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BRYAN DOMINATES BUT HE DOES NOT CONTROL

No Evidence of Machine in Convention, Which Owing to the Haberdashery of J. Ham Lewis Appears Like a Congress of Clothes

By William Allen White.

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Denver, Col., July 6.—This is a convention crowd wherein the barbaric yawp which Walt Whitman speaks of is the keynote. In the Republican convention was the still small voice of Roosevelt in the hearts of a hypnotized delegation. In this convention the only trouble will be in compressing the snort of the unterrified into polite language. If it is charged that in its platform the Republican convention didn't mean all it said, it may be pretty sure that this convention will not say all it means. The average conservative citizen to whom squatting in a cold bath tub of water is a startling adventure will take no comfort in the two platforms of the great parties this year.

For the Democratic platform will be dictated by Bryan, he is the convention, "the ho'sun tight, the midship's mite, and the crew of the Nancy Brig." And as between the platform which satisfies Mr. Roosevelt and the platform which pleases Mr. Bryan, the only question which occurs to the conservative citizen is shall law-defying wealth be turned down or blown up. That is the choice between the parties. To him the Republican convention was an assemblage of firebrands and this is a gathering of dynamites.

Still it was calm here today until Oklahoma lit. The Oklahomans came with a band and a procession, and when they arrived at their hotel they had speeches and pow-wowing and for a few moments there was a sound of revelry by night which made Jim Ham Lewis with his pale pink whiskers and his sky blue hat band, who was the most audible thing in the town, sink into silence sweeter than a summer night.

Loud Roar of Necktie.

But when Oklahoma disintegrated the loud roar of Mr. Lewis' haberdashery rose above the din and not even the white flannels of the southern dabbler, the broad hats of the Texans nor the iridescent breath of Tammany could quell Mr. Lewis. If the Republican convention had its steam roller, Mr. Jim Ham Lewis is the sartorial fog horn of this momentous occasion. And he is no "lone peak of Darien" either. There are others. This gathering of the great plain people is certainly a clothes congress.

There are more high hats, silurian and post-tertiary formation, at this uprising of the oppressed than ever assembled west of the Mississippi before. If this thing is going to continue when the bastille falls in this country and the guillotine takes up its work, the mob that greets plutocracy will look those panoramas of fashion beginning with the Goths and ending on Fifth avenue that used to adorn the tailor shops of the countries in the eighties.

Philosophy of Clothes.

But declaration of independence in clothes merely expresses the unfeathered uncombed and unterrified soul. Bryan dominates but he does not control. No one controls. He has no lieutenants. There is no card index in the situation. There is no boss, no sub-boss to system here. There is not the semblance of a machine. The congressional crowd is glad to be alive with a license to breathe regularly. It does not arrogate to itself any authority as it does conventions wherein there is a congressional majority. In the days when there was a Democratic congress, there was a Democratic machine, but now in this convention the man who would try to organize anything through the congressional machine would be spitting into a tidal wave.

So three things are settled. Bryan will be the candidate, Bryan's idea of what will beat Taft will be the platform, and Bryan will be the vice-president. The vice-presidential nomination will be a mistake as it always is. But it will probably be Bryan's mistake, which is more than Sherman to Taft.

Bryan's First Choice.

Bryan's first choice is said to be O'Neil of Connecticut, a wealthy manufacturer, whom no one ever heard of, but who has been loyal to Bryan through his entire career. But Bryan would be glad to get Gray and would take Towne or would not object to any of half a dozen gentlemen who are gasping for a fleeting breath of fame and blowing the waters of obscurity out of their faces. But it is well known here that Bryan has drawn just one line. He will have none of Mr. Johnson of Minnesota. He believes, so gossip says around the hotel corridors, that Johnson tied up with the anti-Bryan crowd not to get the nomination for Johnson but to beat Bryan. He thinks Johnson put sand in the bearings of Bryan machine, not to make to overtake it as to wreck it, so among the Bryan people there is the list and the blinding rain for Mr. Johnson. Wherefore, Mr. Johnson announces that he will not accept second place, which no man ever declined. This is all the politics there is in this convention today.

No Gumshoeing.

