

AS NO MAN'S CONVENTION

DELEGATES AT ST. LOUIS WILL SELECT DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE—DARK HORSE A POSSIBILITY.

AMONG OTHERS NOT MENTIONED IN CURRENT GOSSIP IS JUDGE HARMON, OF OHIO—VICTORY IS THE AIM.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Returns from the Democratic primaries indicate that the selection for the Democratic candidate for President will be left to the St. Louis national convention.

It is commonly agreed among Democrats of national experience that the situation has sufficiently developed to demonstrate that no candidate will go to the convention with enough pledged delegates to insure his securing the nomination. The most extraordinary feature of the situation is the seeming lack of intensity in the advocacy of any man whose name is being considered in connection with the nomination. In each instance where instructions have been given by State conventions, whether for Parker, Hearst or some other candidate, that action has been secured with great difficulty and the result has failed to arouse enthusiasm, and it is not at all apparent that the instructed delegates will feel bound to stick to their man through thick and thin. Many of the claims and expectations are based upon underground understandings. There is a manifestation of Hearst sentiment which is nothing more than an expression of opposition to Parker, and some of the seeming Parker support is simply intense antagonism to Hearst. Expressions favorable to less conspicuous candidates are for the most part manifestations of a disposition on the part of delegations from certain States to remain uncommitted until the delegation shall have all got together at St. Louis and had an opportunity to consult and survey the field.

The Cardinal Question.
Experienced politicians interpret this to mean that the question which will be uppermost at St. Louis will not be whether this man or that man shall be honored with the nomination, but whether the party can be up in a position to win the election, and if so what man can come nearest uniting the party to bring about this result. The personal equation will be subordinate to the desire for success. Many are expected to stand ready to make any sort of sacrifice for mere success, but the counter to this will be a demonstration that success cannot be attained by a sacrifice of principle. Wise heads of the party feel that, if for no other reason than that inspired by considerations of expediency, the principles of the party and the character of the candidate will have to be regarded. So that after all the danger of the convention going wild will not be so great as a superficial view of the situation might suggest as possible. No bolt from the convention is anticipated, for the reason that it is manifest that a bolt would mean the defeat of the party that the provocation of a bolt will be avoided. The supporters of the successful candidate will not design to court his defeat. Neither element of the party winning the candidate will have to make concessions to the other element in the platform, and withal the difficulty in the way of making a platform which everybody will approve as far as it goes is probably exaggerated by those who, like Mr. Bryan and his most extreme opponents, feel intensely on this subject. It is expected by Democrats of national experience that the questions of candidate and of platform will be considered together and that an acceptable candidate will insure a rational platform, which will neither repudiate nor reiterate. The party will probably "adhere to the principles" of its former platforms, without "reaffirming" the issues that have passed, provided the candidate nominated is acceptable all around.

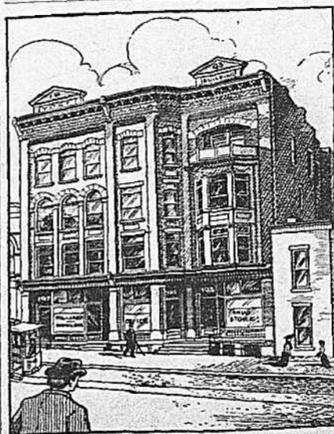
Little Light on the Candidate.
As to the personality of the candidate there is scarcely more enlightenment, now that about two-thirds of the delegates to the convention have been chosen, than there was before the first primary was held. Even instructions do not signify much. If Mr. Parker is to be nominated it will not be because he has a certain number of instructed delegates whose votes will give him a good showing on the first ballot, but because, after considering the situation from every side, the uninstructed delegates conclude he would make a strong candidate, having about the best chance of any for success at the polls. If the uninstructed delegates conclude that the antagonism toward Mr. Parker is such as to threaten his defeat at the polls, rendering him weaker than some other candidate, a very large number of delegates voting for him under instructions would be of little avail. Apparently the balance of power—the casting vote—of the convention will rest

