



# DOWN HAS HIS FINGER ON BUTTON

### That Is What the Wise Ones Are Saying of Democratic Possibilities in the Line of Machinery Starting Power.

### But One Must Consider This Forecast as Opinion of Advance Guard, Which Always Makes More or Less Rash Guesses.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Col., June 27.—Theodore A. Bell was formally named as temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention by the sub-committee this afternoon.

By John E. Nevin.

(Staff Correspondent of United Press.) Denver, Colo., June 27.—That Bryan will press the button and the convention will do the rest is the impression prevailing among the delegates who are already on the ground for Democracy's big quadrennial gathering. True it is that most of the advance guard are ardent Bryan adherents. As yet no representative of the so-called conservative wing of the party has put in an appearance and none is looked for before the end of next week.

Nearly every member of the national committee now here stopped at Lincoln square and held private council with Bryan. All bear evidence of having imbibed inspiration from the broad sweeps of alfalfa-bearing land which surround Palmer Bryan's home at Fairview. While from the east there are mutterings of a storm and the friends of standard-bearer Woodson are to the Bryan control of the party declare they will brook his nomination, there is little here to indicate that any one but Bryan will be in the running when the delegates actually assemble in the big new auditorium.

**Bryan Is Strong.**  
Every committee man who talked with Bryan positively declares that the Comconer has more than the required two-thirds of the delegates. They say that, standing in opposition to the Bryan nomination, the first ballot will be a landslide. They believe that the delegates actually assembled in the big new auditorium.

**No Disposition to Fight.**  
There is no disposition to fight anyone or anything in the way he expressed it. "We have an splendid chance to win, and there is a feeling that Bryan should make concessions in the interest of harmony. The platform will be a clear, decisive document, which will put the party squarely on record on every question of national importance. There will be no dodging or straddling. There will be no steam roller at the convention. There will be no "one-man show" and this sentiment is echoed by the other committeemen here who lounge about the hotel lobbies and discuss the chances of various vice-presidential possibilities and the platform suggestions they carry from their several localities.

Although the local boosters for the boom of Governor Johnson of Minnesota felt that he would be elected on the first ballot and 12 additional on the second, an intimation comes from Johnson's own state that he may not even be placed in nomination. The Bryan men, when apprised of the Johnson claims, merely grinned and declared that the Democrats had been "affected by the heat."

**Johnson Headquarters.**  
Frederick B. Lynch, who is managing the Johnson campaign, has opened headquarters for the Minnesota candidate at the hotel Monday. He declares that his candidate is by no means out of it, and, in fact, is fully as enthusiastic as were the managers of the "allies" before the roll was called at Chicago.

The Bryan men here now are doing nothing to estrange the Johnson followers. They would like to use them. "Bryan and Johnson" has a strong ring to it and they are said to have secret hopes that the governor will not persist in his refusal to take second place on the ticket after the first ballot for the presidency in the west.

It is argued that his name would bring to the ticket in the east the same strength that Bryan's does in the west. Another man that would be a Bryan man for second place is Judge George Gray of Delaware, himself a candidate for the highest honors. Beloved by the laboring men, with a record for sturdy, stern uprightness second to none, Delaware's favorite son is talked of in terms of higher esteem.

**Mitchell in Running.**  
Next in order of selection with the controlling wing of the party as Bryan's running mate is John Mitchell, late President of the United Mine-workers. He has many friends within the party who say that if drafted he would not be the sort of man to run from the fight.

Norman E. Mack, Buffalo editor and national committeeman, chants in season and out of season, the praises of Cleveland. He is a member of the New York, and declares the Empire state delegation will be behind him. But in opposition to this there arrived today a rumor from a New Yorker, National Committeeman Johnson of Texas hit the town today with a halloo labeled, "Francis Burton Harrison."