But there is no gumshoeing; there is no whispering and mighty few conferences. No one knows anything. There is no place where the sanctuary is kept. The platform which was printed at Chicago the Sunday before the convention has not arrived. No one has it in his pocket. It is still rather nebulous. And as the clans gather the delegate who has been here 20 minutes has taken two drinks and some kind and healing libation knows just as much of the situation as the oldest inhabitant who came here last Tuesday.

SEVEN DEATHS, FIVE SUICIDES, ONE MURDER CAUSED BY THE HEAT

(United Press Lead Wire.)

Chicago, July 5.—Seven sudden deaths and five suicides as the result of the heat, three accidental deaths, two asphyxiations and one murder during the past 24 hours is the terrific toll exacted by the sweltering heat in Chicago. The town is gasping for breath and there is not one death that is not directly or indirectly attributable to the temperature. Heat mania is responsible for the murder. It is thought, and medical men

are issuing advice to the people to keep comfortable during the hot spell.

Business is at a standstill and few business firms are making effort to move goods. The emergency hospitals report many minor cases of prostration. The charitable societies are adding the poor, distributing ice and providing cool quarters. All public work on streets is suspended. At noon today it was 90 degrees in the shade and there was no prospect of cooler weather until tonight.

UNDERTAKERS GATHER AT MINNIVILLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., July 5.—The fourth annual convention of the Oregon State Funeral Directors convened in this city today. The convention will remain in session until tomorrow night. Among the prominent members of the association present is P. J. Finley of Portland, past president of the order. He delivered the response in answer to Mayor W. T. Macy's speech of welcome this

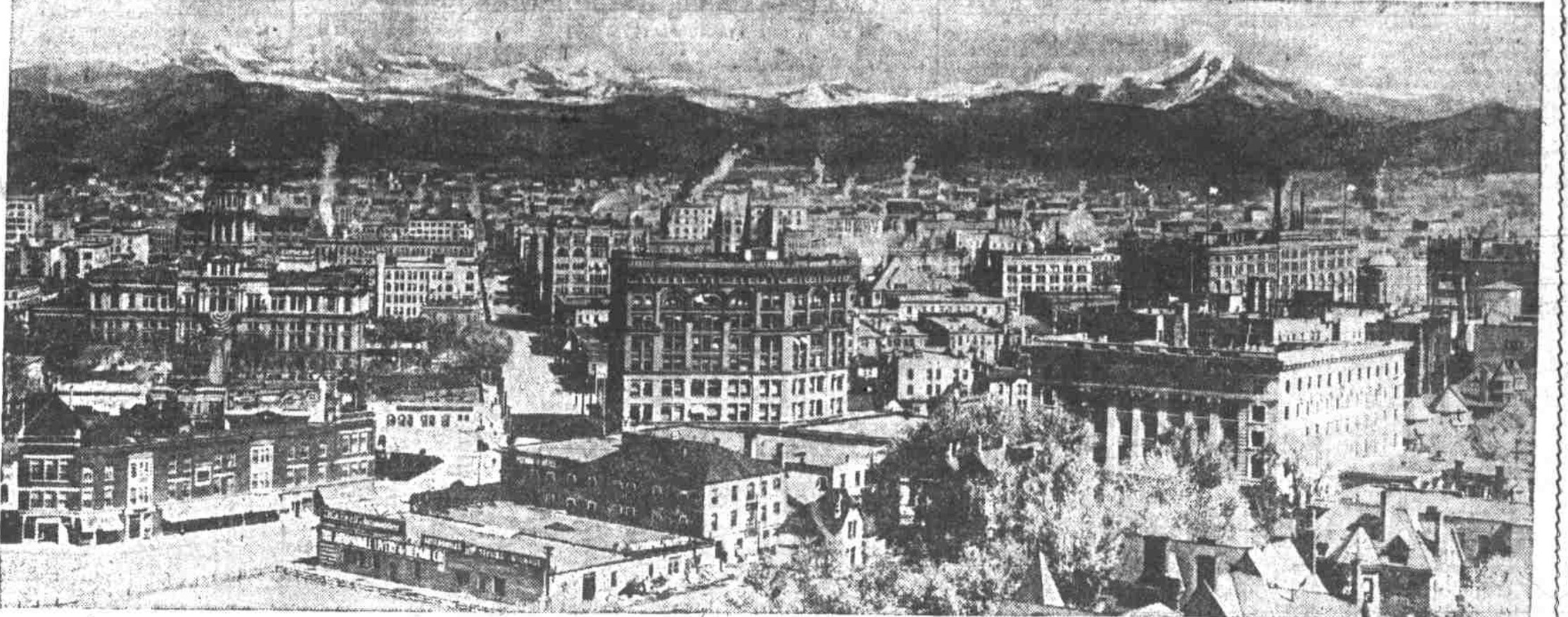
morning. Tuesday evening the election of officers and an elaborate banquet will take place.

