

CLOSE VIEW OF THE CONVENTION

Oregon Man Writes Entertainingly of Big Democratic Gathering

Editor Statesman:— After sitting upon the Democratic Convention for a week, and listening in for the past two weeks, this writer is all up in the air, and wondering what is going to happen to the Democratic party.

It has been a fight from the start. When West met the East, the contest started. The California delegation, with McAdoo as their favorite candidate, found tough sledding here in the Borough of Manhattan, the Home of "Al" Smith and John "Faithful" (Red) Hylan. This is, and always will be a strong Smith storm center, and the McAdoo backers now regret that they allowed the convention to come to New York City. It virtually means the elimination of both Smith and McAdoo, and that is an exceedingly high price to pay for a Democratic nomination.

As I have already said, this has been a contest from the start, and every group, and all delegations have had their title, and yes, sometimes large and troublesome difficulties. Even the Oregon delegation had their worries. Dr. J. W. Morrow, the National Committeeman, arrived on the scene early and established fighting headquarters down at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, where most of the active presidential and near presidential candidates are quartered, together with the National committee. He then secured quarters for the Oregon delegates up at the Astor Hotel, and made arrangements for a committee room, which was to be used as the meeting place for the Oregon delegation, and the place where they were supposed to organize, transact their business, and try and get along. His plans and ideas went pretty much astray.

The delegation was a day late in reaching the convention city, and then they (or at least the major portion of the delegates) did not go to the Astor hotel, and occupy the rooms reserved for them. They went most every place but the Astor, and it took another day to try and round 'em up. Dr. Morrow needed to get 'em together, and tell 'em what it was all about, and what he thought they

were here for, (and in his opinion what they were supposed to do). The Dr. was finally able to gather most of the Oregon delegation together and get them into the Oregon headquarters, all at the same time, and then he tried to effect an organization. That started trouble, and it took them over 30 hours to try and settle that. Then, upon the occasion of the next meeting, sometime afterwards, they did finally organize, on a compromise basis, and another fight started, when a member of the delegation tried to seat an eight year New York City resident, as an accredited delegate to the convention, and the fight was on. This lasted another 12 hours, and the former Oregonian, who was Collector of Customs in Portland when President Wilson was inaugurated, was seated by the slightest margin of votes of the Oregon delegates present. The feeling still exists between the Oregon delegates, and the writer doubts if they will soon get over it.

Then the Ku Klux Klan talk began to warm things up, and it did heat things up, to the writer, as a resident of Oregon, has heard rumors and inklings now and then of the fact that there was or may be such an organization, or secret sheet and night society, but never took the matter very seriously, until he was overwhelmed with the proportions of the power and its far reaching effects had assumed here at this Democratic gathering. Instead of being a Democratic convention, it seemed to be a gathering of Klan Kleagles and friends, and Smith Boosters and anti klansmen, and another fight was on—and still is.)

The writer has attended shows, fairs, expositions and other large gatherings for the past 15 years, in different sections of the United States, and has never in all his experience, seen so many red faced, burly Irish policemen. There are over 1400 big, bouncers in blue, down at Madison Square Garden, where the fights are being held this week, and all these policemen, (and these New York City policemen all seem to love fights) are in all the fights. They are everywhere at the same time, and always in front of you, just when you want to see the speaker, the fighter, or the one that causes the commotion. At last night's history making session, when all the leading democratic warriors each were given a few moments to do a little word fighting, the Manhattan policemen literally stood around, shoulder to shoulder, and one would think that he was attending the gathering of all the blue coats in the country, when the announcement was to be read that they were to receive more pay, and be provided with Ford Coupes to patrol their beats.

