

PLATT IS ALONE

AGED SENATOR PREDICTS TATT'S ELECTION IN WALK-OVER.

WEAKNESS OF OREGON IDEA

VETERAN OF 200 CONVENTIONS TELLS HOW DIRECT PRIMARY AND STATEMENT ONE BREAK DOWN MAJORITY PARTY.

BY LLOYD F. LONBERGAN.

NEW YORK, July 11.—(Special.)—"Just 50 years ago this month I made my first fight for public office. It is a long period, 50 years. This time next year I will be a private citizen again."

So said Thomas C. Platt today, as he sat on the balcony of the Oriental Hotel at Manhattan Beach, gazing out at the sea. The aged United States Senator is passing his last days neglected and in obscurity. For 20 years or more he absolutely controlled the Republican party of New York State. He "made" Governors, Senators and Congressmen. In those years the Oriental Hotel was the "Summer Capital" of the Empire State. It was surrounded on the veranda by men whose names were known throughout the United States.

Candidates for state offices appeared to ascertain if they would permit their names to go before the convention. Applicants for appointive jobs, local, state and National, timidly journeyed to the beach, some alone, others escorted by their backers. And the little old man sat in his chair on the balcony and rendered his decisions. He was known as the "Easy Boss," but what he said went.

Today the Oriental Hotel is still at Manhattan Beach, and Mr. Platt is there, but the crowds of other days are absent. Nobody counsels Mr. Platt, and few people call to see him. But he still retains his keen interest in politics despite his age and feebleness.

In years gone by July 15 was a gala day at the Oriental. It was his birthday. He was congratulated and made much of. This year the Senator will celebrate his seventy-fifth anniversary, but there will be no demonstrations, at least on the part of politicians.

"This is the first time I have missed a National convention," said the Senator, "but I didn't feel like going this year. Chicago is far away for an old man. Besides I've rather lost my interest. And then a new generation has sprung up in politics."

Attended 200 Conventions.

"I guess I hold one record that has never been surpassed. I have been a delegate to over 200 conventions. Just 50 years ago, I think the date was August 6, 1858, I was nominated for County Clerk of Toga County. You know I have always held my voting residence in Oswego. Since then I have been one of Oswego's delegates to every state convention, every Congressional convention, and to a good proportion of the Senatorial and county conventions. Then, of course, I have attended the National conventions, except this last one. An old friend, who was down here the other day, figured that I had been a delegate at least 200 times. I think that is a great deal of time was wasted. Taft had everything his own way, and so did Bryan. The delegates cut no more figure than hired men. I went to every state to do and they did it. How different from the old days."

What do you think of Bryan's chances?

"Does anybody figure that he has a chance?" was the reply. "When Cleveland ran there was a militant Democracy. Since 1888 it has simply been a noisy mob, changing its opinion over night. This refers, of course, to the North. In the South the Democratic party is the same as it has always been. But in the North it has dwindled away to almost nothing."

"When Bryan hoisted the silver standard in 1888 he drove thousands and thousands of life-long Democrats into the Republican party. Most of them are there yet. And the younger generation that is growing up are Republicans. Do not forget that."

Weakness of Bryan.

"Take away Tammany Hall and the Brooklyn contingent and what does the Democratic party amount to in the North? It has not one United States Senator, only a few scattering Congressmen and a couple of state officers, elected because of their personal popularity rather than their political principles."

"Bryan will not gain votes in the East, and without the East he cannot win. I see he is quoted as saying that he can be elected without New York, but for my part I cannot figure it out."

"The trouble with Bryan is that he has been a defeated candidate too often. No matter what kind of a campaign he may make, the average votes will be bound to ask this question: 'If Bryan is elected, will he be the one issue, and later admitted he was wrong, how do we know he is right this year?'"

"In my opinion," added Mr. Platt, "you will find that Taft will gain strength as the campaign progresses. He has a united majority party behind him, while Bryan will not be able to control his own forces."

Defects of Oregon Idea.

Mr. Platt expressed interest in the mix-up in Oregon, which seems to indicate the election of Governor Chamberlain as Fulton's successor.

"It strikes me that the Oregon idea will never work out in practice," he said. "A United States Senator is a partisan, and should be a partisan. It really matters very little whether he is elected by the Legislature or by the vote of the people. Some prefer one system and some the other. But under our laws the majority is entitled to representation. The majority in Oregon are Republicans, and why should a Republican Legislature elect a Democratic Senator? This seems to be one of the 'new ideas' in politics, of which we hear so much, and which very few people really comprehend."