Charles F. Towne, now a New York lawyer, Governor Joseph W. Folk of

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# HETTY GREEN VICTIM OF SOCIETY AND VERSE



Mrs. Hetty Green and a friend she entertained before the versmith spoiled her joy at entering society.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, June 27.—Since Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, has broken away from her 16 cent meals and taken to the "fancy" tangles of silk-lace society, she has been a victim of the verse smith. Here is his latest work:

Oh Hetty Green, Oh Hetty Green,  
Why do I hate you so?  
Oh Hetty Green, your face I've seen!  
(Now I scowle your dough.)

Society I know is tough,  
Your dough I know is tougher,  
If I did show your check or two,  
My teeth would be the rougher.

For Hetty you are not the "good,"  
But when it comes to dollars,  
You'll simply say, "I'll never pay,  
Without an awful hoiler!"

Hetty Green has recently determined to entertain her "most intimate friends." The millionairess has been setting expensive luncheons.

**OVER THE BIER BARNES GUILTY; OF CLEVELAND FIRST DEGREE**

Roosevelt, to Surviving Cabinet Officers, Extols the Dead President.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, June 27.—Judge Harmon, who was attorney-general under Cleveland, returned today from attending the Cleveland funeral at Princeton.

Judge Harmon related an incident at the funeral, which seems to have escaped general observation. President Roosevelt, just before the funeral, summoned the members of the dead president's two cabinet into the chamber of death and delivered to them with his characteristic energy and force a few remarks upon the life and death of Cleveland. It was probably the only approach to a eulogy delivered at the funeral, and even this was behind closed doors. Around the bier stood former Postmaster-General Hoke Smith, former Secretaries David Francis, Richard Olney, John G. Carlisle, Ellery A. Herbert and Judson Harbison. The chief executive, pointing at the coffin, told of the good deeds, and of the faith in which Cleveland had peacefully died.

**Forest Grove's Electric Line.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., June 27.—The right-of-way committee for the Oregon Electric line has already secured \$5,500 in pledges toward the \$6,000 necessary for starting. Work on this end of the line will be begun within two weeks. Contracts have been let to local millmen for ties and bridge timbers.

**William Allen White to Report Denver Convention for Journal**

Mr. White is a student of politics, an editor of experience in the game of convention. The articles on the Democratic national convention by Mr. White will be features of The Journal's reports. Mr. White is the owner of the Emporia Daily and Weekly Gazette. He made a national reputation with his editorial, "What's the Matter With Kansas" in which he showed how certain unwarranted policies had injured his state. Mr. White has written many delightful magazine articles and several books; he is a bright star in the literary and news fields.

The Journal will have a leased wire from Denver, which will carry all of the news of the convention. The United Press as well as The Journal's own special writers will handle the convention news. In the circumstances no newspaper in the northwest could possibly have an equal service and in Oregon there is none that will attempt to go to the expense of getting the news on such an elaborate scale as The Journal.

# DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM IN OUTLINE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, June 27.—The leading features of the national platform will be anti-trust and anti-injunction declarations, tariff revision, election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, a graduated income tax, enlargement of the powers of the Interstate commerce commission, advocating of postal savings banks, state's rights and anti-imperialism to the extent of leaving the national government declare for the independence of the Philippines as soon as a stable government can be established.

It is understood that the demands of the labor leaders will be met in nearly every particular, although the language of the platform will not be so specific as the Gompers' planks which were submitted to and turned down by the Republican convention at Chicago. The provisions, as tentatively agreed upon, which affects labor, are understood to be as follows:

"We favor an employers' liability law, applicable alike to both private and public employes."

"We favor an 8-hour work day."

"We favor such a modification of the law relating to injunctions as will first prevent the issuing of the writ in industrial disputes except after notice to defendants and full hearing; second, permit trial before a judge other than the one who issued the writ, and, third, allow a jury to be summoned in all cases where the alleged contempt was committed outside the jurisdiction of the court."

"We believe in the conciliation of capital and labor and favor every legitimate means for arbitration of all disputes between them."

The tariff revision declaration will be strong aid to the point. It will advocate placing on the "free list" all articles built in or manufactured by trusts and rational reductions in the tariff on all articles commonly characterized as "necessaries of life."

