other impelling motive—and the one that has impelled the contingent that types big business and finds its prototype in the men whom that big business directs—has been to defeat Wilson at all hazards and expense, and to eliminate Bryan.

The Democrats who came to Baltimore to name a good man, indifferent to outside and inside considerations, are no match for the Democrats who came after the leaders arrived in Baltimore and the delegates began arriving and the machine started its really expert work. As has been said, it had two jobs to do: Defeat Wilson and eliminate Bryan.

Bryan's Strength Surprises.

The first vote against Bryan was a warning to these leaders that Bryan had a great deal more strength than they thought he had. Instead of using the ax, they immediately changed their plans and began to hongey-fugle Bryan. They decided to give him everything he wanted, so far as the non-essentials were concerned.

That plan explains why the unit rule was abolished, why Bryan was allowed to put through his proposition to make the platform after the candidate had been nominated, and why the vote on South Dakota contest came out as it did.

Mr. Taggart and Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Murphy threw sufficient delegates to Wilson on that vote for the purpose of showing Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wilson they are entirely unprejudiced men, of open mind, and ruled only by the rights and equities of each case. It was good politics, excellent politics, and the politicians who planned and put through the scheme were Stone and Sullivan and Taggart and Pettigrew, Pettigrew taking a beating in his own state on the South Dakota contest in order to help along. They fought Mr. Bryan once. Having beaten him they proceeded to show him it was nothing personal by giving him about everything else he wanted. Directed exclusively by inside influences, these men wanted Harmon; after failing him, wanted Underwood, but they soon found they could get neither, and they took up Clark.

Clark Used for Purpose.

Their job has been to keep the Clark sentiment alive—and there is much rank and file sentiment for Clark—and to use the men who sincerely believe in Clark to aid their own selfish purposes. The business machine in the Democratic party was enlisted in this cause. They were sure of the hound-dog contingent, for no person not for Clark because of his alleged homely, plain-people characteristics would sing such slush, and they went out for the doubting delegates, who wanted to know why.

The combinations were long ago arranged. Murphy and Hearst joined hands. Sullivan and Murphy and Taggart took their old places together. Senator Stone and ex-Senator Pettigrew began scouting, and when the Clark movement began to grow they furnished excellent reasons for further growth.

This is the way the lines were laid when the convention assembled to begin nominating. All the Old Guard, all the men who nominated Parker in 1904, all the remnants of the machine, having no chance of naming Harmon, turned to Clark.

Strong Combination Made.

Clark, himself, had big wedges of delegates in his own right. The combination was a strong one and was never so strong or so compact as when the balloting began. The opposition was scattered. Wilson had votes, but not so many as Clark. Outside of Wilson and Clark, the other aspirants were of no particular consequence, only to be considered when the Clark plan failing it become necessary to turn elsewhere. At the proper time in the convention Murphy will deliver, Taggart will deliver, Sullivan will deliver,

Ollie James, Senator-Elect From Kentucky, Chosen Permanent Chairman of the Convention.

Stone and his crowd will produce, and then it will be Clark against the field. Simmered down the situation in the Democratic party is somewhat like the situation in the Republican party. The machine was against Roosevelt and nominated Taft. The machine is against Bryan and may nominate Clark. This leaves Bryan with the alternative of going alone, going with Roosevelt or supporting the machine-made nominee.

Of course the machine may not be able to nominate Clark, but the chances are in Clark's favor. If Clark is nominated there is no doubt that Mr. Bryan can have any kind of a platform he desires. He will be invited to write it, to revise it, to dictate it and supervise it. He can put in plans for anything, from a stipulation that Senator Vardaman must cut his hair to a demand for the burning of the custom houses. Nobody will object.

Gaynor Folks Have Hope.

It will be pointed out to Bryan that he has been fairly treated. It will be shown to him that he has been allowed to dictate about everything save the actual nomination. He will be patted on the back as the greatest Democrat since Jefferson, and he will put up a peg or two above Jefferson if he thinks it necessary.

If perchance it is not in the cards to nominate Clark and there are a deadlock and a long drawn fight, the Gaynor folks hope to come in. Hope is the principal Gaynor asset.

