

PARKER'S FRIENDS DECLARE HE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO DICTATE

BETTING IN FAVOR OF PARKER ON WALL STREET NEW YORK, July 11.—On the curb in Wall street today the betting on the election was 1 to 2 in favor of Parker in small lots.

ESOPUS, July 11.—Telegrams of congratulation showered in on Judge Parker this morning. The judge was up at the usual hour and looked over his mail and messages. He then went for a long horseback ride in the country. The afternoon was spent at Rosemont, answering telegrams and letters.

No Attempt to Dictate. A friend of Parker made a positive denial this morning of the statement that the judge telegraphed Hill at St. Louis Friday, insisting that the financial plank in the preliminary draft of the platform be altered. No such telegram was sent, according to the judge's friend, and Parker's message to Sheehan was the last communication he had with the convention.

Said Nothing Until Nominated. It is said that Parker had no information in regard to the platform on Friday and no intimation as to what it contained was received by him until after he had received the news of his nomination.

Parker Thanks Hearst. Among the telegrams received this morning by Judge Parker were messages from Grover Cleveland, Adlai E. Stevenson and William R. Hearst. The latter said: "I hope and believe that, battling for the people and for such principles, you will lead Democracy to victory."

The judge answered this in a personal letter, saying: "I just wish to thank you for your kind message of congratulation, and to advise you of

my grateful appreciation." Cleveland's High Praise. Ex-President Cleveland said: "You must permit me to express my gratitude and admiration for the splendid manifestation of honor and courage you have given to your countrymen and to Democracy in your St. Louis dispatch."

SOLDIER MURDERED BECAUSE SOMEBODY SPILLED THE SOUP

A great shock came to Camp Murray Saturday night in the fatal shooting of Private Thomas C. Vandiver by Private Frederick R. Stubbs. The shooting occurred after supper and was the result of a quarrel over some soup which had been spilled in the mess tent.

After leaving the mess tent, Vandiver, it is stated, followed Stubbs to his tent. Stubbs claims that he feared violence at the hands of Vandiver and shot him with a 30-30 Krag-Jorgenson in self-defense. The bullet struck Vandiver above the right groin and passed through his body, coming out the left hip.

The wounded man was taken to the brigade hospital at Camp Steiaco and was operated upon by Major Ebert, chief surgeon; Major E. M. Brown, of Tacoma, chief surgeon of the first brigade, and Assistant Surgeon Arthur W. Morse.

The bullet tore a zigzag hole through the body, piercing the intestines nine times, and in the operation over 11 inches of the intestines were removed.

exposition said: "Those who have asking that you state your position on the issues of the campaign can no longer have any question as to your convictions or your courage to express them."

Cockran Explains. NEW YORK, July 11.—Bourke Cockran has sent out a communication dated Indianapolis, July 10, explaining why he declined to address the national Democratic convention.

SUNDAY NIGHT BLAZE

Fire completely destroyed a small vacant house on Montgomery street, near the city water flume, about 9:30 o'clock last night. The dwelling had been unoccupied for a long while and the cause of the blaze is a mystery.

STAYS OUT TOO LATE

Celia Hill, a colored chambermaid, who delights in roaming the streets at night, will be called upon to explain her doings to Judge Griffin. The specific charge against her is "street walking."

JAPS HAVE KEY TO PORT ARTHUR CZAR LOSES ANOTHER BATTLESHIP

Mikado's Land Forces Take Ciung Tao, While Admiral Togo Again Engages the Russian Fleet, Forcing It to Retreat Into the Harbor--Alarm Over Cholera in Czar's Army

ROME, July 11.—The correspondent of the Agencia Libera at Chefoo reports that Ciung Tao, the key to the Port Arthur defenses, has been captured by the Japanese. The report adds that the Russian battleship Retvizan and other battleships were destroyed.

Naval Battle Fought.

TOKIO, July 11.—Admiral Togo reports that four Russian cruisers, two gunboats and seven torpedo boat destroyers debouched from Port Arthur Saturday morning, preceded by steamers clearing the mines.

rived here after three years spent in Japan, China and Manchuria.

Declares Russia Will Win. "The Japanese have been prepared for war more than three years, but they must necessarily yield before the superior numbers of the Russians," continued Mr. Kennedy.

ACCIDENT MARS DAY'S PLEASURE

Miss Alice Harger, a music teacher of Tacoma, was seriously injured at Brown's point yesterday, while indulging with some friends in the game of see-saw.

