

THE DENVER CONVENTION LEAGUE

Not a Political Organization—World of Detail in Preparations for Democratic National Convention Which Will Be Held Next July

DENVER, Col., April 25.—Political affiliations do not figure in the elaborate preparations that are under way in Denver for the entertainment of the delegates to the Democratic national convention, which convenes in the new Auditorium next July. The one idea in the minds of the citizens of Colorado's capital is to make the convention a success. The huge sum of \$100,000 was raised by the people of Denver to bring the convention here, and men of every political faith contributed as liberally as they were able.

To understand how determined the people of Denver are to make the convention a success it is necessary only to state that the committee consisting of prominent business and professional men is in active charge of the local details. This organization is known as the Denver convention league, and it is working with and under the authority of a sub-committee of the Democratic national committee, the arrangements of which former Governor John E. Osborne of Wyoming is the head.

Denver has a unique organization known as the Denver Convention League. C. M. Day, representative of the Adams Express company in Denver, is president of this organization. The first of the league is to secure conventions for Denver, and it was a committee from this organization that secured Washington and induced the national committee to select Denver as the next meeting place for Democracy.

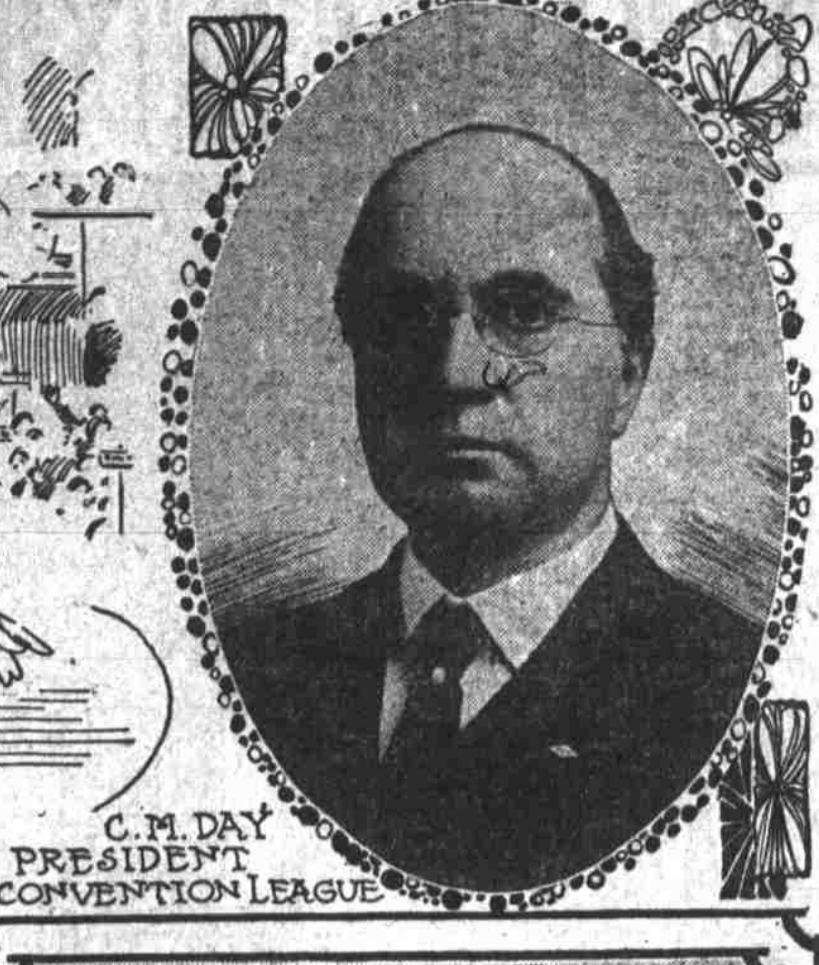
After the convention was assured for Denver the league named a committee of five prominent Democrats of Denver to work with the national committee in looking after the world of details that go with preparations for such an important gathering. Charles W. Franklin, a prominent attorney of Denver, was made chairman of this committee, which is officially styled the Denver committee, Democratic national committee.

Mr. Franklin's associates are Mayor Robert W. Speer of Denver, Henry E. Imeson, a commissioner of supplies for the city, Charles F. Wilson, city auditor, and John F. Shafrath, former congressman from Colorado. President Day and Secretary W. E. Miller of the Convention League are ex-officio members of this committee. They are with Republicans as well as Democrats as much interest in the preparations for the gathering as are the Democratic members of the committee. Had Denver secured the Republican national convention, members of that party would have been selected to serve on the committee.