Not much attention has been paid to the Vice-Presidency. The Mayor of Baltimore is a candidate. His name is Preston, and he has a large house and is running on a platform of a nightly reception with a fire brand of punch served liberally. There are Representative Redfield, of Brooklyn, Representative Sulzer, of New York, Mayor Baker, of Cleveland, and all the defeated candidates for the Presidency, that is, all the candidates of the second class, including Marshall, Baldwin, et al. Mayor Gaynor's name has been suggested, and the name of Senator O'Gorman, of New York. If Clark is nominated it is likely a New York man will be chosen. If it is Wilson, Baker, of Cleveland, is a good guess. And, looking forward a bit, it must not be forgotten that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has about as keen an interest in this convention as any man. It is unlikely that the Roosevelt third party movement will amount to much if Wilson is nominated here. If Wilson is not nominated, just as a final prophecy, it being safe to prophecy about an august event, watch for a ticket composed of Roosevelt and Wilson on a radical platform.

APPLE SHOW TO EXPAND

ALL PRODUCTS OF SOIL TO BE PLACED ON EXHIBIT.

States Throughout Northwest Will Be Admitted—Committee Looks for Suitable Building.

The board of directors of the Oregon Apple Show met at luncheon at the Commercial Club yesterday and decided to enlarge the show to a land show, showing all the products of the soil. It was decided also to admit all the states of the Northwest.

C. C. Chapman, in the absence of Chairman Beall, presided. Those present were: W. J. Hofmann, J. Fred Larson, Phil Metschan, Jr., Frank Sealy, F. W. Hild, A. P. Bateham, F. H. Page, W. E. Coman, G. E. A. Bond and C. C. Chapman.

Mr. Bond, ex-assistant manager of the Spokane National Apple Show, advised not limiting the show to apples.

A. P. Bateham, president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, believed that a land product show would be of greater benefit to Portland and the Pacific Northwest than an exhibit of apples alone.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, that the Oregon Apple Show originally planned by the Oregon State Horticultural Society, be enlarged to be a land product show of the Pacific Northwest and that communities be invited to make exhibits covering all products of the soil throughout this territory."

A committee composed of F. W. Hild, W. J. Hofmann and A. P. Bateham made a trip to examine the Gipsy Smith Auditorium, the Lewis and Clark Fair buildings and other possible locations for the show.

Hotel Clerk Kills Robber.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 27.—Frank Redmond, a marine fireman, attempted to hold up the office of the Hotel Norman, on Yesler avenue, early today and was shot down and instantly killed by the clerk, S. B. Dawson. Redmond, who was 40 years old, had been arrested three times this year for petty offenses. A card in Redmond's pocket showed membership in Marine Firemen, Water Tenders' and Oilers' Union No. 57, of San Francisco.

JAMES SAYS PARTY HAS KEPT PLEDGES

Permanent Chairman Points to Tariff Vetoes in Attack on Taft.

BRYAN'S NAME EXTOLLED

Speaker Calls Nebraskan One Living American Deserving Place in History Beside Jefferson and Jackson.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 27.—Ollie James, of Kentucky, in accepting the permanent chairmanship of the convention, spoke as follows:

"I congratulate the Democrats of the Nation on the fortunate auspices under which we have assembled. Here no charge of bribery hovers above this hall, no call of thief and robber is hurled by one fellow Democrat at another. No soldiers stand in reserve to keep us from one another's throats. Our deliberations here shall be for the country's good, tolerant of each others' views, believing, as I do, that when the nominees are named by this convention, they will have back of them every loyal Democrat in the Republic, as well as the hearty support of progressives everywhere.

"The Democratic party is essentially a party of the people, because it is the people. It has fought a long, hard battle, when it seemed that night would never end and that day would never dawn; but the battle in the interest of the rights of the people we have continued to make until we see the common enemy, the once great Republican party, divided, distracted and torn asunder, while Democracy is united, harmonious and militant.

Republican Record Assailed.

"There are two records that will be presented to the American people in the coming campaign for their consideration. One is the record of the Republican party with promises betrayed—arrogantly, defiantly betrayed—and the other is the record of the Democratic party of promises faithfully and honestly kept. The Republican party itself, recognizing that President Taft had been unfaithful to the great mass of Americans, refused by an honest majority of the convention to renominate him, and it was only brought about by the most wholesale and deliberate unseating of delegates honestly elected that was ever perpetrated in American politics.

