

STAGE ALL SET FOR BIG POW WOW IN CHICAGO

Republicans Are Gathering for Most Strenuous Political Battle in History.

COLISEUM SCENE OF MANY NOMINATIONS

Tickets Were Nominated There in Years 1904, 1908, and 1912.

Chicago, June 6.—The Chicago Coliseum, where the republican national convention of 1916 will be held, beginning June 7, has a history rich in political interest. More national political conventions have been held in it than in any other building in the United States.

Three republican national conventions have been held within its walls and it was there also that the progressive party, in 1912, held its first national convention and nominated Col. Theodore Roosevelt for president. The republicans nominated their presidential ticket in the Chicago Coliseum in 1904, 1908 and 1912.

The building was designed as a model convention hall, but later adapted to broader uses. It was built by Charles F. Gunther and several business associates on the site of the old Libby Prison War museum at Wabash avenue and Fifteenth street, less than a mile from the hotel and retail shopping district.

Old War Prison.

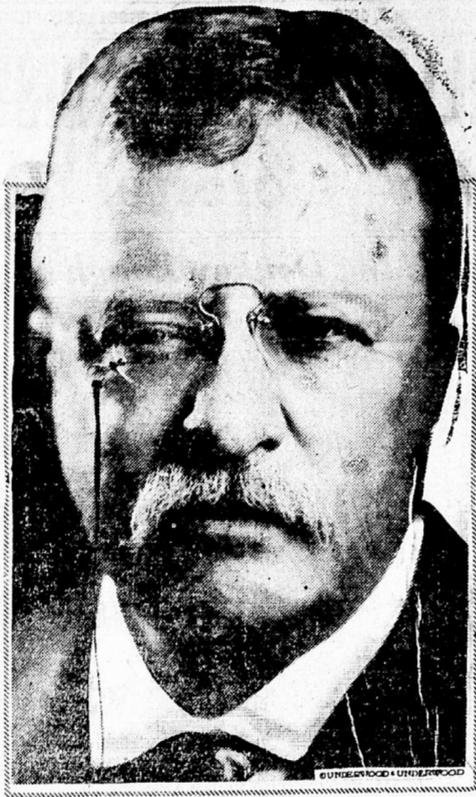
The castellated walls of the old war prison were used for the Wabash avenue side of the structure. It was built of stone, brick, steel and glass and was finished in 1909. The building is 400 feet long, 170 feet wide and 110 feet high, and cost nearly \$1,000,000. It has a wide balcony extending around three of the walls and it is well lighted and ventilated.

For this year's convention two additional balconies with seats for 732 persons have been built between the main floor and the regular balcony. This gives a total seating capacity of 12,400, of which 9,400 seats are on the main floor and 3,000 in the balconies. The crowds will enter through four main doors on the Wabash avenue side. There are 22 exits. There will be 100 doorkeepers and 100 ushers, in addition to a large special detail of police, to handle the great crowds. The seating arrangements will follow the general plan of former conventions, although several changes have been made which it is believed will add to the comfort and convenience of the delegates and visitors.

Massive Platform.

The speaker's platform, 20 feet long and 40 feet wide, is at the south end of the building. It will provide seats for the officers of the convention and members of the republican national committee. Suspended over the stand is a specially designed sounding board. It consists of an inverted conical pyramid built of wood with the apex over the head of the presiding officer. It is designed to throw the voice through the hall. Directly in the rear of the speaker's stand is a raised platform with 2,000 seats, for the use of presidential candidates and other distinguished guests. On either side of the speaker's platform, extending the entire width of the building, is a press section, containing 558 seats for working newspaper men. In front of the speaker's stand are the seats for the 991 delegates, and back of these is the space set aside for the seating of the alternates. The section reserved for delegates and alternates is enclosed with a heavy rail. The rest of the main floor and all the balconies will be used for

ON DAY OF BIG POLITICAL BATTLE THESE TWO CANDIDATES SEEM TO BE THE LEADERS



COL. THEODORE ROOSEVELT

BOOMLETS IN CHICAGO WHERE 'E'ER YOU TURN

Many Favorite Sons Practically Unknown to Nation at Large.

SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS ARE SURELY IN STORE

Peace, Harmony and Gentlemen Pulling the Wires to Decide.

Chicago, Ill., June 7.

Sing a Song of Buncos, A Pocket Full of Guff, Four and Twenty Boomlets, Are More Than Enough. Why is a favorite son? Also, Who in the mischief is he? Who is Henry D. Estabrook? No-body knows! Who is T. Coleman Du Pont? Something to do with Delaware, I think. Or is it Rhode Island? Who is John W. Weeks? Somebody told me he ran for office somewhere once, but I've forgotten what it was. Who is this man they call Brumbaugh, or something like that? I heard a man say he used to be mayor of Philadelphia. Who is W. J. Calhoun? Echo answers "Who?" and that with sad and wailing voice.

Who are all these other candidates that have been dragged from a fathomless obscurity to be thrust by main strength upon reluctant attention? And why on earth do they amaze us thus with their headquarters that bloom over night and their gabbling press agents and the lively chirrup of their other hired men?

Presidential candidates they call them. There isn't one of them that by any possibility could be nominated. There isn't one of them about whom the country knows a stricken thorn or care a hoot, or could be made to care.

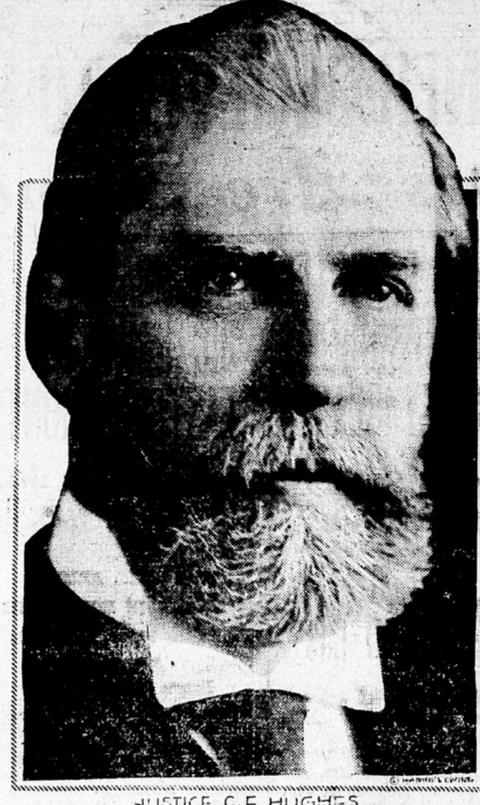
Well, then, how do they get into the game? And what's the use of all this vast expenditure of money and jaw power gone to waste? And now we come to a national convention as it really is, and not as it is continually being painted and dolled-up for the delight of the populace.

All these sparrows of so-called candidates are allowed to chitter and chatter around at a time like this because each of them is to politicians something to deal with. He is material, this favorite son; he is stock, he is goods, he is the equivalent of chips, pawns, long green or ready mizuma.

And that is why he is a favorite son. When the gentlemen that sit behind the scenes and pull the strings get ready to pick the man that the convention is to nominate, they trade the votes of their respective candidates against the advantages they want to get for themselves, and out of this agreeable merchandizing comes at last peace, harmony and the long pole that knocks the persimmon!

Nothing is easier than for a politician that knows his job to get pawns of this kind to deal with. There is nearly always somebody in his state that has both money and an overweening vanity—and that is all that is required. "Grandpa was a candidate for the republican nomination for President in 1916," he knows his admiring descendants will say, and if he only gets eight votes that is enough!

When it comes to the show-down time, the terms are the bluntest and plainest. All is done behind closed and watched doors, and there is no danger the hot polloi will hear any-



JUSTICE C.E. HUGHES

HARDING MAKES THE WELKIN RING!