Mississippi Educators Meet.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oxford, Miss., July 5.—Teachers from all parts of the state gathered at the University of Mississippi today to take part in the annual Mississippi educational conference. The two-day program prepared for the gathering is replete with interesting and instructive features in the way of papers and discussions on live educational problems.

DENVER NOW HUB OF THE DEMOCRATIC UNIVERSE FOR ALL CONVENTION TIME



City of Denver, Where the Democratic Convention Will Be Held Tomorrow. The big building on the Right Foreground Is the Y. M. C. A. and Immediately Back of It Is the Brown Palace Hotel, Center of Today's Activities.

OREGON DELEGATES' WORK IN CONVENTION

By John E. Lathrop.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Denver, Col., July 6.—A dramatic scene was enacted at the meeting of the Oregon delegation when C. K. Henry, chairman, scathingly denounced Milton A. Miller of Lebanon, telling him in the presence of all the other delegates: "I have never known in Oregon such a persistent, egotistical office-seeker as you."

The scene took place at the close of a protracted session during which the delegation had sought to settle the disposition of members regarding assignments to various positions in convention affairs. The delegation arrived Sunday forenoon at its headquarters at the Oxford hotel, and immediately the session began. Miller, it appeared, as soon as the state convention adjourned at Portland obtained the pledges of enough delegates to assure his election as national committeeman, which position is now held by F. V. Holman, who came here with the delegation. The desire developed subsequent to the giving of the pledges to Miller, that some other be given the place, either Holman himself or Senator Gearin, Dr. Bernard Daly of Lake County, Judge J. S. Bennett of The Dalles, or some other. Several delegates pledged to Miller that they would yield and release them but Miller refused.

Miller Is Greedy, They Say.

Henry talked, aside from others, with Miller, strongly urging him to withdraw in the interest of harmony and strengthen the position of the party in Oregon, but the Lebanon man firmly insisted that every one keep his promise. It was then that Henry unreservedly denounced Miller, creating a sensation unprecedented, according to others present.

Henry and others stated that their reason for desiring Miller's withdrawal was that he had been so often honored in the past by the party in Oregon they alleging that he had been chosen to attend the following national convention and to perform the duties expected of him, and that he had lately sought and obtained the appointment as the Democratic member of the state university board of regents, also of the state school text book commission and they said they thought he should stand aside and permit others to receive recognition.

Miller Carries It Off.

The delegation agreed finally to the following assignments: C. K. Henry,

chairman; W. F. Matlock, vice-president; J. O. Booth, secretary; M. A. Miller, national committeeman; R. D. Imman, resolutions; D. M. Watson, credentials; to notify the presidential nominee, Lee M. Travis; to notify the vice-presidential nominee, D. J. Day; Henry will control alternates, proxies and tickets.

Miller will propose a plank for legislation authorizing the interstate commerce commission to suspend proposed increases of freight rates on petition of shippers, pending investigation as to their reasonableness. Delegates from Oregon and other states are receiving urgent letters and telegrams from the national associations of lumbermen, livestock raisers, wholesalers and manufacturers, urging the incorporation of such a plank. Human has been busy canvassing as to the possibility of obtaining the insertion of the plank. It will be virtually the same measure as that introduced by Senator Fulton at the last session of congress, and rejected.