with a number of independent delegations who will be influenced solely by a desire to harmonize the party and to court success. Some of the instructed delegations will feel free to disregard instructions if the situation in the judgment of a majority of the delegation warrants it. It is well known that some of the Hearst delegations will feel at liberty at any time to go to another candidate, and the same is true of some of the Parker delegations. In Indiana, for instance, there is a distinct understanding that the instructions for Parker are not to be construed as controlling the delegation against the better judgment of a majority if a change of attitude is deemed desirable after St. Louis is reached. In fact, it appears that few, if any, of the instructed delegates for any candidate are bound securely, against all contingencies.

Chances of An Outsider.
A great deal of McClellan talk is being indulged in, and if it were not for the question of his eligibility under the Constitution consequent upon his having been born abroad he might become formidable as a candidate. The difficulty in his case is that there is no way of determining in advance of an election whether his being born abroad bars him from the Presidency. The best lawyers differ in their construction of the constitutional inhibition, and a decision either way by the Supreme Court could be sustained by strong arguments. Congress has by legislation construed the term "natural born citizen" by special enactment providing that a man born of American parents abroad shall have the rights of citizenship. This law operates as a sort of naturalization through inheritance, and is predicted upon assumption that a man so born would not naturally, without a special provision of law, be a citizen, and is therefore not a "natural born" citizen. With this construction by Congress, and taking into consideration the old English laws, which were largely the guides of the framers of the Constitution, the Supreme Court would have ample warrant for declaring a man not actually born on American soil to be ineligible to the Presidency, and, inasmuch as the Supreme Court is Republican, and in view of recent five-to-four decisions, it would be a risky thing for the Democrats to nominate for the Presidency a man whose eligibility would be subject to judicial determination after election.

"Outside Possibilities."
The "outsiders" who are enough in line to be possibilities are quite numerous, and not confined to the two or three who have been casually mentioned. Casual mention has been made of Judge Judson Harmon, who was Attorney-General under Cleveland, as an available candidate. Judge Harmon will be an active candidate for the nomination, and that he should be nominated is not an impossibility. The claim that the Ohio delegation will be for this candidate or for that outside of Ohio is not warranted. I have most reliable information that Judge Harmon's name will be presented seriously by Ohio, and that his candidacy is being urged from several quarters. He is a man of high character and ability. Three or four other men who, like Judge Harmon, are not seeking to be placed in the attitude of a candidate are likely to be given serious consideration when the national convention assembles, and no man can now tell what may be the result. Something not thought of now may be as likely as the much-talked-of candidates. The situation as it appears now is promising of deliberation and common sense characterizing the course of the Democratic national convention.—J. P. M. in Baltimore Sun.

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Some of the best paid employees of our government are women. So far as wages are concerned, Uncle Sam recognizes no distinction of sex, and in some branches of the public service persons in petticoats, owing to their superior aptitude for certain kinds of work—such, for example, as the counting of money—have entirely driven out the men, who are unable to compete with them.

The highest salary paid by the government to a woman is drawn by Miss Estelle Reel, who is superintendent of all the Indian schools, says the Columbus Dispatch. She is quite a remarkable person, and the supervision which she exercises over the rising generation of the Nation's wards has already revolutionized to a great extent the system of management adopted. She gets \$3,000 a year, plus her expenses, the latter being a considerable item, inasmuch as she spends nearly all of her time in traveling about from one school to another.

The most remarkable position held by any woman under the government is occupied by Miss Clara Graecen, who is the law clerk of the Treasury at Washington. A mere girl, slight of figure, with fluffy blonde hair, one would never imagine that she could be an expert writer of legal opinions for one of the executive departments. Yet such is her business, and she obtained her place purely through merit and superior ability. It pays \$2,000 a year, and is the only position of the kind under the government that was ever held by a woman. Miss Graecen came from Kalkaska, Mich., eight years ago.