The state rights plank will advocate the extension of federal control along lines which will add to and not be substituted for state remedies.

**MENDS' BALLOON HALF MILE HIGH**

Boy Aeronaut's Feat Never Attempted, His Nerve Never Equaled.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., June 27.—One of the most thrilling experiences known to the latter-day aeronauts occurred this afternoon to L. G. Mecklem, a boy inventor. Mecklem made a successful ascent from Luna park. He rose 1,000 feet in the air, reversed his airship and at all times had complete control, until the inevitable happened.

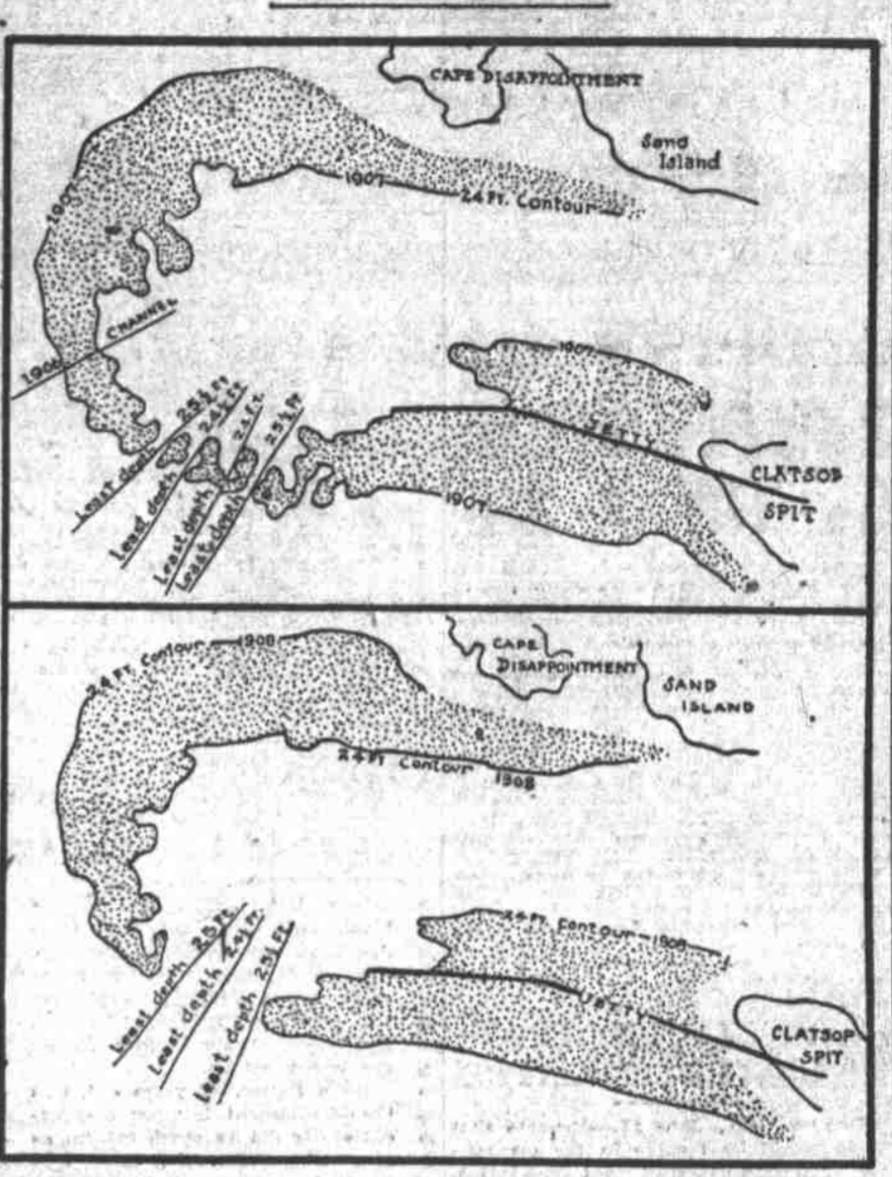
Mecklem climbed to the top part of the bag and while he held the parts together with his teeth he worked with his hands and had nearly mended the rent when the airship struck the water. Sufficient gas remained in the bag to keep the airship afloat and he only got his feet wet. Launches ran out and towed the daring inventor and his bag to the shore. Mecklem said he remembered seeing Tacoma, forty miles distant, and Lake Sammamish, nearly 25 miles to the east.