It was a great opportunity, for a republican to occupy a democratic seat and listen to the troubles of the democratic party, and again, it was a spectacle that will always live in this writer's memory. Never before have so many people, (it is estimated that there were over 13,000) sat for so long a time, and listened to so much talk. The crowd gathered at 9 a. m., and did not leave until 2 a. m., Sunday. Old Man Kalkrecker had already turned out many of the so-called bright lights however, a great many lights were soon all lit up! When the vote on the Klan amendment was in progress, the feeling was keen, and seven states, including the Philippine Islands, all challenged the correctness of the vote as announced by their respective chairmen. This then, necessitated the conventions halting to poll the individual vote of each contesting delegation, by voice, and caused considerable delay. The Philippine delegates, challenged the announced six votes of their delegation four times, and then started another fight. They demonstrated then and there, that it will be some time before they get their much coveted independence. They lost their freedom last night, as far as the democratic party is concerned, and this is the general belief of many with whom the writer has talked today.

The Oregon delegation has a splendid location on the floor, right at the immediate left and almost underneath the speakers platform. Washington has the

rooms during the period of the convention, which they did. The delegates and convention crowds failed to go to the leading hotels, as was expected, and as a result the Pennsylvania has had over 400 vacant rooms during the past week, and other hotels report a similar loss in their expected business. The delegates and others are attending the convention and they don't spend much time in the cafes and restaurants, so that kills that anticipated business, and the taxi-cab drivers say that the delegates get in the cabs, order them to take 'em to the Madison Square Garden, and when they are delivered, they say, "Thanks, charge it to the New York Convention Committee!"

It's pretty hard to slip anything over on old hard boiled New York taxi drivers but they are learning a lot from these visiting and working democratic delegates. At that, it's pretty easy to fool a New Yorker. One resident of the vicinity of Madison Square Garden, heard the bands playing, and saw the crowds swarming to the convention hall and was heard to ask the nearby policeman, "What lodge is holding a meeting?" The members of the Oregon delegation are anxious to return home. They feel that they have had enough of the fights. They yearn for the cool nights of dear old Oregon, and our wonderful climate. That is the only thing that has been dreadful here, this past week, and indications are that it will be even worse, this coming week. The convention hall is about the hottest bake oven in New York City, and especially at this time of the year, when crowded to the doors and roofs with howling, serging and constantly moving people and blue coated policemen, who are always punching you in the ribs or back bone, urging you to "stand over there."

"Don't stand there," and as soon as you are shoved and bunted to some other spot, nine other larger blue coats, immediately bounce off you, and you just about pass out of the arena, if you could get out. There are so many Tammany boosters and policemen in the aisles that one has difficulty in getting one way or another.

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There is a good deal of Ralston talk around the lobbies today, and as Warrier Tom Taggart, the owner of the Pinto Wells of Indiana is backing Senator Samuel L. Hays, it is believed that there will be a Ralston movement that may develop into a boom of some proportions, and he may land the nomination. As a second choice, there seems to be a great deal of Davis talk, some for Governor Ritchie of Maryland and Dr. Copeland of New York City. Some say that they believe it would be a great help to the people of the United States, if Dr. Copeland could syndicate and broadcast his health talks from the White House. There is a mere possibility. The delegates are all scattered over the area today, from the Garden to Harlem and from the Battery to West Point. A Hylan party conducted boat excursion took as many as could get up in time to go to West Point, and others are in church, but at the base ball game between the Giants and Brooklyn and some are out swimming at the beaches, and trying to cool off in that manner, while still others, are out at Mitchell Field, over on Long Island taking the air in large army bombing planes, provided as a courtesy to the visitors by the War department. Many delegates believe that they can get the effects of the convention blown from them in such a manner.

None will dare hazard a prediction as to the possible or probable date of adjournment, and in all likelihood, they will be here until Tuesday night at least. The delegates are already anxious to return to their peaceful and quiet homes, and they are beginning to leave in large numbers, so the various convention leaders and managers are bending every effort and using all the known methods of political strategy to help get the different factions together, and thereby name a compromise candidate, do the balloting, wind up the campaign wagon, get on and go back home to wage the war of democracy. The campaign slogan as adopted by the Commander and veteran campaigner, W. J. Bryan, is "Law—Not War," and he is heard to remark, it is said, "War was never like this, and I know what war is—Especially, a political war." He is right. Mr. Bryan, in the meeting of the Resolutions committee, prayed for the Democratic party, that peace might again be restored, and again last night in his heartrending plea to the convention, he urged that they lay aside the religious issue, and get back to the party.

