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THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

Five state and territorial democratic conventions were held week before last, and 96 more delegates were elected to the national democratic convention. About two-thirds of the delegates to that body have now been chosen—656 out of a total membership of 994. Yet it cannot be said that the convention's choice of a presidential candidate is any more definitely foreshadowed. From the beginning of the contest it has been Judge Parker against the field. The aggressive national canvass made by W. R. Hearst last spring alarmed conservative Democrats everywhere. For a time the chief concern of the conservative leaders was, as Mr. Cleveland put it, to "stifle" the aspirations of the young, ambitious and radical New York congressman. Judge Parker seemed, three months ago, the most hopeful and available candidate about whom the frightened conservatives could rally. The pressure of the Hearst boom, rather than his own power of leadership and attraction, gave substance and momentum to Judge Parker's canvass. Now it is clear to every one that the Hearst movement has spent its force. The conservatives are almost certain to have a two-thirds majority in the national convention. The necessity for union no longer remains. No single candidacy is now essential to conservative safety. The anti-radical delegates are free to divide among themselves, and, the pressure from without relieved, the anti-radical forces are gradually dissolving into opposing groups, each group maneuvering to control the party's final action at St. Louis.

The break-up in the conservative ranks is emphasized by the results of last week's balloting for delegates. Eight weeks ago instructions for Parker would have carried in Georgia by an almost unanimous vote; but the convention at Atlanta last Wednesday passed a half-hearted and equivocal resolution of instructions by the narrowest of margins. The division was 166 1-4 for and 157 3-4 against. No other convention held last week instructed for the chief judge. Wyoming instructed for Hearst, and Michigan, Nebraska and Oklahoma chose uninstructed delegations. Of the 96 delegates chosen Judge Parker got only 26. Mr. Hearst got 10, and the rest go into the uncommitted column. On the surface, therefore, the week was clearly a losing one for the Parker managers.

So far, of 656 delegates chosen, 202—or less than one-third—are instructed for or committed to Judge Parker. Three hundred and thirty-eight delegates are still to be chosen. Should Judge Parker capture them all he would have a total of 540—123 votes short of a two-thirds majority; but in the states and territories still to elect his managers will be fortunate to get 100 instructed delegates. They are likely to carry Mississippi, with 20 votes; Vermont, with 8 votes and Louisiana with 18 votes. In North Carolina with 24 votes and Kentucky with 26 votes, delegations more or less friendly to Judge Parker will probably be chosen; but in Texas, Arkansas and Missouri the indications are that uncommitted delegations will be elected. Virginia is as friendly to Mr. Gorman's candidacy as it is to Judge Parker's. Delaware may or may not instruct for Judge Gray. Colorado, Utah, Hawaii, Illinois, North Dakota and the Indian territory are apparently committed to radical policies. Minnesota and Idaho are being fought for by the Parker managers, with the chances more against them than in their favor.

Granting Judge Parker 125 votes in the states and territories still to elect, his total will rise to 327—less than a third of the membership of the convention. The radical strength will be a little less than his, and, even should he gain from a third to a half of the uninstructed vote, he would still fall far short of a nomination. It is clearly within the power of Senator Gorman, James M. Guffey, James Smith, Jr., Francis M. Cockrell, Edward C. Wall and half a dozen other democratic leaders to block Judge Parker's progress and to force the selection of some other conservative candidate. Whether they will exert that power or not is still to be determined. All indications point, however, to a protracted and an exciting struggle at St. Louis.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

The next legislature will be made up of one more republican than the last legislature. In the upper house there will be but six democrats—Miller of Linn, Coshov of Douglas, who defeated Senator Marsters, Avery of Benton, Pierce of Morrow, Umatilla of Union and C. J. Smith of Umatilla. The defeat of Senator Marsters for re-election was a decided surprise, as he had long been prominent in politics. The independent republicans joined with the democrats in the fight against him.

In the lower house there will be 11 democrats—Cavender, Blackburn and Munkers of Linn, Burns of Coos and Curry, who will find a namesake from Clatsop on his side of the house; Smith of Josephine, the silver-tongued orator who presented the Hearst resolutions at the state convention; Fawk of Polk, who was supposed to have been defeated, but who was shown by the official count to have won by six votes; Calwell of Yamhill, Burns and Laws of Clatsop and Blakeley and Chamberlain of Umatilla.

There will be one independent republican in the senate—C. W. Nottingham of Multnomah, who defeated A. A. Courtney.

The total republican strength will be 72, while the democratic lineup will be 17, in both houses. Nottingham will probably work with the republicans. Were it not for the governor and his veto power, the democrats would have scant show in the conduct of affairs at Salem next winter.

New York is in fairly close communication with Oregon, through the medium of the telegraph and the mails, yet events that transpire here are frequently made public in New York in such manner as to absolutely change the meaning of things. The New York Commercial of June 4 expresses itself editorially with reference to the Oregon election, then two days off, and concludes with the opinion that the result in this state would be of interest because of the fact that Oregon had sent a solid Hearst delegation to St. Louis. As a matter of fact, the men chosen at the state democratic convention to represent Oregon at the national convention are all conservatives, and the effort to indorse Mr. Hearst failed utterly.