He is not discouraged and promises to make another ascension as soon as the gasbag is repaired. Mecklem is a Seattle High school student. The ascent was witnessed by thousands of people. The gas bag is sixty feet long by 18 feet in diameter and holds 7,500 cubic feet of gas. The framework of the ship proper is 33 feet long. The contrivance is worked by an eighteen-horse power Curtis motor.

**MRS. SNELL GETS DIVORCE AND CASH**

Elkhart, Ind., June 27.—Mrs. Thornton Snell, wife of the grandson of Colonel Tom Snell, the suit over whose will started the "Elkhart" sensation, was today granted a divorce. She will receive about \$175,000 worth of stock and will live a month as long as she remains single.

# COLUMBIA BAR SWEEP FROM RIVER'S MOUTH



Upper half shows Columbia's mouth with obstructions last year. Lower cut shows clearing of mouth effected by jetty projection.

From the charts printed herewith, a year the entrance to the river had several clear understandings can be had of the great improvement of the channel at the mouth of the Columbia river has undergone during the past year.

The upper chart shows the 24-foot contour obtained from soundings made by government engineers in June, 1907, while the lower chart gives the relative contour obtained by soundings completed a few days ago.

At no place within these lines is there to be found less than 24 feet of water at extreme low tide, which means 22 feet at high water, the tide at the mouth of the Columbia averaging a rise of about eight feet. In most places the large basin has a depth of from 43 to 60 feet at extreme low water, and in many places a ship's anchor would have to drop even deeper to strike bottom.

**No Lack of Water Now.**  
The width between the two 24 foot contours at the entrance to the main channel as shown in the 1907 chart is 6,000 feet, the channel having its greatest depth on the jetty side. The soundings show 26 feet, although to be conservative the channel is placed at 25 1/2 feet. At high water this means 24 feet, more than enough to float the latest battleship in Uncle Sam's navy and leave some eight feet of water under her keel. By comparing the two charts it is easily seen how the shallow places have been swept away. Last

year the entrance to the river had several clear understandings can be had of the great improvement of the channel at the mouth of the Columbia river has undergone during the past year.

The 25 1/2 foot channel has a much greater depth than that, excepting over a small area, possibly 200 feet in width. By putting a dredge to work this ridge could be removed without much difficulty, but Colonel E. W. Roosevelt, United States engineers corps, and his assistants, who have charge of the jetty project, are confident that within a few months it will be scoured out by the natural sweep of the river when the tide is ebbing.

**Completed Within Year.**  
At the rate work is now being prosecuted and with the required money in sight, the jetty will be completed within a year or 18 months at the longest. By that time it is put down for certain that the channel will have a depth of 28 feet low water in the shallow places, or 26 feet at high tide.

A north jetty has been recommended with a view of securing a 49-foot channel extending over the entire distance between the two structures. The south jetty extends five miles into the sea from the mainland, and will be lengthened in places where the water is shallow to a depth of 28 feet before completion.

Captain Roosevelt has been assigned to new post, but his successor, who is expected to arrive here shortly, will find the matter planned to completion and in the hands of a force of able assistants.

**TAFT WHOSE FAME BIG BILL'S DIMS NOT**

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, June 27.—That the proud name of Taft has butted into the geography of the country was discovered today when Fred L. Taft, of the town of Taft, British Columbia, registered at the Auditorium.

"Quite a well known name you've heard about it, more or less here." "Have you, indeed?" the long Britisher replied in pleased surprise. "Well, now, that's mighty jolly, don't you know. Yes they named the town after me."