"The Republican party, flushed with many victories, imperious as a tyrant, unheeding the demands of the people, took the reins of the Government in 1908 under the solemn promise that it would revise the tariff in the interest of the consumer. Instead of keeping this promise, as it should have done because it was their bond of honor, it betrayed it. The Republicans raised the tariff higher than ever before until it reached the maximum of protection, being 47 per cent. The story of this base betrayal is known to all men.

"The Democratic party appealed on its record in the 61st Congress on the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill to the American people and received from them a verdict of guilty against the Republican party and the bestowal of power upon ourselves.

"How faithfully we have kept our promises to them is but a resume of our official action.

"First, we reduced the tariff upon woolen clothes 40 per cent. This was the one schedule that President Taft himself had said was too high. This bill went to the Senate, and, though it was controlled by the opposition party, we found sufficient assistance from the ranks of our opponents to pass it up to the President. The President returned it to the Congress of the United States with his veto and assigned as his reason that he had no Tariff Board report and was therefore uninformed upon the question, and for this reason returned it with his disapproval.

"We undertook to pass the bill over his veto. We lacked only 11 votes of having the necessary two-thirds to pass it through the House of Representatives over the President's veto. And today the wool trust stands not behind a majority of the lawmakers of the Republic, but behind the veto of the President and the 11 more than one-third of the representatives of the American people, picking the pockets of the poor and ragged people of America.

Cabinet Works to Uphold Veto.

"When the veto of the wool bill was being considered, four members of the President's Cabinet, for the first time through a service of ten years that I have been there, appeared upon the floor as a mighty lobby with the patronage club in one hand and promises in the other to sustain the President's veto upon this bill.

"The Democratic party next passed a farmers' and laborers' free list bill. This bill was so just that it found its way through the Senate, controlled by the opposition, and was passed on to the President, who vetoed it and returned it to the Congress of the United States.

"We undertook to pass it over the President's veto. We lacked less than a dozen votes of the sufficient number, and today the harvester trust, the lumber trust and the beef trust all stand hidden behind President Taft and a dozen more than one-third of the American representatives in Congress, looting the pockets of the American consumers.

"This bill would have saved to the consuming public $350,000,000 a year.

"The next bill we passed was the one reducing the tariff on cotton goods, which would have saved many millions of dollars to our people. This, too, met with the veto of the President.

"Then we offered to the American people a bill taking the tax off of sugar, giving to them free sugar and placing an excise tax on all incomes in excess of $5000. This bill is now in the Senate of the United States, unacted upon. I believe in free sugar. It will save to every householder in this country 2 cents upon every pound of sugar.

"The platform adopted by one branch of the Republican party at Chicago indorsed the veto of President Taft, yet at the same time had to censure and condemn the record of from 30 to 100 Republicans in the House of Representatives who supported us in favor of the passage of these bills.

"The American people are told in the tariff plank recently adopted in Chicago that they want a report from the Tariff Board before any legislation is attempted. This is a motion for continuance from a guilty client made by an expert criminal lawyer. Its sole purpose is delay.

Leaders Must Obey.

"I believe in the rule of the people. I don't fear them. From the ranks has come every army that has fought for libery in the history of the world. I am a progressive Democrat. In this age the people command and the leaders must obey.

"We passed through the House of Representatives a resolution submitting an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, in obedience to our promise in former Democratic National platforms.

"We then passed through Congress a bill providing for publicity of campaign funds before as well as after election and denying to corporations the right to contribute to political parties at all. This measure is now a law.

"Both election of Senators by the people and publicity of campaign funds met the disapproval of the Republican convention held in 1908 by more than 800 majority.

"We submitted to the country an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for an income tax. And before the snow flies I believe this amendment to the Federal Constitution will be indorsed by a sufficient number of states to make it a part of our Constitution. And then will come to the Democratic party the honor and glory of being the only political organization in the history of this Republic that ever amended the Federal Constitution in 100 years, save by the sword.

"I believe in the rigid enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. We are not opposed to big business. We recognize that in a big country there must be big business, but we say with all the emphasis of our souls that big business, like little business, must obey the law. These infant industries must be weaned. Infants they began, but today they are mighty giants.

"President Taft did not take the time to carry out, but he kicked out the Roosevelt policies. The atonement that Roosevelt offers the American voters, that he succeeded in deceiving by the election of President Taft, is in presenting to them the one who made the mistake, who is himself. The American people fear he will be as much mistaken in himself, as he was in President Taft. The atonement is not sufficient. If he wants to come with clean hands and a clear conscience, let him join with us and do what ought to have been done four years ago—elect a Democratic President.