Among Oregonians here are: I. T. J. Tweedy, Pendleton; Henry Blackman, live of the Dan T. Stewart, A. J. McCabe and Sam Wolf, Portland, and the alternates, Dr. H. L. Henderson, J. D. Slater, J. J. Hayes and J. C. Welch.

Gearin to Second Bryan. Signal honor was paid the Oregon delegation by the transmission by D. J. Fry of Salem, who visited Lincoln, of a personal request from Mr. Bryan that Gearin be one of those to second his nomination in the convention.

Dr. Fry laid the request before the delegation at the meeting. The unanimous vote of the delegation was cast asking Gearin to comply, which he agreed to do, upon his arrival later in the day.

Gearin also accepted an invitation from the Knights of Columbus here to deliver the fourth degree lecture to a number of candidates, which will do Monday night.

State Chairman Alex Swook of Oregon, who is here with State Secretary John B. Ryan, will take the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus tomorrow night.

The delegation learns that Governor Chamberlain will pass through Denver Thursday en route to Dallas, Texas, to attend the Elks grand lodge.

Oregon Man for Historian. Robert A. Caples, a former resident of Gaston, Or., was selected today by the national committee as official historian of the party. Caples has been a prominent newspaper man in eastern states for several years. He was chosen from a list of 150 newspaper men attending the convention. The position will place him close to the leaders of the party during the campaign.

The Idaho Contest. Former Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho, with former Senator Henry Helt, (Continued on Page Two.)

BELL OUT: ESPEE IN

California Delegation Seems Inclined to Make a Noise Like a Locomotive, but Its Members Deny Railroad Affiliation.

By B. H. Canfield.

Staff Correspondent United Press. Denver, Col., July 6.—The California delegation today is jubilant over the defeat of Theodore A. Bell by the election of Nathan Cole Jr., as national committeeman from California. Cole was slightly ill as the result of cold storage fare, but is pleased to be in Denver with the job of national committeeman clinched. The Southern Pacific tag is not in evidence at the delegation headquarters. Nevertheless there are signs that the California party will not start any large sized war against the Southern Pacific. In coast politics or a party is either Southern Pacific or anti-Southern Pacific. The California delegation came to Denver with the anti-Southern Pacific slogan.

Loyal to Machine. The fact that Bell lost out in the naming of committees and the accusation he made that Southern Pacific members had given him the worst of it, and that he still exists against Bell, all tend to show that the railroad label may be out of sight but not forgotten.

Members of the delegation laugh at Bell's boom for the vice-presidency. They say he couldn't even carry his own delegation, which is evident.

Meanwhile Nathan Cole Jr., calm, secretive and resourceful, rules at the headquarters and smilingly denies that he is for the Southern Pacific.

Anti-Jap Shelves. California sent the delegation to Denver with several important instructions. It may be of interest to Californians to know that such minor matters as the anti-Japanese plank and anti-defenses measures, the anti-integration plank and other matters were not even talked about on the trip. The delegation doesn't know a thing about those affairs. It does know that Nathan Cole went out in his fight against Bell and that's all.

BROWN PALACE HOTEL CENTER OF ACTIVITY

By John E. Nevins.

Staff Correspondent of United Press. Denver, Colo., July 6.—The center of activity of the Democratic party today is the Brown Palace hotel.

On the eve of the assembling of the national convention, the national committee is hard at work making up the temporary roll of delegates while bands are playing outside and delegations are cheering each other as they march and countermarch about the streets.

Some of the contests are being hard fought and for the first time since the preliminary work of the convention was begun there are evidences of acrimonious feeling that may yet crop up on the floor of the convention.

The national committee was called to order at 10 o'clock by Chairman Taggart in the parlors set aside for its use on the second floor of the hotel. Long before that hour representatives of the various aggrieved applicants for seats as delegates were about the corridors buttonholing members and bringing every possible bit of influence to bear to emphasize the reason why their particular faction should be recognized.

"We are the only regular Democrats," was the burden of their cry, "and if you do not recognize our claims the cause will suffer."

List of Contests. After Secretary Woodson had read the list of contests, a motion was adopted that separate sub-committees should hear the evidence in the contests from each state and report their conclusions to the main body. It was decided to appoint these sub-committees at once and then the committee adjourned at 4 o'clock when the reports will be received and the roll call of the opening session completed.

