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DEMOCRATS VOICE THEIR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ISSUES

PARKER MIGHT LEAD, "IF" THERE'S THE RUB

Best That Will Happen to Judge Is Cold Storage Speech Eulogizing Cleveland—Reactionaries of South and East Will Get No Concessions

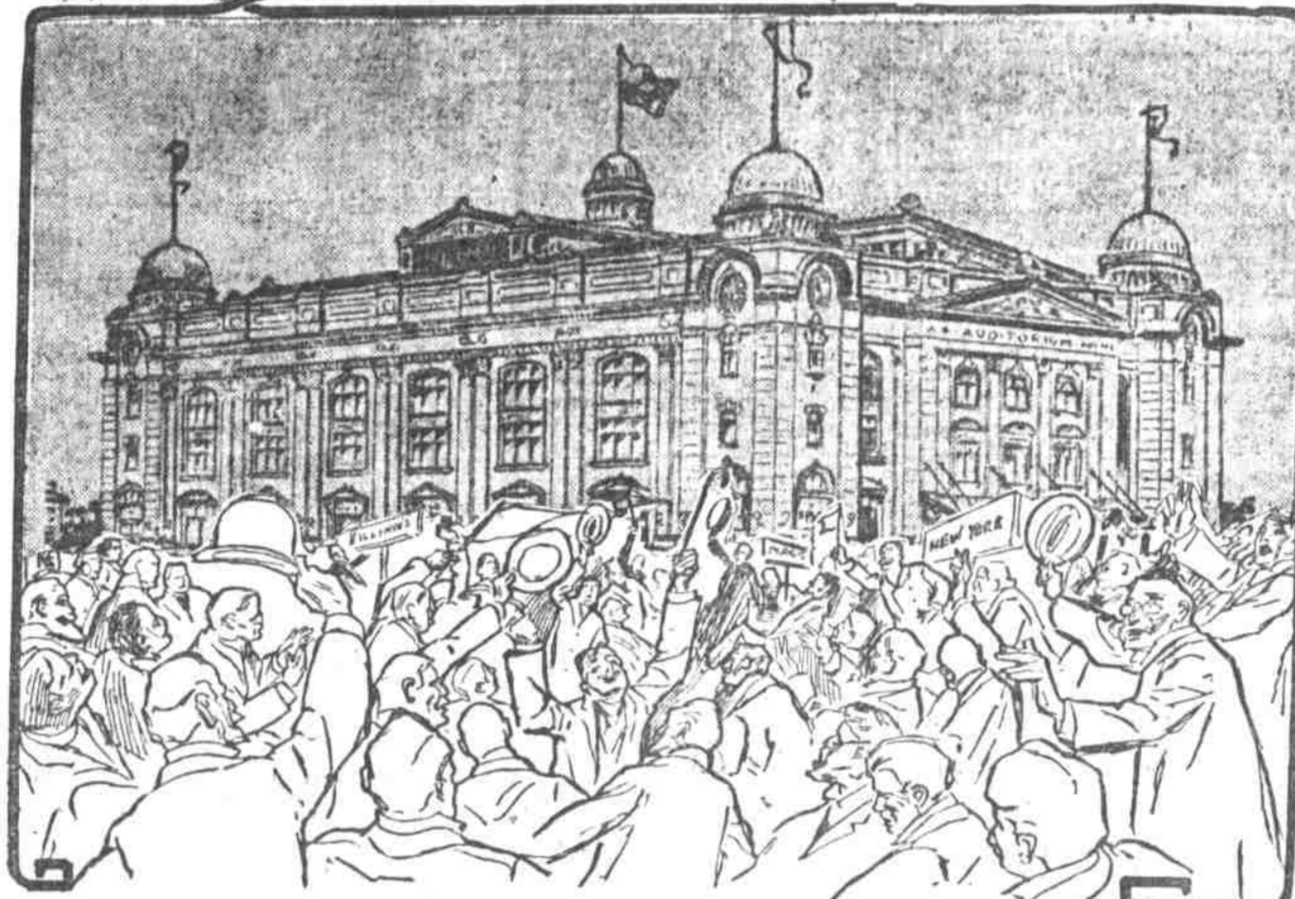
By William Allen White. (Copyright, 1908, by George Matthew Adams.) Denver, July 6.—Politicians are all alike. "The Republican politicians at Chicago sniffed more or less at "our hero," and the "war chief," and here the politicians are sneering more or less in private about the "peerless one." Roosevelt and Bryan have put the politician out of business in the national conventions, so the politician does not like Roosevelt and Bryan. The politician has his side to the controversy. He has to spend at least \$100 of his good money coming to the convention.