"President Taft is joined to his idols. His Administration presents the most melancholy spectacle in all our National life. Repudiated in the middle of his term by the election of a Democratic Congress, his renomination forced by the wholesale unseating of honest delegates, he is left-handed in both hands, does everything wrong and most generally on Friday. Roosevelt undertakes to achieve the Presidency by proclaiming himself the advocate of those policies by which he won the Presidency by denouncing.

"The progressive spirit that sweeps this country now is called by some the principles of progressives, by others the doctrines of insurgents, but back yonder when a voice in the Western wilderness cried out for them, they were called 'the vagaries of Bryan, the dreamer.' However much we may differ in National conventions upon minor questions, all just men must admit that the one living American, whose name will shine in history, studded by a thousand flaming stars, alone beside that of Jefferson and Jackson, is that of William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska.

Cannonism Declared Dead.

"The Democratic Congress not only scotched Cannonism, but killed it. Our Republican opponents said we were unfriendly to the Union heroes of the Civil War. But behold the record of the Democratic Congress still in session. It remained for us to give the most liberal pensions to those deserving men in their declining years, that their old age might be made serene and bright. The war is over and that flag, the brightest, dearest colors ever knit together in a banner of the free, waves above a united people, where it is loved by every heart and would be defended by every hand. And coming from the South as I do, I can say that if Abraham Lincoln were alive this day, there is not a foot of soil under Dixie's skies upon which he might not pitch his tent and pillow his head upon a Confederate soldier's knee, and sleep, and sleep in safety there."

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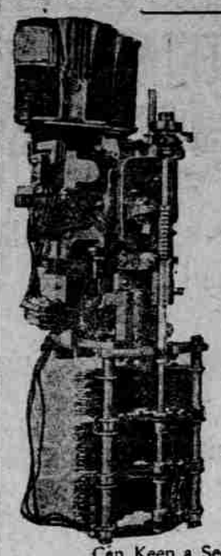

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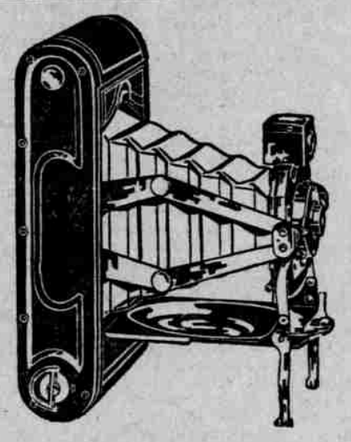

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Gentlemen: In view of the fact that several misleading articles have appeared in the press recently apropos of the musical situation in connection with the coming Elks' convention and the relation thereto of the Musicians' Mutual Association, of Portland, we desire to set forth our position in the matter.

Up to May 25 negotiations between the Elks' commission and our members for the convention music, had progressed satisfactorily. On May 31, however, we received a telegram from the president of our National body stating that two unfair bands from San Francisco and Alameda County were engaged by the lodges there, and would be brought to the convention; and that the matter would have to be adjusted to avoid a misunderstanding.

Efforts were at once made to induce the two lodges to engage Federation musicians or none, but to no avail.

Investigation showed that the bandmaster of the U. S. Army band, stationed at the Presidio, drills these two bands, which are in active competition with the San Francisco Musicians' Union.

The method to be adopted in this case was for the bandmaster and several enlisted musicians to secure furloughs and augment the two unfair bands on their trip to Portland. Inasmuch as it is a violation of an act of Congress for enlisted men to enter into competition with civilians and, furthermore, as the American Federation of Musicians prohibits its members from participating in any function with bands of that character, it follows that the stand of the Federation in this case and the Federal law are in accord.

Since the two lodges have shown no disposition to recede from their position, the officers of the Federation have notified all locals that no Federation musicians will be allowed to appear in the grand parade.

We keenly regret that this obstacle has arisen to prevent our co-operation with the Elks, as the relations between Portland Lodge, No. 142, and our local have been most cordial and harmonious. We had done all in our power to assist in making the convention a big success, such as removing all objections to local nonunion bands (all of our available men having been engaged) in order that the commission might have sufficient music for all their needs.

Standing, as we do, on our own laws and principles, we had no recourse other than that which has been pursued. Sincerely yours,

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