

# LITTLETON'S SPEECH THE HIT OF THE CONVENTION

## HOW CANDIDATES WERE NOMINATED

### Martin Littleton, of Brooklyn, Made the Hit of the Convention When He Named Judge Parker for New York.

### Red-Headed Man Led in the Cheering for Hearst Amid Volley of Missiles Until a Tank of Water Was Turned Over Him.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
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CONVENTION HALL, ST. LOUIS, July 9.—Martin W. Littleton, of Brooklyn, made his first appearance as an orator before a Democratic national convention when Alabama, the first State called, yielded to the Empire State, and the young Brooklynite stepped out to place in nomination Judge Alton B. Parker.

The plump, youthful appearance of the young man from Brooklyn rather surprised the assemblage. There were some scornful cries of "Louder!" when he began, but he soon showed that he had the lungs and throat to make himself heard and words to make the hearing worth while.

He had the audience with him in five minutes. In the beginning his sarcasm aroused laughter; at the end his eloquence aroused admiration. When he mentioned the name of Parker, after a clever appeal to North, South, East and West to get together and rehabilitate the Democratic party, there was an uprising that was perhaps as much a tribute to the orator as to the candidate.

All the enthusiasm that followed the mention of the name of Parker was on the floor. The audience in the galleries was composed almost entirely of St. Louisians or World's Fair visitors from the Southwest. They know not Parker as yet, and, besides, they were present only to see the delegates perform. It was a show to them, and before the echo of Mr. Littleton's voice had passed away from the platform the delegates were performing.

#### Demonstration for Parker.

Flags of silk emblazoned with Parker pictures appeared as if by magic. The firmly secured standards that marked the location of each State delegation were yanked from the floor and carried here and there by perspiring delegates. Leading all was the purple banner of Georgia. Then came the standards of New York, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Alabama, Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Utah, Alaska, Indian Territory and New Jersey.

The indescribable combination of sound that arises from several thousand men trying to spit their throats rose and fell in deafening cadence for a few minutes and gave promise of a dynamic away. An immense banner bearing a picture of the New York jurist was hoisted in the middle of the delegates' section and two men staggered with it toward the platform. Out into the hall moved the great banner, and behind it, circling around and around the arena, braded the perspiring, solemn and grudging the funny round signs that marked the positions of the various delegations.

At proper intervals the wily Col. John I. Martin made graceful motions to the band, and the opportune musical interludes contributed to the excitement until twenty-four minutes had elapsed. The cheering for the candidate died away with a grouping of the standards and the banners at the foot of the stairs leading to the desk of the Chairman.

When the State of Arkansas was asked, through her representatives, if she had a candidate, she made way for Tennessee, and Senator Carmack, of that State, took the platform to second the Parker nomination. Senator Carmack was not accorded the same consideration that had been the good fortune of Mr. Littleton.

#### Bryan Crowd Yelled.

It was apparent before he had been talking for two minutes that the old crowd of Bryan shouters that made the convention a bedlam yesterday was again in evidence. From every corner of the hall proceeded yells of "Hurrah for Bryan!" and "Give us Bryan!" Soon the Bryan roars smothered the voice of the gentleman from Tennessee and even when he closed the applause of the Parker supporters could make no headway against the men who were keeping the peerless leader from Nebraska in the minds of those present.

If any demonstration of the presence of a Hearst clique were needed it was furnished when E. M. Delmas, of California, was pushed out in front of the assemblage to place in nomination the son of California.

This time the delegates remained seated with the exception of those from California, but the gallery mob rolled down upon them an avalanche of howls and weird noises produced by means natural and artificial. Horns were tooted, cow bells were rung, and megaphones aided in carrying the Hearst war cry away from the faces of emitters thereof. While Mr. Delmas was speaking the crowd was quiet, but as soon as he wound up by hurling at the expectant multitude the name of William Randolph Hearst the first real roars of the evening made their debut.

The Hearst demonstration was excellently staged. There was an array of props that would do credit to a circus. Great banners strewn with gold, showing the face of the aspirant, had been folded up and planted at strategic points about the hall. Husky supporters bearing banners had been assigned to positions in the galleries. Pine boards bearing the names of States were hung in the aisle, and when the

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Hearst, asserting that Hearst is the only man who can carry New York. The Hearst man made quite a hit. So much so that another parade was threatened, but Senator Joe Bailey, who had taken the chair to allow Chairman Clark to prepare for his speech nominating Cockrell, of Missouri, succeeded in quelling it.