Probably the average would be nearer 200. He has to take a week or 10 days from his business and to get the election as delegate he has to make a fight in the district or state convention which costs him more time and money, and when he gets to the national convention he finds the presidential candidate named the platform written at Chicago and left to Bryan to do with the convention is to fuss with the delegate from his state over who shall be national committee man and explain when he gets home why he didn't vote for someone else for vice-president. Some time ago a delegate to the national convention was someone, but now, under the regime of Roosevelt and Bryan, he is as inconsequential as a presidential election and a presidential election which is a replica of the Chicago convention in many ways, is like it in the strong undertone of feeling there is against the man in the party whom the people honor.

Secret Ballot Would Defeat. A secret ballot in this convention would defeat Bryan and the way the delegates rushed away from the Roosevelt idea to Sherman in the Republican convention indicates what a secret ballot might have done there. Politicians order orders. They smile and pretend like it, but they would revolt if they dared. But they have the theory of the Republican delegates, that the people are radical and political and are not to be trusted. They are not so Alton Parker who might be a leader here if the delegates were candid and sincere. It is a four-spot in a new deck, and while everyone knows him, no one pays attention to him.

Parker's Little Look In. The best that may happen to Judge Parker will happen if Bryan in Lincoln decides that Judge Parker may rise and read the resolution concerning the death of Grover Cleveland in the convention where the political agitators out of respect to the memory of the ex-president and in compliance with

VICE-PRESIDENCY BECOMES THE BONE OF CONTENTION RAP, RAP, THE GAVEL SOUNDS FOR ATTENTION



Denver Convention Hall, as It Appeared on Arrival of the First Delegates Last Week.

STUDY OF THREE NOTABLE WOMEN

Mrs. Longworth, Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Bradford Attend Convention.

By Elizabeth Kelly. (Special News by Longest Leased Wire.) Denver, Colo., July 7.—The daughter of a president and a presidential possibility reached Denver within 10 minutes of each other yesterday. From one direction came Alice Roosevelt Longworth out of the east for a genuine vacation. From the west came Ruth Bryan Leavitt, primed for the excitement of her life, the sensation of seeing her distinguished father stampede the Democratic national convention.

CHANGE FOR A SCRAMBLE

Ollie James of Kentucky and Charles A. Towne of New York Are Prominently in the Mix-Up Over Office-Getting.

By Henry E. Fland. (Staff Correspondent of United Press.) Denver, July 7.—As it appears today, the chances are good that there will be a fine old Democratic ruction over the naming of the vice-presidential candidate.

TAMMANY DOES NOT KEEP FAITH

Promises of Support Change to Involve Platform Discussion and Challenge.

By John E. Nevins. (Special News by Longest Leased Wire.) Denver, Colo., July 7.—Tammany hall has out-briaved Bryan. The braves have decided to present to the committee on resolutions of the Democratic national convention the most radical platform ever suggested from the east.

SPOKANE RATE CASE POSTPONED, RAILROADS WIN STAKE CONTEST

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, July 7.—Decision in the Spokane lumber rate cases has been postponed by the interstate commerce commission until after the vacations. The case involves many points of law that have required careful study and the commission has not been inclined to force a decision.

PERSIA BASED BEFORE J. D. LAUNCH SAVES SIX PEOPLE

Teheran Governor Begs Pardon for Violating Legation's Sanctity. John Roberts Today Rescues Drowning Men and Women in Nick of Time. Teheran, July 7.—Dressed in full uniform, the Persian governor appeared at the British legation here today and made humble apology for the actions of Cosacks last night who surrounded the legation, where many persons had taken refuge.

UNLIKE IN APPEARANCE

The two young women whose presence at the Democratic national convention will lend grace and beauty as well as a measure of distinction, are the daughter of a president and a presidential possibility. They are as unlike as it would be possible for two women to be, and in character, in training, in ambition, pure and simple. Mrs. Longworth is of medium stature, plump, blonde, with great animal-like blue eyes and a great many wrinkles, a well-pampered child of fortune, not affected, because she is first of all an American girl, but a woman who appreciates attention and expects it by virtue of being the daughter of her father.

OLIE IS REALLY NO WILLOUGHBY

George Fred Williams of Massachusetts is responsible for the Ollie James boom. He picked out the big, popular Kentuckian, who doesn't look at all like a horse in a jama yesterday morning, partly because of his oratorical ability, but particularly because he is a southerner and would "catch" the Democratic vote in the south, which is long too friendly to Bryan. The New Yorkers appear to be none the wiser.

BANK DESTROYED BY AN EXPLOSIVE

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, July 7.—A mysterious explosion yesterday blew up the bank of a small town in New York, destroyed the building, and set fire to two houses. The explosion was caused by a gas leak from a gas pipe in a tenement house on the street and the tenants were all rescued.

New Descriptive Booklets. (Special News by Longest Leased Wire.) Grants Pass, Or., July 7.—The Grants Pass Commercial club has received 20,000 handomely printed and elaborately illustrated booklets descriptive of Grants Pass and Josephine county from the Sunset Press.

Mrs. Leavitt Described. Mrs. Leavitt is tall, slender, dark with the hair of brown eyes and the manners of a diplomat. Instead of trading on the name of her father, she has a reputation of her own and has relegated society to the back ground while she struggles to find her place in the general scheme of things.