# LOEB TIPS DOWN OFFER FROM TAFT

Secretary to the President Urged to Become Mahout to Guide G. O. P. Elephant in Coming Campaign, and Declines Honor.

Only Taft Knows Who Is Second Choice, if He Does—Conferees at Sagamore Hill Unable to Clinch a Selection.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, June 27.—At the conference at Oyster Bay today between President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and National Committeemen Frank B. Kellogg and William L. Ward, the position of chairman of the Republican national committee was offered to the president's secretary, William Loeb Jr.

Mr. Loeb has for years been a close friend of Secretary Taft, and by selecting Mr. Loeb the candidate felt that he would please President Roosevelt and at the same time escape the necessity of choosing between his friends in Ohio.

When Mr. Loeb was offered the position he replied: "Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary, but I do not accept the chairmanship. My decision is irrevocable."

Secretary Taft then turned to Mr. Loeb and said: "I am sorry, but you must have reasons why you do not wish to be urged. I will say, however, to all the candidates present and to you that in case I am elected president I shall be glad to nominate you for any position within my gift."

To this Mr. Loeb replied: "As I told you some time ago, Mr. Secretary, my support of you in this campaign is based upon any hope of reward. I have definitely made up my mind to retire to private life on a small island in the West Indies. My business plans that will make it impossible to accept any public office."

Secretary Taft expressed regret. The president's secretary was then asked to say and he was lucky.

**Story Discussion; No Decision.**  
Then the conferees resumed discussion of the question of the chairmanship. According to one man present absolutely no word about the president's secretary Taft as to the chairman he will ask the committee to name.

General Wright, who will succeed Mr. Taft next month as secretary of war, took no part in the chairmanship discussion, but before it was begun he had a talk with the president and Secretary Taft upon matters concerning the department.

The discussion of the chairmanship started in the president's library at Sagamore Hill and was continued after luncheon in the veranda, where the conferees sat with their backs close together. One or another would occasionally break away and walk restlessly along the porch until called back.

**Taft Evades Questions.**  
After finishing the conference Secretary Taft and Committeemen Ward were taken in one of the government automobiles to the city, where they started for Washington.

Secretary Taft said to a reporter: "We had a fine luncheon at the president's house and with the exception of a few department matters, we talked over the chairmanship."

"Was there a discussion about the national chairmanship?" "Seems to me I heard echoes of that." "Will you tell us if you have selected anyone you wish to serve?" "I can't say a word about the chairmanship now. A meeting of the subcommittee will be held in Washington, July 1."

"Was Mr. Loeb's name mentioned in the discussion regarding the chairmanship?" "Oh, yes, indeed; but I cannot talk about it. He was there and can speak for himself."

"Was Mr. Hitchcock's name mentioned?" "I think I recall something about it." "Mr. Kellogg there?" Committeemen Ward evaded all questions. In his haste to avoid newspapermen upon his arrival here he bundled Mr. Kellogg into a station wagon and told the driver to "go fast." Although one of the government autos was waiting to take him to Sagamore Hill, Mr. Kellogg remained with the president for about an hour after the other guests had left. As he departed for New York he would not discuss the chairmanship of the national committee, as nothing had been determined.

General Wright was taken in an automobile to House Speaker Cochrane's home where General Henry Ide is stopping at the present time. General Ide succeeded General Wright in the Philippines. Besides his political guests the president had several literary friends at luncheon today.

There was much joking of Secretary Taft over a report that he would purchase a property adjoining President Roosevelt's that has been offered for sale. The secretary said it would like the property but that it was "too high priced."

**Incorporations.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baltimore, June 27.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows: Bright's Cigarette Co., 1000 N. Broadway, Wash., D. C.; Capital Bank, 1000 N. Broadway, Wash., D. C.; National Bank, 1000 N. Broadway, Wash., D. C.; National Bank, 1000 N. Broadway, Wash., D. C.; National Bank, 1000 N. Broadway, Wash., D. C.