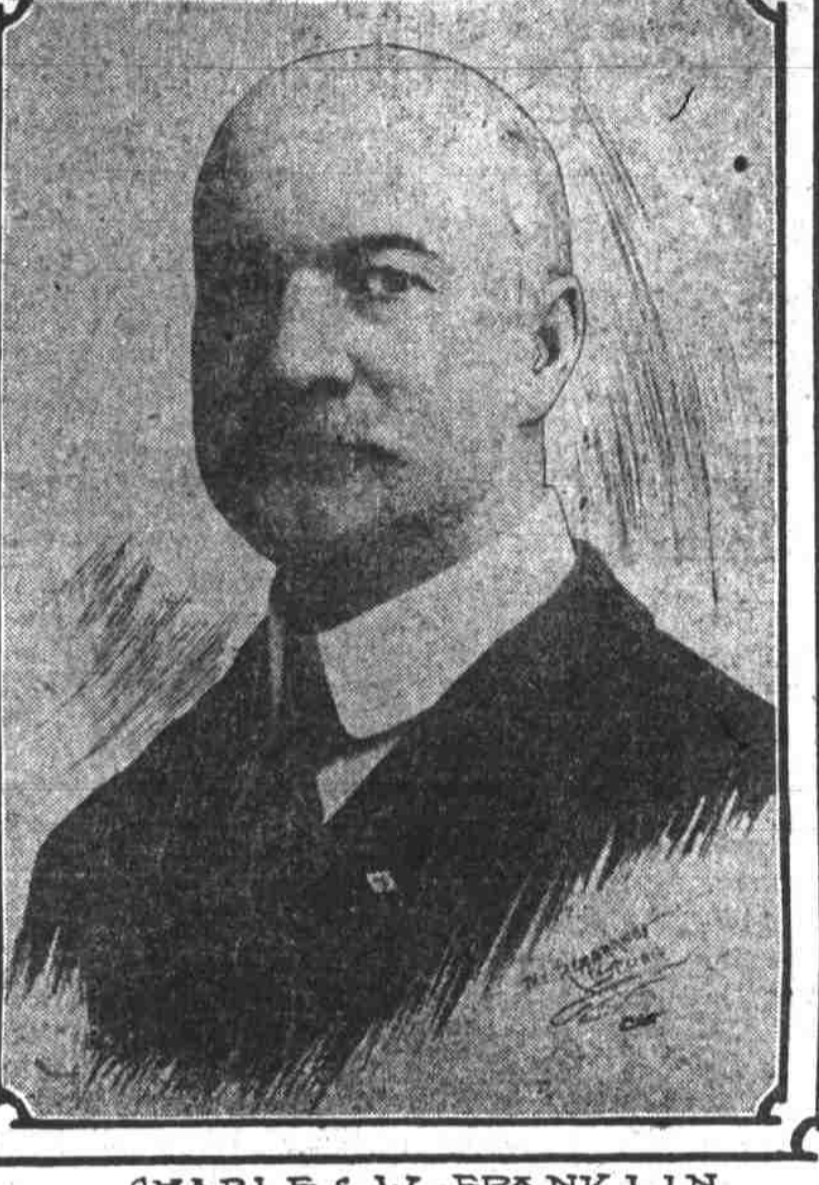
It will be seen, therefore, that Denver



MAYOR ROBT. W. SPEER OF DENVER, COL.



C.M. DAY PRESIDENT CONVENTION LEAGUE



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THE SULTAN AND THE SECRET OF HIS POWER

The following sketch of the sultan and his diplomatic methods will read with unusual interest in view of the present complication in Macedonia. It is furnished by a distinguished orientalist at Constantinople who has an intimate knowledge of his subject.

RARELY has a young sovereign been in a more desperate and apparently hopeless position than Abd-ul-Hamid occupied in the third years of his reign, 1878. His armies had been utterly beaten in a great war. His people had no confidence in their country, or their future, or their sultan. Prophecies were widely current about 1878-1882 identifying him as the last sultan of Turkey and the consummator of its ruin. The treasury was almost bankrupt. He himself had, and still has, a dislike and fear of ships, which paralyzed his fleet during the war that had just ended, and has ever since left it to rot in idleness. There is at the present day probably not a Turkish ship of war that could venture to cross the Aegean sea in the calmest day of summer.