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Convention Formally Opens With Customary Preliminaries Followed by Reports on Credentials and Temporary Chairman Bell's Party Call to Voters

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, July 7.—The flood failed to stop Theodore A. Bell of California, grand worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and temporary chairman of today's national Democratic convention. After an all-night ride, first on a handcar and later on a special train over the Rock Island, he arrived here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. He went at once to his hotel.

Denver, Col., July 7, 12 o'clock noon.—Convention called to order. The Auditorium, Denver, Colo., July 7.—The Democracy of the east and west today joined hands within the shadow of the snow-clad Rockies to name candidates for president and vice-president, and to formulate a set of policies upon which to appeal to the voters of the nation.

When National Committee Chairman Thomas Taggart lifted his gavel and rapped for order, all of the aisles were choked with delegates and he had to order the sergeant-at-arms to get the delegates seated. Just as it seemed that business could be commenced, down the main aisle came the Bryan volunteers of Nebraska, carrying a big gold banner bearing a picture of the Commoner. Many of the delegates rose and cheered. The banner was carried up the Nebraska section and placed upon a standard, but Chairman Taggart declined to permit it to remain, and on his orders it was furled and placed out of sight.

Despairing of Sergeant-at-Arms Martin's efforts to get the delegates seated, Chairman Taggart finally called upon the uniformed policemen, and after more difficulty they succeeded.

The cheering broke out afresh as the California delegation, seizing the opportune moment, marched down the aisle, headed by another Bryan banner. This thoroughly exasperated Taggart, and he finally gave sharp orders to the police that no more banners were to be permitted in the hall until the session was quiet. The confusion continued for 20 minutes before order could finally be restored. Chairman Taggart then said:

"I cannot refrain from calling your attention to the fact that this convention meets amid scenes of enthusiasm and determination that victory shall crown our efforts never before equalled in a Democratic convention. Our party is faced by a brighter prospect than we are sure of a triumphal campaign."

He then thanked the city of Denver for the arrangement in which the convention hall had been arranged. Long before noon, the hour set for the quadrennial Democratic convention, the streets in the vicinity of the big gold-domed building were jammed with people waiting for admittance to the convention. Train, carefully groomed easterners, clad in long coats, plug hats and derbies, knocked elbows with less punctilious dressed representatives of the mountain and Pacific coast states.

The "Merry Widows" of the Denver women and the "Merry Widows" of the western delegates lent picturesque interest to the scene. In order to prevent confusion about the entrance, the police kept a close watch of all of the thoroughfares leading to the structure. Signs over the doorways indicated the direction which each holder should take. Mayor Speer had assumed personal charge of the handling of the delegates outside, and a small army of policemen kept the delegates in order, their work making the task of the ticket-takers comparatively easy.

During the assembly, the seating of the delegates and speakers at the famous cowboy band of Pecos and Alamosa, perched up next to the poor hands of the delegates, was a mixed program of patriotism, baseball and ragtime airs. The total number of seats was 12,600. The space immediately in front and at the sides of the platform had been equipped for the use of the ten newspaper correspondents who have come to tell the world all about it. In the recent five billion convention at Chicago, the press associations were permitted to use the best of the platform telegraph operators with soundless keys for the bulleting of important features of the proceedings down the wires. The press section, were rooms set apart for the use of the telegraph companies and press associations.

Women in Convention. In the center of the hall were the 1,000 comfortable opera chairs occupied by the delegates, and back of these the seats of the stenographers. In each of these sections were two women, Colorado and Utah each having sent a delegate. The delegates were seated in the center of the hall, and Mrs. H. J. Hayward of Salt Lake the delegate from Utah. It was the first time that the "suffragettes" had opportunity to take part in a real convention.

Shortly after noon, when the applause following the "Gospel Song" had died away, Chairman Thomas Taggart, dressed in a dark suit, and wearing the national committee rapped for order in the hall. The speaker's stand, and the business of the convention was begun. Secretary Gray Woodson of the national committee, was introduced and read

the call under which the assemblage had been convened. It was as follows: "The Democratic national committee, having met in the city of Washington on the 12th day of December, 1907, has appointed Tuesday, the seventh day of July, 1908, as the time, and Denver, Colo., as the place for holding the Democratic national convention.

Convention Bulletin Board

3:30 p. m.—Meeting of executive council, American Federation of Labor. 10 a. m.—Meeting of national committee to decide remaining contests. York delegation to discuss platform. 11 a. m.—Convention hall door opened. 12 a. m.—Convention hall door closed. 12 a. m.—Convention called to order by Chairman Taggart. Call for convention read by Secretary Woodson. Praying by Archbishop Keane of Philadelphia. Announcement of names of temporary officers. Speech of Temporary Chairman Bell. Announcement of names of committee members. The various devices introduced in the program to honor the memory of St. Francis at Boston. Address by William H. Woodson, national committee, was introduced and read