Miss Margaret M. Hanna is the only woman in Uncle Sam's employ who does diplomatic work. Her business is the handling, at the Department of State in Washington, of correspondence which relates to diplomatic affairs. Though still in her twenties, she has occupied this position ever since 1896. Her salary is \$1,800 a year. Miss Hanna is very pretty. Ann Arbor, Mich., claims her as her birthplace.

The highest pay given to any woman in the Postoffice Department is \$1,800. This amount is drawn by Mrs. Emma Watkins, who is an expert in accounts. She handles the accounts of all the postmasters in our outlying possessions, including Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam and Samoa. To these are added the postoffices in Alaska and also those in the Windward Islands.

Mrs. Emma Sheridan, like Mrs. Watkins, a widow, writes treatises for the Department of State. It is quite remarkable work for a woman to do; but she is a born linguist, and, as she herself says, "spoke three languages from babyhood—English to her father, Italian to her mother and French to other people. Her mother was an Italian, and her father half Italian and half English. She was born in Siena, Italy, and was educated in Paris.

Another notable woman in the government employ is Miss Marie MacNaughton, who, in a competitive examination five years ago, secured a \$2,400 place in the Bureau of American Republics. Hardly more than a girl she is slender, dark and very pretty. Her work consists in translating English into French. Miss MacNaughton was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and was educated in Paris.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

Fairmont Gets to Name the Congressional Candidate.

The Democrats will hold their State Convention at Parkersburg, August 3; the First District Congressional Convention will be held at Fairmont, August 1; the Second at Gratton, August 2; the Fifth at Williamson, August 1, while the Third and Fourth will likely be held the same week. Fred Martin is spoken of in First district as a candidate.

The elopers sped on in the red automobile.

"Now that we have eloped," whispered the timid girl, "do you think our money will last?"

"Don't bother about money," shouted the young man. "I'm wondering if the gasoline will last."

Just then the lights of papa's pursuing machine flashed in the distance.—Chicago News.

NOTICE.

Worthy H. Post has bought the M. R. Post Grocery on 8th street and will continue the business at the old stand where he was formerly located.

T. F. KOEN'S FUNERAL

Will Take Place at Mannington on Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

MANNINGTON, W. Va., June 10.—The funeral services over the remains of the late T. F. Koen will be held in the M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

A telegram was received from Mrs. Bessie Berlin Wednesday afternoon dated at North Platte, Nebraska, stating that her husband and she would probably reach Mannington sometime to-day.

Homer Koen has not been heard from since he left the northwest for home, but is expected to reach this city to-day, although unexpected delays enroute may hold both him and Dr. and Mrs. Berlin beyond the anticipated time of their arrival.

Many out of town friends of the deceased will be present at the funeral.

Each In His Own Way.

Chicago Record-Herald.

"Well," said the man who plays golf, "automobiling may be all right for you, but when I go out for fun I want fun. Spending half the time repairing break-downs doesn't appeal to me."

"I suppose not," replied the automobile enthusiast, "but as far as I am concerned a game at which you have to waste two-thirds of your time hunting for a ball isn't the kind that would make me glad. There, I've got 'er going at last. So long."

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A convention of the Republican party of the 11th Senatorial district of West Virginia, composed of the counties of Marion, Mingo and Taylor, is hereby called at Fairmont, in Marion county, West Virginia, on Saturday, the 21st day of June, 1904, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Senator of said district for the ensuing term, to be voted for at the general election to be held in November next, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before said convention.

The basis of representation in said convention shall be one delegate for each 100 votes or fractional part thereof over fifty cast for the Republican Presidential electors in said district at the general election held in the year 1900.

The executive committee of the Republican party in each of the counties of said district are requested to provide for the election of delegates to said convention according to the usages of said party.

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