General Kuropatkin is a crack marksman. When he was minister of war, during a tour of inspection he visited Sebastopol and strolled with the commandant along the boulevard, where there was a shooting saloon. His host invited him to a contest, and the minister accepted, each to fire 10 shots with a revolver at 15 paces, the target being a piece of white cardboard about the size of a small cigarette case. With a revolver the general put all his 10 shots into the target, to the complete discomfiture of the other competitor, and when a similar target was put up 10 paces further off he repeated the performance with the rifle.

The deepest sounding ever made by any vessel was by the United States ship Nero, while on the Honolulu-Manila cable survey. When near Guam the Nero got 5269 fathoms, or 31,614 feet, only 66 feet less than six miles. If Mount Everest, the highest mountain on earth, were set down in this hole, it would have above its summit a depth of 2612 feet, or nearly half a mile of water.

The sudden death of Lieutenant Bower, U. S. A., who was killed by a bolt of lightning at Fort Leavenworth, deprives the army of one of its most promising young officers. Sympathy will go out to the relatives of the young man, and as well to his fiancée, Miss Mae Nickerson, one of the fairest and most deservedly popular young women of the coast.

An Olympia (Wash.) woman has been treed by a mad bull. The incident is interesting as showing that, after all, women are really capable of being treed.

W. E. Whitman has bought the Ilwaco Journal. He will conduct a democratic paper hereafter. The Journal had been republican for many years.

The Baltimore thief, who returned several thousand dollars' worth of stock, doubtless wished to insult Mr. Morgan.

The Manchurian climate is frigid, but the Russians manage to keep in hote water there.

The Panama canal transfer was signed at Paris. Can it be that there is an ill omen in that?

When the fop sees himself as others see him, he believes in optical delusions.

It has recently been discovered that steel has a remarkable affinity for water.

Has the mantle of Herbert Spencer fallen on George Fred Williams?

Does the present Attorney General Knox the trusts?

Some of the captains of industry have lost their commissions.

JUST FOR INSTANCE.

The Tale of Jupiter Brown.
 Brown walked across the campus and threw himself into a seat in the most remote corner. Troubles were after Jupiter Brown! Back in the Latin room an old professor had just said to him: "You have the making of a good student in you, Brown—you have it in you, sir, and the next thing, by gad! sir, is to get it out!" Brown, when once comfortably seated with his newly-filled pipe between his lips—Brown smoked Duke's mixture in a ten-dollar pipe—said to himself that the professor could go where they never spoke Latin and have fried out of him all there was in his withered carcass.

Then Brown began to think. Brown had a habit of thinking at times, notwithstanding the fact that he was an athlete. His thoughts ran through several channels. He determined to learn Latin and sling it at that professor in an endless stream with a perfect accent. Thinking was not good for Brown—besides, the day was hot. Brown went to sleep!

When he awoke he gasped! His pipe was still between his lips! He had on the same clothes! He was still Jupiter Brown, '04 Yale! But this wasn't Yale! There were classical looking buildings! There was a host of men dressed in flowing robes. Even as he looked there passed near by six slaves carrying what looked to Brown like the door of a side-entrance Pullman. And on the door there was a Being that Brown knew was a woman! Brown could always tell a woman when he saw one!

The Being gave Brown one look, turned white, screamed to the slaves, who looked in turn, and then the slaves aforesaid carried their precious burden down the stretch of paving stones on a run!

A few minutes later Brown saw a file of men approaching, led by a man in a short skirt. The man carried what looked like a spear! Brown's flesh began to creep, and at the same time he glanced behind him. He saw a great building filled with a concourse of people. In the center a man was declaiming. Brown listened.

"O, tempora! O, Mores!" said the man.

"Thank goodness," said Brown, "I am in ancient Rome!"
 Meanwhile the file of men approached. The leader halted them at a short distance. He didn't know exactly whether to arrest Brown for a suspicious character or worship him for a God! More people began to notice Brown. Soon there was a crowd before him. In time the crowd parted, and through it strode a man of majestic bearing. Brown gave a glad cry of recognition! Brown knew him! He was Julius Caesar!

Jupiter Brown rose to his feet! An inspiration had come like a flash to his mind.

"Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres," began Brown. Then he stopped. These people did not understand him! And yet this was Rome! And then, like another flash came a second fact to Brown's mind.

He had been speaking Latin with the English accent!

(To be continued.)

McCULLLEY.

A Chinaman employed at the McGowan cannery in Ilwaco had an experience last week that may cost him his life. He was engaged in cutting tin on a chip dye when two good-sized pieces of tin struck him in the mouth, and before he could extract them one went down his throat. He was at once hurried up town to Dr. Kennedy's office, where proper relief was administered. At last accounts he was suffering considerable pain, but was still among the living.

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