Secret of His Power.

The sultan alone in Turkey did not despair. He alone saw how the power of the sultans could be restored. And 28 years after he seemed to be near the end of a disastrous and short reign he is still on the throne, absolute autocrat to a degree that hardly even the greatest of the sultans before him attained. These close communion with the remotest corners of the Mohammedan world from the east of Asia to the west of Africa, and the possession of the Moslem lands where the name of no former sultan was known or heeded, courted by at least one leading power in Europe and by the great American republic.

OUR NEED OF AFFINITY CLUBS--By Ella Wheeler

SOMETHING less than a year ago a man died. Death cheated the divorce court of one more scandal, and a deserted wife and troubled children, old enough to feel the humiliation of the situation, were saved the shame of seeing columns of personal details relating to their parents' unhappiness published in the daily press. The simple obituary announcing the man's death was less painful reading to divorces and their children, and a young woman "affinity" was named as co-representant.

But before the case came to trial the man died. It is said that the young woman bears the look of one stricken with deep sorrow, and that she is a woman of a certain type. During the time when she knew that she was named as the co-representant in the case she showed a degree of self-control, indeed, there was triumph and satisfaction in her demeanor, and she made no disguise of the fact that she expected to be the happy wife of another woman's husband as soon as the divorce was obtained.

beginning of his reign what only a few even yet dimly comprehend, the power which unusual interest in view of the present complication in Macedonia. It is furnished by a distinguished orientalist at Constantinople who has an intimate knowledge of his subject.

One naturally asks whether this result was gained through the strength of a real religious fervor or through the clever playing of an astute and purely selfish game. While there may have been something of both elements, I do not doubt that there has a good deal of religious enthusiasm or fanaticism; the first idea could never have been struck out without the inspiration of strong religious feeling.

It is said that about 1880 by those who were in a position to know best—no one has ever been in a position to have quite certain knowledge in Constantinople—when the sultan was in the Dervish of the class called vulgarly the howling, and that when (as was often the case) he was in the city, he summoned to a council had to wait four or five hours for the sultan to appear, he was in a inner room with a circle of other ministers of the state, and the name of Allah and working up the ecstatic condition in which it should be revealed what he would do. I do not doubt that the great idea of appealing to the world of Islam was struck out in some such manner, and that the sultan was not a former sultan was known or heeded, courted by at least one leading power in Europe and by the great American republic.

There is scarcely one attractive young woman grown into the twenties who has not been the recipient of some man's confidences about his domestic life. It speaks well for our young women that so small a percentage of them have separated husbands and wives who have talked such husbands into a reasoning frame of mind and aroused in them an interest in the man's life as to the situation with philosophy.

It is, curiously enough, almost universal among the men of the world, his affinity ready to act as understudy in the play where the wife has missed her role. I do not believe it is incumbent upon a man to live with a wife who makes his home a hell upon earth. But it is a curious and a rather common thing to live for decades of time with wives who seem perfectly satisfactory to them as comrades until they encounter a younger woman, who appears in the guise of a soul mate. And immediately the wife of the man yearns, according to his story, to develop an impossible character. And he is certain that to do his best as a man and a citizen he must possess the most perfect of wives.

the sultan was flattered up to believe that he had only to go into Egypt and resume possession, and that the English would never resist. The Englishman remarked: "But you know better than that, and of course you give better advice when the sultan asks your opinion. 'God forbid,' was the reply, 'that I should say to the sultan anything except what he wishes me to say. No! when he asks me, I reply that of course the master of a million of soldiers has no right to be a sultan, and I do this. The sultan is pleased with me, and signs some paper that may be worth 10,000 piastres to me.'"

English vs. German Methods.

The sultan hates England with a permanent and ineradicable hatred; this feeling dominates and colors his whole policy; it is only for that reason that he tolerates Germany, which otherwise he dislikes. England has always been the friend of the reform party in Turkey, and the sultan is the great enemy of the reform party in Turkey. The sultan's policy is to enable her to guarantee Turkey against Russia in Asia Minor, but really against Russia in Asia Minor was abandoned in 1880, and yet England kept Cyprus. Now to the sultan the sultan's policy is to enable her to guarantee Turkey against Russia in Asia Minor, but really against Russia in Asia Minor was abandoned in 1880, and yet England kept Cyprus.