"As I understand the law, each party

holds primaries, and the man who receives the largest vote is the party candidate for Senator. Then at the time of the general election, the names of the party candidates are placed on the ballot, and everybody has another chance to vote. The man who leads this poll is the one the Legislature is bound to elect. Is that correct?"

The Senator was assured that this pledge applied to legislators who had signed Statement No. 1, and that a majority of such members had been elected.

"It is very poor politics," commented Mr. Platt. "Here is the vital error of such a scheme. A minority party has no contest because the outlook is hopeless. Their candidate lands on the ballot with a united party behind him. He has made no enemies, because the hopelessness of his quest has aroused no ambitions. In the majority party, two, three or four big men enter the race. Bitterness is aroused, charges are bandied about, the victory of one man angers the followers of his opponents. In an effort to get even, they vote for the minority nominee."

"Now I do not say that is what happened in Oregon, because I do not know. But I do say that the fiasco I have outlined is what would be likely to occur in the average state where either party had a fair sized majority of the vote."

"We can have non-partisan Mayors, but we cannot have non-partisan Congressmen, non-partisan United States Senators or non-partisan Presidents. Government requires a party, so that responsibility for blame can be fixed, if necessary."

Gives Way to Younger Men.

Mr. Platt expects to remain at the Oriental until the Fall. In December he will be in his seat at Washington for the short session, which winds up his term in the upper house.

"Oh no! I am not a candidate for reelection," he said. "Any man who has been in public life 50 years is entitled to a rest. Some younger, more active, man will take my place. I do not know who he will be. Woodruff is a candidate, and so are many others, believe."

Perhaps Mr. Platt was thinking of the time that he made Mr. Woodruff a political factor. "Jake" Worth, the Republican boss of Brooklyn, had a fight with Mr. Platt over the plans for the first "greater city" convention. Whereupon Mr. Platt asked for Mr. Woodruff, then an humble lieutenant of Mr. Worth, and gave him this memorable order:

"Cut the ground from under Jake's feet."

Mr. Woodruff did. That was in 1897. Now the man who "carried out orders" is trying to capture the seat at Washington, now filled by the man once called "the easy boss."

"There are many changes in politics, but it is a fascinating game—when you win," said the Senator, as he closed the interview.

GAGGED IN HER SLEEP

FAIR'S NEICE HAS MIDNIGHT FIGHT WITH BURGLARS.

Awakens to Find Man Grasping Her Throat—Screams Bring Help and Assailant Flees.

NEW YORK, July 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mabel Lefler Whitley, favorite niece of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, heiress to part of the Fair millions, was attacked by a masked intruder as she lay asleep in the home of her brother-in-law, Frank A. Leonard, in Caldwell, N. J., last night.

Four minutes after midnight, she is reported to have received \$200,000 of the Fair estate, was married to George Whitley, now a league baseball player. She is suing her husband for divorce and making her home with her sister, Mrs. Frank A. Leonard, in Caldwell.

Shortly after midnight last night she was awakened by feeling a man's hand clasp her throat and try to stuff a cloth into her mouth. Although almost strangled, she managed to attract the attention of her inmates, and the house by her muffled screams and the burglar fled.

LAUNCH SOUTH CAROLINA

Big Battleship Leaves Ways Without Hitch.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—A mid the din of steam whistles and shouts and the cheering of thousands of persons assembled to witness the event, the all-big-gun battleship South Carolina was launched at 12:05 P. M. today at Cramp's shipyard on the Delaware River.

As the latest addition to the American Navy slipped into the water Miss Frederica Calver Ansel, daughter of Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, broke the traditional bottle of wine against the prow of the great hull and gave the big sea-fighter its name. Surrounding the pretty girl stood a group including her father and his military staff, many officials of the Navy Department, the Commandant of the Philadelphia Navy yard, officials of the American fleet, and the Italian warship Ettore Ferramosca, now in port, and hundreds of other invited guests.

There was not a hitch to the launching. After the launching the christening party sat at a luncheon and the usual toasts to the new ship, to the President of the United States, to the Navy and to the fair sponsor of the ship were drunk.

The South Carolina is the second of the two all-big-gun battleships authorized by Congress, the other being the Michigan, which recently was launched at Camden, N. J.

The South Carolina has a length between perpendiculars of 490 feet, a breadth of 90 feet and her mean draft will be 24 feet 6 inches. Her normal displacement will be 15,000 tons and full-load displacement 17,000 tons. Her engines will have 17,000 horse power and a top speed of 18 1/2 knots. Her bunker capacity will be 2,000 tons. Her cost complete will be \$7,000,000.

The main battery will consist of eight 12-inch breech-loading rifles mounted in four turrets and so arranged that each gun can fire two shots a minute. These guns will be able to fire on either broadside and will permit 18 300-pound projectiles to be discharged every minute. She will also have a battery of 30 3-inch and smaller guns.