The full list of contests was as follows: Idaho—Entire state delegation. Illinois—First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth districts.

New York—Second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth districts. Ohio—Ninth and nineteenth districts. Pennsylvania—First, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth districts. District of Columbia—Entire delegation.

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Nugent then set forth what he declared was an illegal method of calling the vote at the state convention, and declared that in the counties where con-

tests had been filed the Dubois men were permitted to vote.

"Even at that," he declared dramatically, "Dubois was beaten, and by refusing to record the votes of Bear Lake, Fremont and Owyhee counties he only succeeded in making it appear that he had a majority."

"We had a clear majority and were forced to hold a second convention simply because we were robbed by a weak chairman and a secretary that carried out the will of Dubois."

Dubois Says "Jack-Mormons." In answering Nugent both Senator Dubois and State Chairman S. P. Donnelly characterized Nugent and his followers as "Jack-Mormons." In closing his argument Donnelly said:

"These men are booters, or as we call them in our state, 'Infrequent Democrats.' Their claim that our antagonism to the Mormons has antagonized members of that section in the southeastern portion of the state is absolutely unwarranted. In closing the book on the Mormons we have not been responsible for the change in the practical complexion of the state. This contest is simply a part of the general plan of the Mormon church to worm its way into the Democratic party in Idaho. At the state convention we beat them fairly and they simply are playing the baby act."

In answering the hearing of the contests both factions indulged in vitriolic comment on the actions of their opponents, and the bitter feeling engendered is likely to be carried to the polls next fall, no matter what the outcome of the hearing.

New York's Rival Bosses. The New York contests presented the plain problem of one boss trying to get rid of another one. Patrick H. McCarty had the hope of winning out. He directed the history of the primaries and stated that he and his followers had prevailed over Bird S. Coler and the latter's men by a vote of fully six to one. He declared that Charles Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, in organization across the bridge from Manhattan to Brooklyn, had conspired to throw out the regularly elected delegates in favor of his own men to replace them with delegates willing to carry out Murphy's bidding.

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Convention Bulletin Board

(United Press Lead Wire.) Denver, Colo., July 5.—Convention news in nutshell: National committee thrashing out contests.

Executive council of American Federation of Labor framing up plank for platform.

Johnson's managers say he has no chance to win.

Pennsylvania delegation expected to elect Colonel James M. Guffey as national committeeman in favor of James Kerr.

Cause of New York delegation to declare for Bryan named a favorite for the vice-presidency. Committee on arrangements decides to exclude many widows from the convention hall. John Mitchell says he would not accept the vice-presidential nomination. Arrival of Tammany Hall in special train. State delegation paraded in St. Louis by Mayor Owen. Money thrown away without difficulty. Name of the congressman (Bill Jones of Kentucky) added to the list of vice-presidential candidates. Guffey is his own man. Guffey is from Lincoln, Ky.

STUDENT AFTER PROFESSOR CLARK

Action Begun Against Students' Affairs Committee by Indignant Youth.

(United Press Lead Wire.) San Francisco, July 5.—Preparations are being made today by the attorneys of Claudius Raymond, the student expelled from Stanford last May on the charge of writing obscene letters, to begin suit for damages against Professor A. B. Clark, chairman of the students' affairs committee. Raymond's father is on his way here from Denver to see Clark.

Raymond was expelled from the university on the strength of the similarity of his handwriting to that in the letters. Experts have been examining the letters and it is understood that the youth has a strong case.

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BLOOD WILL FLOW TODAY

Clash Expected Between Mexican Troops and Revolutionists.

(United Press Lead Wire.) City of Mexico, July 5.—According to advices received here today a force of 2,000 strong of rurales and federal troops, is closing in on a band of revolutionists entrenched in the mountain fastness of Santa Rosa range and a decisive battle is expected before nightfall.

There are over 1,000 revolutionists in the hills and all have concentrated for the battle. The federal authorities have trained mountain fighters after the revolutionists and predict today that before night all talk of the Mexican revolution will have ended.