Electric in Washington.

At Washington more electric automobiles are to be seen than are likely to be found anywhere outside of an international congress of electric automobile manufacturers. They are mostly of the one-seated type and they sneak about in a dignified way, and so are rather typical of the city. Washington always gives the stranger the impression of being rather uninteresting, but the electric cars, wherever of the many electric automobiles was explained to a wondering person by the driver, who said: "You don't see a lot of heavy trucks in Washington and the pavements are all smooth and in fine condition. That's the sort of going that the electric car needs." "There aren't a lot of ruts in the streets. There isn't anything like a jarring and shaken up, like being jared and shaken up, in the Washington streets are conducive to the long life of the electric car."

A Rebuke.

The Harvard Crimson, which is a thunderer in its own way, the other day came out as follows: "At the risk of assuming trivial we desire to call attention to a peculiar manner in which certain ambitious students are endeavoring to secure a generous return on their investment for membership in the union. These thrifty individuals are consuming vast quantities of writing paper stamped with the union crest in writing these and taking notes. 'Possibly these offenders are acting through ignorance, but we are quite sure that their own newspapers would be used for such a purpose. In the slight saving in stationery bills sufficient compensation can be had to accompany such a petty breach of good taste.'"

W.F.R. MILLS, SECRETARY DENVER COMMITTEE

tying the sultan's private purse into the lap of the European bondholders. The sultan, therefore, welcomed the German intervention, for the Germans encouraged him to govern as he pleased. They even persuaded him that railways were necessary for military efficiency, and showed that the Hedjaz railway must be the foundation of his Khilafat. Yet the railways that he has founded, and the Moslem schools he has founded, are the surest means of educating his people, and education is the inevitable enemy of autocracy.

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Famous Diamond in Hiding.

From the Fall Mall Gazette. If the Regent diamond, as shown in the Louvre, is only a model in paste, and the real stone is hidden away, it is a case of history repeating itself. In 1787, when the Regent diamond was pawned for house furniture to Vandenberg, a banker of Amsterdam, and he was ransomed with upon the danger of exhibiting it to the public, he hid it in a glass case in the east Regent is in my wife's stay."

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GRINDING OUT PENNY DREADFULS--How College Men Make Money Producing Cheap Melodramas for Publishing Houses

THE HARVARD man who is depositing himself to the composition of the cheapest melodramas is not the only college man who makes his living writing "thrillers." According to the statement of the largest publishers of the "Dime Novel," the mantle of Nick Carter and "Old King" Brady has fallen on a young and active staff made up entirely of college graduates, who turn out penny dreadfuls quite as lurid as those of the original "Old Sleuth" himself.

Clerk Became a Thriller.

An interesting story is told of Du Bolsogobey's beginning as an author. Alexander Dumas, the younger, after writing "Camille" was at the height of his fame, but his profits or rather his publishers, had been sadly cut into by the Gaboriau "thrillers."

Only Girl in 90 Miles.

From the Los Angeles Times. Miss May Ferrington, now attending the Girls' Collegiate school in Los Angeles, lives a part of each year on her father's great ranch, near the town of Mono county, on the border of the Yosemite Park, and she is the only girl within a radius of 90 miles.

Just Wanted a General Idea. An American speeding over the continent of Europe in his automobile asked of his chauffeur: "Where are we?" "In France," replied the man at the wheel, and the dust flew. "Oh, never mind the details," truthfully screamed the American millionaire, "mean what continent."

publishing Houses present there is a dispute as to what the rate is. The publishers say they are paying their staff of college men to produce the old regulation prices, while the men who have grown gray in the business say that the rate is not as low as \$25 for a 40,000-word story.

Just who is writing—or probably more correctly, who is producing—Nick Carter stories today? Publishers are not willing to tell. As they explain, they have competitors in the business. The weekly capacity of a 40,000-word novel weekly and keep it up year in and year out are rather scarce. As for the men themselves, they don't seem inclined to boast about it either. Nick Carter and several men who have been called "Old King Brady" and "Young King Brady" and all of their kind.

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Old Sleuth's Salary.

About the highest salary for this kind of work was that received by the "Old Sleuth" himself, who was known to draw \$12,000 yearly for his compositions. The usual salary was \$10 a week, and publishers would frequently offer \$150 to get the man they wanted. At