Fleet Salutes Transport.

ON BOARD U. S. S. CONNECTICUT, July 11.—The Atlantic fleet, under the command of Admiral Dewey, is now in latitude 32 1/2 north, longitude 128 1/2 west. The sea is smooth and the weather pleasant. The ship's crew are now attired in white. The usual fleet evolutions were performed today. At 2:30 the fleet passed the Army transport Sheridan and exchanged greetings. Otherwise the day was uneventful.

Yokohama's Fleet Plans.

TOKIO, July 11.—The Yokohama municipality has voted the sum of 15,000 yen to cover the expense of the entertainment to be given the officers and men of the American fleet while they are in the city. A reception committee of 15, which includes the mayor of the city, has been organized.

Canadian Pacific Excursion.

On July 22, 23, August 6, 7, 21 and 22, the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip excursion tickets to Eastern points at very low rates. For rates and full particulars apply at local office, 142 Third street.

D. C. Millett Dies Suddenly.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 11.—(Special.)—Daniel C. Millett, a well-known attorney of Chehalis, died suddenly at his home here this evening of heart disease.

PARKER FOR TICKET

Will Support Bryan and Asks Friends to Do Same.

SPEAKS HIS MIND FREELY

Says He Fought With All His Power Dangerous Centralization Policy and Will Do So in Future Conventions.

DENVER, July 11.—The exodus of delegates to the Democratic National Convention and visitors to the city, which began last evening within half an hour after the final adjournment, continued steadily throughout the night and today.

The Cook County (Illinois) Democracy was the first club to depart in a special train, and it was followed quickly by Tammany. Many delegates and thousands of tourists will make excursions to the mountains before returning home. A number of the New York delegates left for Yellowstone Park today.

Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, and other delegates-at-large and members of the New York delegation are leaving today for the East. Judge Parker was the central figure of groups in the hotel lobby today. He had him good-bye and congratulating him on the harmony and unanimity with which the platform was reported to the convention, despite the sharp differences which had developed between the conservative and radical elements. Judge Parker showed some dissent from the exuberance of these congratulations, and with much frankness said:

Content With Results.

"One thing is sure: I am going to support the ticket of Bryan and Kern, and want my friends to do the same thing. But I do not want to receive any credit under the slightest misapprehension of the facts. I think in all frankness, I should say that I resented in the platform committee any departure from our time-honored Democratic principle of the sovereign supremacy of the people within their borders or any committal of our party to the dangerous policy of the Roosevelt administration of a supreme and all-enveloping centralization of power in the Federal Government at Washington. I felt I owed it to my party and my convictions to make this fight against any attack on state home rule and having made it, I am content with the result."

"It is understood," said a representative of the press, who was present, "that while the platform was reported unanimously, you recorded with the chairman of the committee your dissent as to the provision on Federal action within state lines?"

Judge Parker hesitated a moment and then replied:

Will Fight Battle Again.

"I don't like any secrecy in public affairs and I don't mind telling you that I did record my dissent from the platform on account of this and certain other provisions. I proposed to fight this battle over again in some later convention. The situation was just this: I and a few others went into the platform committee to fight the members of the committee who were members on the question of resisting Federal encroachments on state home rule. We were thus confronted with a marked difference of view. But let me say that throughout the long and trying sessions of the committee there was never any variation from the utmost good feeling among the members. The spirit that gets away always prevailed, and I made me feel glad that I had attended the convention. It also gave me the point of view of those having honest differences of opinion with me on the questions of moment. While some of the contentions urged by part of my associates were contrary to those of my education and belief, yet I could not but feel that they were as sincere and honest in their convictions as I in mine. The one dominating sentiment was to formulate a platform which would state honestly and to the public the views of its framers."

It was suggested to Judge Parker that since he had dissented from this provision of the platform, he and his friends might hesitate to support the ticket.

Intend to Be Consistent.

"Not at all," he replied. "On the contrary, we will give our loyal support to the action of the convention and in this our action will be entirely consistent. We have already accomplished a great deal, for the vote in the committee showed the very narrow margin of only four votes against us on this most important provision on which we differed. On the other hand, the Roosevelt Administration and its unwavering support is committed to Federal domination over the states. Our choice is therefore plain. It is with the party whose traditions are for the defense of the states against Federal encroachment. We not only support the ticket but our only hope of preserving the status quo on these doctrines is to elect a Democratic President."

He felt as I do will understand that a Republican Senate will never consent to turn over to a Democratic President any further extension of power. And this, in the present situation, will be continued until we shall have another opportunity to fight another battle within party lines."