The young people had picked up a plank and, placing it over a log, began to teeter; the plank broke and Miss Harger was thrown violently against a stump. Her friends picked her up unconscious and brought her to the Fannie Paddock hospital, where she has since been under the care of Dr. Rynning.

Her injuries are quite serious and it will be some time before she recovers. Miss Harger lives with her brother and sisters at 226 St. Helens avenue.

STORMY SESSION MARKED CLOSE OF BIG DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Telegram From Judge Parker on the Gold Question Caused Excitement--Henry G. Davis of West Virginia Nominated for Second Place on First Ballot--Turner Gets 100 Votes

ST. LOUIS, July 11.—Practically all the Democratic leaders have left St. Louis. Those here today feel assured that the adoption of Thomas Taggart's resolution Sunday by the national committee insures the Indiana man's position as chairman when the committee meets officially in New York.

Bryan Is Silent. ST. LOUIS, July 11.—W. J. Bryan is much better today. He is remain-

ing at the Democratic national convention adjourned since die at 1:30 yesterday morning, after a stormy session lasting over five hours. The nomination of ex-Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia for vice-president was the closing feature of the convention. Davis was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 654 votes. John Sharp Turner of Washington received 100. Davis' nomination was immediately

selection was certain, as the report had gone out that the party wanted a man from the middle West for second place, but for some reason the Ohioan was overlooked.

Bombshell in Convention. The thing that prolonged the last session of the convention and threatened for a time to split the Democratic party, was the receipt of the following telegram from Judge Parker:

"I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established and I shall act accordingly if the action of the convention of today shall be ratified by the people. My views should be made known to the convention and if it proves to be unsatisfactory to the majority I request you to decline the nomination for me at once, so that another may be nominated before adjournment."

This came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky and the anti-Parker men seized upon it as the final point which would harrass the nominee's leaders in the convention.

Bryan Renewed Fight. William J. Bryan arose from his bed on hearing of the message from Parker and immediately formulated a reply to Judge Parker, which he urged the convention to send. After an exciting session, however, the convention decided to send the following reply to its nominee:

"The platform adopted by this convention is silent on the question of the monetary standard, because it is not regarded by us as a possible issue in this campaign, and only campaign issues were mentioned in the platform. Therefore there is nothing expressed by you in the telegram just received which would preclude a man entertaining them from accepting a nomination on said platform."

With the sending of this message the delegates considered the incident closed, and no time was lost in finishing up the business of the convention. After Davis had been declared nominated for vice-president the usual vote of thanks was tendered the officers of the convention and the city of St. Louis and the tired delegates hastened from the hall where one of the most memorable conventions in the party's history had been held.

HENRY G. DAVIS WAS ONCE A FARM LABORER

Henry G. Davis, nominee for vice-president on the Democratic ticket, was born in Baltimore, Md., November 16, 1823. He worked on a plantation while a boy, then became a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

HOW TACOMA PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED YESTERDAY.

Davis went to West Virginia, where he invested in coal lands. Subsequently he conceived the plan of building the West Virginia Central & Pittsburg railway, which penetrated the great coal and timber countries, thus making the coal and timber lands of great value. Davis founded the town of Davis, Tucker county, W. Va., and the Davis National bank at Piedmont. A large shareholder in many great corporations, he is assisted in the management of his interests by his son-in-law, Senator Stephen B. Elkins.

HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN

"Hottest day in fifteen years." That's what the old settlers said yesterday as they mopped the perspiration from their faces and looked longingly at Mount Tacoma's snow-capped peak. Nobody disputed the statement, but kept busy all day looking for a cool place.

Everybody who could do so left the city for the shady places along the shore. By far the greatest number went to Point Defiance park. Others embarked on the numerous small boats which were plying on the Sound and visited the nearby resorts. The hot wave did not confine its attentions to Tacoma alone, but

spread over the entire state. In Eastern Washington the heat was more intense than here, the thermometer registering as high as 98 degrees in places. Seattle fared pretty well, but to those who sweltered in the close, enervating atmosphere of the city their tribulations were too great to be minimized by comparison with the still greater ones of others.

Although the mornings in Tacoma are generally cool, the mercury stood at the 65 degree mark when the sun made his appearance yesterday morning. It was a very short time until the silver thread in the glass tube began to climb.