#### Hon. Mose Wright Wise.

There was some fear that the Hon. Mose Wright of Georgia, would keep on talking after he had made a hit in five minutes but the Hon. Mose was wise. He finished up his oratorical flight committing Georgia to Parker in a blaze of glory.

Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, was put forward by Illinois to second the nomination of Hearst. Mr. Darrow is a distinguished lawyer, a follower of Bryan and a man whose advocacy of the cause of Hearst has been sincere. He roared the reorganizers and lauded the Democracy of Bryan, whereat there were loud cries. A man in the gallery called for three cheers for Bryan and got them. Mr. Darrow questioned the sincerity of the Democrats who have been talking of a safe and sane Democracy. He was the first orator of the convention to speak of the common people.

#### Like Broadway Sandwich Men.

Gorgeous indeed was the display in the strong white light, and but for the suggestion of the restaurant advertising signs that are carried by sandwich men on Broadway and Park Row one might mistake it for a representation of the Durbar at Luna Park.

Judged by the length of time the notes lasted the Hearst demonstration traveled further than that of any other. For thirty-seven minutes the parade wound round the crowded hall, while banded up on the sides hundreds of able-bodied howlers tore holes in the soggy atmosphere. While the demonstration was at its height the reddest head of hair that ever grew on a man arose like a Japanese fire-bell out of the throng in front of the press seats on the north side of the platform. The owner of the hair had two strong friends with him. They climbed upon a table, formed an arch and the parade went high above the level of the floor and lo! the carnal hire decoration shone like a beacon.

#### Pelted the Red-Headed Man.

In about a minute things began to go the way of that red head. Chunks of stiff copy paper, folded up newspapers, fans, handkerchiefs rolled in balls, and huge wads of telegraph blanks bounced from it in showers. But the owner of the understudy for a lighthouse was game. He held his ground until somebody yelled "Put out the fire!" and a big can of ice water was passed along and emitted on his medium of disturbance.

Another man stood up on the railing of the platform and waved his hat. A closely-rolled newspaper landed on his ear and knocked him to the floor. Thereupon two policemen picked him up and hurled him into the outer darkness.

The inevitable girl in white appeared at the far northern end of the hall and waved a Hearst banner. There was nothing sly-like about this damsel. She weighed about 120 pounds, and she was the last to desert when the Hearst demonstration died of exhaustion.

The tune to which the Hearst spam became defunct was "The Wearing of the Green."

E. J. O'Donnell, of Colorado, seconded the nomination of Hearst. Mr. O'Donnell is a radical. He believes in all that the Democratic party stood committed to in 1896 and 1900, and he is not afraid to say so. He speaks with high regard for the separation of syllables; in fact, at times it appears that he makes each of his syllables a word. Nevertheless the crowd liked him.

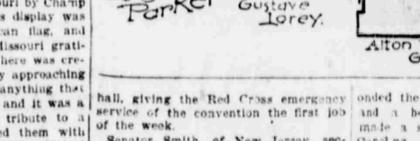
Home Cummings of Connecticut, the old friend of Bryan, spoke for his State in seconding the nomination of Judge Parker. L. Irving Handy, of Delaware, deserted the large crowd of six delegates from his State long enough to wade through an oration eulogistic of Judge Gray. The crowd did not like Mr. Handy, and although his address was scholarly and eloquent it was not carefully listened to. When the State of Florida was called one of the delegates seconded the nomination of Judge Parker. At once another delegate from Florida seconded the nomination of



Rosemont Esopus



Judge Parker's mother



Alton Parker Hall-Grandson



Mrs. Parker



Bertha Parker Hall



Mary L. Hall-Granddaughter



Ryan

the stage in the outburst succeeding the utterance of the name of the venerable Senator from Missouri by Champ Clark. All the aid to this display was furnished by the American flag, and with this and real old Missouri gratification at being shown, there was created a furor more nearly approaching genuine enthusiasm than anything that had happened previously, and it was a Missouri crowd showing tribute to a man who had represented them with honor in the Senate of the United States for a decade and a half. For twenty-seven minutes the immense audience cheered for Cockrell.

#### Waved Flags for Cockrell.

Possibly the prettiest effect ever seen at a national convention was created by the American flags which were used to help along the Cockrell demonstration. The flags were distributed simultaneously in different parts of the hall from the main floor to the gallery. They were of cheap material, but brilliant in coloring, about 24 by 12 inches. In separated spots they broke out as they were distributed like red, white and blue gardens in a landscape of white.

The bright patches spread and multiplied, joining one with another until at last the coliseum from the convention standards to the bases of the arches sustaining the roof was a waving mass of color.