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and carry on for the cause of Democracy. He added, "If you, my democratic friends, who have been so good and so gracious to me in past years, have any regard for the democratic party and its splendid principles for which it stands, you will forget all about this religious fight, forget the Ku Klux Klan, as they have already had too much publicity, and help us name a democratic nominee and elect him. If you don't do this now, there will be another party that will, and their leaders are not in the gallery either."

New York, June 29, 1924.

Ed. R. Adams Elected Clerk of School Board

SILVERTON, Ore., July 5.— (Special to The Statesman.)— At a recent meeting of the school board Ed. R. Adams was elected clerk. This position has been held by Henry Bock whose term has now expired. In the annual report made by Mr. Bock it is shown that Silverton has a total of 1360 persons under 20 and over 4 years old living in the school district. During the past year 38 teachers have been employed in the four school buildings. Sixteen of the teachers were in the high school, the remainder in the grade buildings. Two hundred and thirty-seven library books have been purchased during the past year making a total of 2018 books in the library.

Band Concert to Be Given at Playgrounds Opening

Several hundred youngsters took advantage of the early open-

ing of the two Salem playgrounds this week and spent their afternoons in supervised play. It was decided Saturday to postpone the formal opening from Tuesday until Friday night, when the Chexrian band will give a concert instead of the regular concert at Willson's park. The program will be held at the Fourteenth street playground. The concert will be given at the regular hour, though the program will start at 6:30 o'clock. While the youngsters offer various athletic exhibitions the Kiwanians and Rotarians will meet in an indoor baseball game. While this program is being offered at the Fourteenth street playground at this time, it is planned to hold a similar program at the Lincoln school playground a little later in the season.

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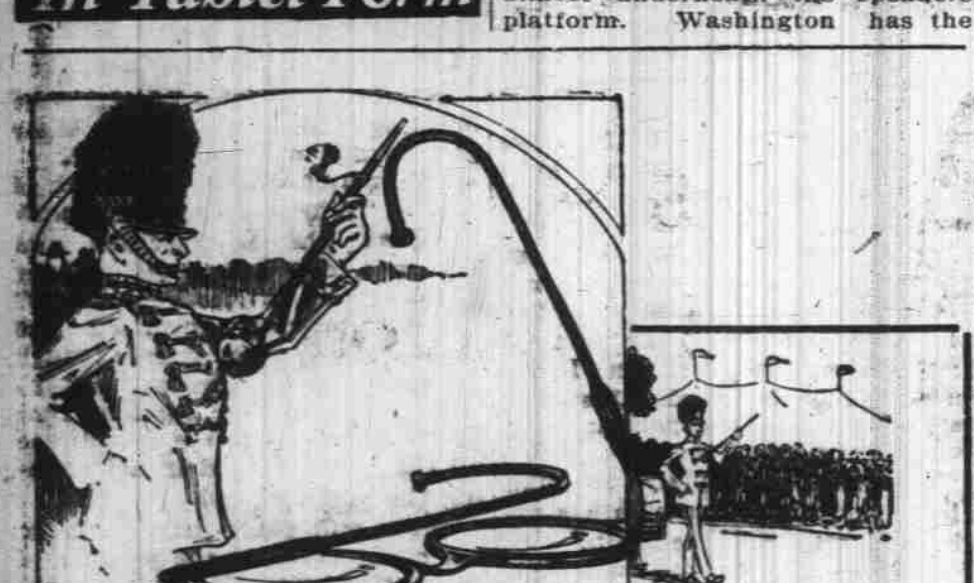
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