The G. O. P.'s keynote is one of the grandest little fountains of eloquence that ever fountained in the American political arena. Art Young, the famous cartoonist at Chicago for the Tribune, has caught him in a characteristic pose.

thing, so what's the odds? Let's talk right out.

I have fourteen votes in the convention for John W. Woodenhead, the favorite son of Goss Hollow. You want me to turn them over to A. B. Solemnowl. Well, on what arrangement? Do I get to name the secretary of commerce and the attorney general?

Also, of course, it must be all right for me about the patronage in my state. I get the collector of the port and the big post office.

In this way an understanding is reached, agreeable to all, and the favorite son disappears in the shuffle. Then the delegates get the straight tip, the right man is nominated amid indescribable enthusiasm, and five million citizens are delighted with the

result of the convention's deliberations.

This isn't cynical, though to the uninitiated it may sound so. It is merely fact, and every man that has "covered" national conventions with his mind (as well as his pencil) knows that it is fact.

There is, indeed, even something to be said for this method of picking our candidates. It is businesslike, practical, avoids any sentiment and maintains among us the politician, an American product that some philosophers would certainly regret to miss!

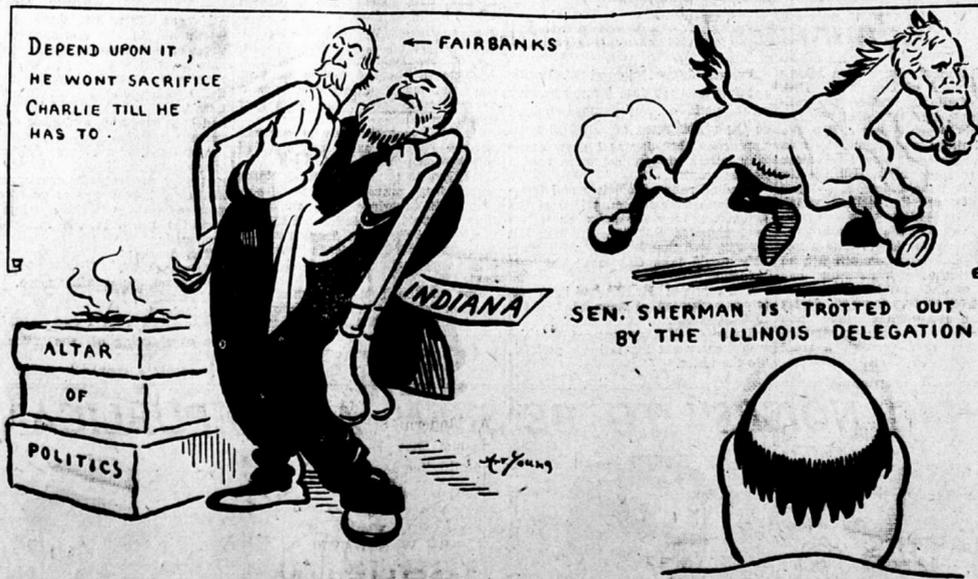
When this water-gas gets going right as an auto fuel, it's going to be easier than ever to ride the water wagon. Someone will start a water wagon taxi service.

SORRY SHE DID NOT KILL MAN WHO RUINED HER

St. Paul, June 6.—"I am sorry I made a bad job of it and didn't kill him. When I met him I amounted to something and now look at me." This was the statement made by Mrs. Helen LaMotte, white, after she shot William S. Williams, negro, April 23, according to a witness in her trial for murder before District Judge O. B. Lewis, today.

The Verdun battle's like a will contest. When the lawyers get through there's nothing left for the heirs.

Art Young at Chicago Walks Out Among the "Boomlets"



Indiana starts the fires of her literary genius burning under the Fair banks icicle; Illinois trots out Sherman, whose other name is Lawrence and who lives in Springfield, and the home of the man and the Cod selects the mate with scintillating dome.

HARMONY EFFORTS FAIL OF RESULTS

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that can be said about developments of the day is that there has been a general tightening in preparations for the test of strength.