Some cheerful idiot discovered that by striking the handle of one of the flags on the back of a chair a sharp noise could be secured. After his first trial others followed suit, thousands followed suit, and the rhythmic beat of the flagstaffs took the place of the fluttering of the bunting. Mayor Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, ran into somewhat of a cheerless prospect when he followed Champ Clark. Mr. Collins nominated Olney, of Massachusetts, in a short speech, and the delegation from Massachusetts gave three cheers.

Minnesota seconded the nomination of Hearst, and then seconded the nomination of Parker. This delegation is split. Mississippi, by her Gov. Vardaman, who looks like Dr. Manly, seconded the nomination of Parker, as did Montana, through Senator Clark. The Senator was the only delegate on the floor who wore evening dress, and one of the Minnesota delegates who spoke for his State wore his coat on the chair, and his wet white shirt, red suspenders and wilted collar were in plain sight of all.

#### Cheers for Bryan.

Nebraska was called for and the convention cheered for Bryan. When he got up and stood on his chair it took him three minutes to quell the noise. Then he merely announced that Nebraska yielded to Wisconsin, and would take Wisconsin's place later on.

The Badger State has a Democratic leader in the person of David Rose, of Milwaukee, and it was Rose who, chosen to present to the convention the name of Wisconsin's favorite son, Nature gave Mayor Rose a facility for conversation and a plentiful supply of nerve. He talked to the convention as though he thought Mr. Wall had a chance of being nominated.

The Mayor of Milwaukee took a fall out of everybody in the party not in line with his own ideas. So scornful were his criticisms at times that delegates arose to dispute. A man from Texas indignantly protested that Mayor Rose was arraigning the entire Democratic party in convention assembled. But Mr. Rose would not be stayed and he played his oratorical hand out in spite of inquiries from the gallery if he was going to chew the rag all night.

Senator William A. Harris, of Kansas, seconded the nomination of Cockrell. Nobody heard what he said, but it must have been good. When he finished a man had a fit in a private corner of the

hall, giving the Red Cross emergency service of the convention the first job of the week.

Senator Smith, of New Jersey, seconded the nomination of Judge Parker and a benevolent looking gentleman made a similar disposition for North Carolina. New York had nothing to say

anything that hinted at a combination to elect Judge Esopus would not have a chance. From the start it had figured out the Judge's nomination, and while other adherents and admirers of the Judge may have had doubts Esopus never was in doubt as a preparatory work made two days ago to have a parade on the streets.

Judge Parker had retired long before the ballroom was received saying that he was not in the hall, and a new hotel will never have nothing on Esopus side with their always talking about Marty Van Buren, and High-lights always a dingy into everybody's ears about Levi P. Morton, Gosh darn it, Quinn, I'm going to holler. They were spent in Esopus until the news was received after daylight that Esopus was not to cut loose. And so the night was spent in Esopus until the news was received after daylight that Esopus was not to cut loose.

Now wouldn't that make the Hudson run up Esopus' nose as a very old man didn't know what a fine man the Judge was, said a resident. Why, he was just made for a President. I feel Esopus will never have nothing on Esopus side with their always talking about Marty Van Buren, and High-lights always a dingy into everybody's ears about Levi P. Morton, Gosh darn it, Quinn, I'm going to holler. They were spent in Esopus until the news was received after daylight that Esopus was not to cut loose.

All this was yesterday gossip before the news was received to-day.

#### BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., July 9.—

Former President Grover Cleveland had not left his room this morning when news of the nomination of Judge Parker for President at the St. Louis Convention reached the summer residence of Joseph Jefferson, where Mr. Cleveland is a guest. The former President declined to communicate with any newspaper reporter until after breakfast, although he was advised of the action of the convention as soon as he awoke. Finally Mr. Cleveland, through a son of Mr. Jefferson, sent the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Mr. Cleveland declines to see any reporter or representative of the press, but sends the following word from his room to the Associated Press:

"I am in absolute ignorance of the action of the St. Louis Convention, except in so far as it has nominated Mr. Parker as Presidential candidate. With this result I am abundantly gratified, and I hope that the remainder of the work of the convention will add to the encouraging prospects of Democratic success. This is all I can possibly say at this time. I do not know when I shall be in so far as it has nominated Mr. Parker as Presidential candidate. With this result I am abundantly gratified, and I hope that the remainder of the work of the convention will add to the encouraging prospects of Democratic success. This is all I can possibly say at this time. I do not know when I shall be in so far as it has nominated Mr. Parker as Presidential candidate. With this result I am abundantly gratified, and I hope that the remainder of the work of the convention will add to the encouraging prospects of Democratic success. This is all I can possibly say at this time. 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