

BREWERED STOCK

men who sit around the Pompeian room in the Annex really were dug up at Pompeii.

It is all a fine, decorous, strictly commercial affair, although there is a good stock of canned enthusiasm in a warehouse near the Coliseum, to be opened at intervals, on convention days.

The fact of it in the president has organized a convention trust, of which he is all the officers and the board of directors, holding all the stock and declaring dividends. He is a monopoly. He is a combination in restraint of trade which the colored brethren hoped to do but couldn't, because the market was overstocked when they came along.

It has been a pathetic spectacle. Many an old warhorse of the Republican party has wept bitter tears into his highballs while recounting the indignities that have been thrust on himself and his stable companions. It has been the toughest year for old war horses the country of the party has ever known.

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There is much indignation. It is unprecedented to have a president grab the party and grab off a convention and dictate every detail of a grand, free and untrammelled gathering of unaffiliated patriots who have sought to confer with one another and to select a candidate and a platform that shall both redound to the highest good of our great country.

Being a politician, the president has played politics. His work was easier than it seemed. All he had to do was to have a bunch of elderly politicians, political hacks, each one clamoring for the center of the stage, all the advance notices and the sole right to bring "love letters" to the president.

Just now the allies, still a little trembly in the knees, are beginning to boast what they will do to the platform. They are going to stand on the platform. It must be safe and sane. They will not allow any incendiary doctrines in that important document.

Thus, on the verge, the brink, so to speak, of a momentous political gathering at one of the most momentous times to hear the statesmen talk we have experienced since—well, since the latest one, four years ago, there are a few thousand perspiring people in Chicago, each one acting as a registering machine for Mr. Roosevelt's name and around and trying to get excited over anything, any little thing concerning which there is a glimmer of hope.

Frank Hitchcock stalks moodily through the throng, holding his immobile face in position, a grand exercise of will power. It was an unhappy day for Hitchcock's face when somebody told him he resembled a sphinx.

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HISTORY OF REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

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Tribune was heading the movement for a new party, and he seized upon Boston as the place for the convention. Other states followed the example of Michigan and in May the first Republican state convention in Illinois was held at Bloomington. Upon that occasion Abraham Lincoln made a speech which ranks with the greatest orations of all time.

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Between February and June there was evidence that the north and west were inclining toward the new party with even greater enthusiasm than was expected. Thus it was that many of the delegates to the convention of 1856 believed that the candidates they named surely would be elected.

While the convention was attended by delegates from all the free states and from Delaware, Kentucky and Virginia, the most important work of the call from Pittsburgh had contemplated a meeting of delegates on the basis of representation which now obtains in each state to have twice as many delegates as it had votes in the electoral college.

Candidates were selected by taking an "informal ballot" in which every delegate voted as he pleased. This was followed by a "formal ballot" in which the convention was officially expressed. The informal ballot was a kind of "get-together" test which would not be tolerated in these days of advanced political organization.

The contest for vice-president was settled as easily by the nomination of William L. Dayton of New Jersey. On the strength of this nomination he received 253 votes to the 110 cast for Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was a dark horse of the deepest hue in that convention. The delegates knew of him as a great speaker, but even Illinois did not consider him big enough for national party honors.

When Lincoln's name was being placed before the convention by a Pennsylvanian who was praising the rail splitter's oratory, an Ohio man called out: "Can he fight?" the reply was: "Yes. Have I not told you he was from Kentucky? He's strong mentally, he's strong physically, he's strong every way."

Whether Lincoln would have given the ticket enough additional strength to have carried Illinois and Pennsylvania is a question for fruitless speculation, but in the light of past events it is doubtful if the elevation of Fremont to the office of president at that time would have helped the country. The people were not at all ripe for the great revolution of the election of 1860.

STORY OF LINCOLN

If the Republican party in its first national convention was making a mistake by deferring Abraham Lincoln for the nomination for vice-president, the one man in the country at that time who farthest from so thinking was C. Whitney. Lincoln was "riding the circuit" with the other lawyers in the wake of Judge Davis. They were quarreled at the leading hotel in Urbana, Ill. The hotel possessed an extremely irritating bit of sounding brass in the form of a gong. The breakfast room disturbed the early morning slumbers of the gentlemen of the bar, and they decided to abate the nuisance. Lincoln was selected by a majority vote to silence that gong forever. There was but one way to do that. Therefore Mr. Lincoln left the courtroom a little earlier than usual before the noon adjournment. He went to the hotel, slipped

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