300 on First Ballot. Frank H. Hitchcock estimated that Justice Hughes would receive about 300 votes on the first ballot. He said reports had been most encouraging and predicted that the Hughes vote would grow rapidly after the preliminary ballot. Florida decided during the day to cast her solid vote for Hughes and to stay with him to the end. A poll of Arkansas is reported to set at least 17 votes. The Rhode Island delegation of 10 is reported solid for Hughes and substantial gains were claimed elsewhere.

Several political leaders estimate the first ballot as follows: Hughes, 261; Weeks, 160; Roosevelt, 98; Cummins, 81; Fairbanks, 80; Burton, 70; Sherman, 58; Knox, 51; Root, 42; LaFollette, 28; scattering, 54; total, 983.

This excluded two delegates from the District of Columbia who were seated by the national committee, but will take the case before the credential committee.

The allies contended that Mr. Hughes was in the lead, but the fact that he occupied this advantageous position was not allowed to stand in the way of their efforts to hold their forces in hand.

To Prevent Stampede.

Their plan is to prevent an early stampede to the Hughes column, in the hope that today might inject into the situation some new element which would weaken him and promote the prospect of some one of the other candidates. All of the candidates were receiving favorable assurances from their friends and in view of the situation thus created the general opinion that several ballots will precede the nomination. This opinion is based upon the supposition that no surprise will be forthcoming. Much speculation has been indulged in with regard to the effect of a positive announcement from Mr. Roosevelt. No one accounts upon anything from him favorable to Justice Hughes, but the day rather was characterized by an expectation of a declaration contrary to that interest. Many believe such an expression would be fatal to Justice Hughes nomination because it would mean certain defeat at the polls.

Some, however, advocated his nomination even in the teeth of disapproval by the former president.

Progressives Are Restive.

Leaders are not hiding the fact that they are embarrassed by a lack of control over their delegates and they fear that they cannot delay a nomination in their convention until after the Republicans have acted.

When told of this situation the Republican managers have bluntly replied that this predicament is a Progressive affair. Although Progressive managers have been confounded by their delegates, they have capitalized the situation to the extent of using it as an argument with Republican managers for an early nomination in the coliseum. They have told Republicans that they fully realized the uncontrollable quality among Roosevelt enthusiasts which they fear will result in a quick nomination of the column, and thus spoil the plans for a reunited party.

The Republican managers reiterated that they cannot be held responsible for a condition which the Progressive leaders have created and which now is plaguing them. It developed today that there is a growing disposition to develop a conservative progressivism and opposed to extreme radicalism, which would do everything for conscience sake and nothing for expediency. The former element, composed largely of active business men, are inclined to continue efforts to bring about affiliation with the Republicans. The other element demands acceptance of Colonel Roosevelt as the only basis of compromise.

They go so far as to say that even if Mr. Roosevelt should endorse the candidacy of such a man as Justice Hughes, the Progressives would proceed with their convention and not nominate Roosevelt, but some other leader; for instance, Governor Hiram Johnson, or Gifford Pinchot. Word was circulated that Colonel Roosevelt had manifested a disposition to follow the advice of the Progressives at any cost and the general opinion was that nothing would be heard from Oyster Bay favorable to any Republican aspirant to the nomination.

Lack of control of the Progressive convention lies in the fact that in point of numbers, it is a third again as large as the Republican convention.

Laments Lack of Harmony.

Senator Penrose, in an impromptu speech to the Pennsylvania delegates, who today unanimously elected him chairman, said there was no evidence as to who will be nominated by the convention, so far as he was concerned.

Need the Warning If You Have a Cough!

The deep-seated cough that does not yield to ordinary treatment may lead to distressing pulmonary troubles. Or it may bring on a chronic bronchial affection. Many persons now incapacitated might have avoided such disastrous results by timely care and efficient medical treatment.

Among the latter Eckman's Alternative has an enviable record. It is a lime-bearing preparation which is easily assimilated in most instances. Where used in connection with nourishing food and proper living, it has given widespread relief.

Its freedom from poisonous or habit-forming drugs of any nature whatsoever renders it safe to try. And its content of calcium gives it tonic value.