TO SACRIFICE CANDIDATES

Democratic State Central Committee Wants Full Ticket in Field.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 11.—In a call issued to members of the Democratic State Central Committee, Chairman George P. Wright urges them to meet and confer as to candidates, saying: "From present indications it appears that there is not likely to be a full ticket filed by representatives of our party in this state. We believe it is the duty of the State Central Committee that a full state ticket be filed, which as far as we know at the present time seems unlikely, unless this step be taken."

WILL VISIT OYSTER BAY

Bourne Invited by President to Spend Day With Him.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 11.—Senator Bourne has returned to Washington from a week spent in the North. At the invitation of the President, he will spend a day at Oyster Bay, his call being purely personal. He also witnessed the boat races at Schenectady, and spent the rest of the week on the Hudson. He expects to leave in a few days for Bar Harbor.

Bad Blood

Is the cause of all humors, eruptions, boils, pimples, scrofulous sores, eczema or salt rheum, as well as of rheumatism, catarrh and other troubles. The greatest blood remedy for all these troubles, proved by its unequalled record of cures, is

Hood's Sarsaparilla

In usual liquid form or in chocolate tablets known as Sarsaparilla, 100 doses \$1.

—how to get a suit for half price

Very simple indeed. If you will stop for a moment and think. The so-called high-class Portland tailor charges you \$50 for a suit of clothes. Columbia Tailors would make the same suit, with the same material, with the same workmanship, for less than \$40. At the present time, the Columbia Tailors are selling everything at a 25 per cent discount. This means that you may buy that same suit for less than \$30. Almost enough less to enable you to get a Columbia Tailored suit, as good in every detail as the afore-mentioned \$50 suit, for just about one-half what the

A GIRL PLAYS BOY

Runs Away and Works on Railroad Dining-Cars.

PENITENT, WILL GO HOME

Melwood Kemptmaster, of San Francisco, Wears of Home and Dons Male Attire—Detected, She Confesses Sins to Judge.

OMAHA, July 11.—(Special.)—Unhappy home relations led Melwood Kemptmaster, a 17-year-old San Francisco maiden, to seek employment on dining-cars, dressed as a boy. A few days ago the runaway was arrested in Omaha on a charge of vagrancy. Today the Police Judge, after she had admitted his guess was correct, told her to assume her own attire and return to her home.

Melwood told the Judge she had planned for months to escape from conditions at her home, which she said were irksome. She would have been willing, she said, to elope if the right young man had come along and offered himself. Alone, however, she saw no chance to roam the world, and the plan of wearing trousers. She applied for a position on a dining car and was accepted, and it was several months before her sex was discovered. Then she was dropped from the payroll and from the train.

Discouraged and penitent, the girl broke down and told the Judge she was willing to go back home.

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SANGERFEST AT REGATTA

Attractive Feature Will Be Repeated at Astoria in August.

ASTORIA, July 11.—(Special.)—One of the most attractive features of last year's regatta was the sangerfest under the auspices of the Norwegian Singing Societies of the Pacific Coast, and arrangements are now being perfected for holding another sangerfest during the coming regatta in August. J. O. Berg, leader of the Scandinavian singing societies of Portland, comprising three Norwegian and Swedish organizations, was here recently to confer with the committee of the local Norwegian Singing Society, with the result that the Portland organizations

will unite with the Astoria society in holding a sangerfest here. The concert will be under the direction of Dr. Emil Enna, of Portland.

WAIT TILL SUMMER'S OVER

No Decision About Remaining Oregon Land-Fraud Cases.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 11.—Inquiries at the Department of Justice fail to bring forth any definite information regarding the programme for clearing up the remaining land-fraud cases in Oregon, particularly the Herman case and the trial of Williamson. It is admitted that these matters have been under consideration, but it is said that arrangements for these trials are left to the Solicitor-General, who is away on a vacation and not expected to return to Washington until some time in August.

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"high class" tailor would charge you. There is still another argument in our favor. A great many young men seem to prefer ready-made suits to tailor-made. Why? One reason is that they believe they can get them for less money. This is wrong. By our present 25 per cent discount offer, you may have as good a suit as a tailor can make for as little and less than you could buy the same suit ready made. And, look at the difference in fit, wearing qualities and style, to say nothing of material and workmanship. Be a tailor-made man and people will think as much more of you as you will think of yourself. Why wear hand-me-downs all your life? The best-dressed people wear tailor-made clothing. So should you.

Very simple indeed. If you will stop for a moment and think. The so-called high-class Portland tailor charges you \$50 for a suit of clothes. Columbia Tailors would make the same suit, with the same material, with the same workmanship, for less than