At your druggist's, Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia. For sale at Breslow's Drug Store.

SALTS IS FINE FOR KIDNEYS, QUIT MEAT

Flush the Kidneys at Once When Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers.

Meat Form Uric Acid. No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid, which clogs the kidney pipes so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and pot-salts from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then see fine. This ammonia salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which all regular drinkers should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.—Adv.

seats to accommodate the crowds of visitors.

Large Annex.

Adjoining the Coliseum on the south is an annex three stories high, 170 feet deep and with a frontage of about 100 feet on Wabash avenue. It is connected with the main building by several broad entrances.

In the basement of the annex, at the south end of the main building and near the speaker's stand, is the telegraph and telephone room, where scores of special wires have been installed for the use of the news gathering associations and newspapers in sending stories of the convention to every section of the country. In the basement of the main building is a completely equipped temporary hospital, in charge of 25 of Chicago's leading physicians and surgeons, who have volunteered their services for the occasion.

The upper floors of the annex have been fitted up with the administrative rooms of the officers of the convention. Here are the private offices of the chairman, secretary, treasurer and a score of minor officials. The convention postoffice for the prompt distribution of mail to the officials and delegates is in this section. There is a large meeting room for the republican national committee and numerous rooms for use of the committees of the convention.

Elaborate Decorations.

In the decoration of the convention hall the managers departed from the long established practice of practically relying exclusively on flags and bunting to obtain the desired artistic effect. This year the scheme of interior ornamentation is more elaborate and artistic than ever before, according to experts. The plan was designed by C. R. Hall, superintendent of the Coliseum, and Julius Floto, an architect. White and gold dominate the color scheme, while American flags, shields and bunting are used to complete the working out of the decorative plan.

Eight thousand yards of white cloth, 4,000 yards of gold cloth, 5,000 yards of red, white and blue bunting and 250 American flags and shields were used in the interior ornamentation of the convention hall. The bare brick walls and steel girders which support the roof are concealed by 25 panels of white cloth, each 25 by 50 feet. Each panel is decorated with a deep flounce of gold cloth. Hanging from the roof in the center, under the large glass ventilators, are large bars of gold cloth, which add to the artistic effect without obstructing light and air. The balconies are tastefully festooned with red, white and blue bunting, caught every ten feet with bunches of small American flags and shields.

The Officers.

On the wall back of the speaker's stand is hung a large oil portrait of Abraham Lincoln, which has been in six national conventions since it was painted in 1864. It was loaned to the convention by its owner, George Prince of New York.

The officers of the convention are: Temporary Chairman—Senator Warren G. Harding, Ohio.

Temporary Secretary—Lafayette B. Geason, New York.

Sergeant-at-Arms—William F. Stone, Maryland.

Chief Clerk—Edmund J. Wichter, Maryland.

Official Stenographer—George L. Hart, Virginia.

Chief Doorkeeper—John J. Hanson, Maryland.

Chief Usher—Wm. Nelson Pelouze, Illinois.

The arduous work of making the preliminary plans for the convention was in charge of the sub-committee on arrangements of the republican national committee, composed of the following:

Chairman—Charles D. Hilles, New York.

Secretary—James B. Reynolds, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—George R. Sheldon, New York.

Sergeant-at-Arms—William F. Stone, Maryland.

James P. Goodrich, Indiana; John T. Adams, Iowa; Fred Stanley, Kansas; Charles B. Warren, Michigan; T. K. Niedringhaus, Missouri; Fred W. Estabrook, New Hampshire; Franklin Hurphy, New Jersey; E. C. Duncan, North Carolina; Ralph E. Williams, Oregon; and Alva H. Martin, Virginia.

The local committee, composed of Chicago business men, which raised \$100,000 to bring the convention to this city, includes:

Fred W. Upham, chairman; Walter J. Malatesta, assistant chairman; Kay Wood, vice chairman; John C. Roth, treasurer, and A. Sheldon Clark, secretary.