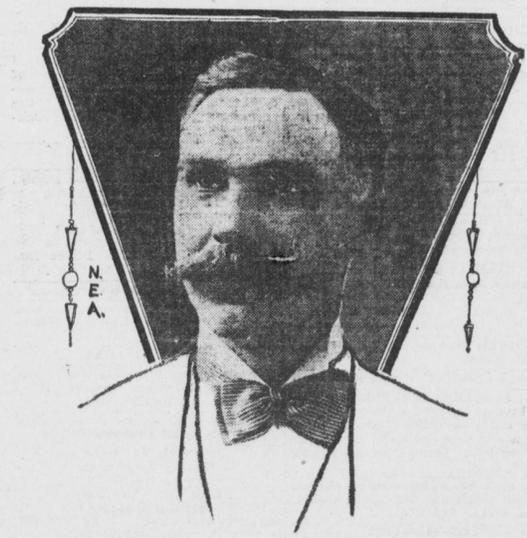
The hot wave apparently extended over the entire coast, from Washington to California, and inland as far as the Rocky mountains. Unusual temperatures were reported from almost every station in this section.

Walla Walla holds first place for Washington with a temperature of 98 degrees. Spokane was a close second with 94 degrees. The temperature east of the mountains, throughout the length of the state, was about 10 degrees higher than that of the western slope. Not a drop of cooling rain fell in Washington, nor, in fact, anywhere within the hot zone.

Eastern Washington received the brunt of the heat, the temperature along the line between Washington and Idaho being 96.

BELLINGHAM VOTES ON THE NEW CHARTER

BELLINGHAM, July 11.—Next Tuesday will occur the city election to vote upon the adoption of the charter advancing Bellingham to a city of the first class. At the same time the elective officers provided for under the charter will be chosen.



THOMAS TAGGART OF INDIANA, WHO IS SLATED FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

ing with his cousin, Dr. Jenkins, who said this morning that all serious symptoms had been warded off and that Bryan is now suffering only from cold and hoarseness. Bryan expects to leave tonight for Lincoln. He sent word to callers that he has no statement to make at this time as to the ticket selected.

made unanimous. The party leaders decided upon Davis at a conference held just before the convention opened for the last session Saturday night. Harmon Side-Tracked. Judson Harmon of Ohio was tipped for the nomination during the afternoon, and it was thought that his

SEVENTEEN PERSONS KILLED IN EXCURSION TRAIN WRECK

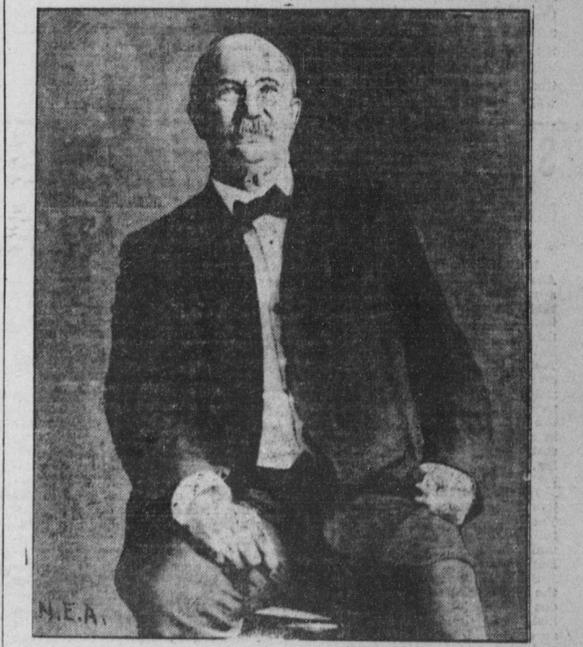
NEW YORK, July 11.—In a collision between a regular passenger train and an excursion train which occurred at Midvale, N. Y., on the Erie line, yesterday at noon, 17 persons were killed and more than 50 injured.

The excursion train was at a standstill when the regular dashed into it. It is believed that the accident was caused by a tower operator who lowered his signal too soon. All the

dead and injured lived in Hoboken, Jersey City and New York.

The excursion train carried the Platte Deutscher association, which was on its annual outing. All of the killed and injured occupied the last two cars of the excursion train, into which the engine of the regular train plunged.

An efficient relief corps consisting of a number of physicians aided in caring for the injured and they were soon removed to hospitals.



FORMER SENATOR DAVID B. HILL OF NEW YORK, MASTER POLITICIAN IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

A repetition of the drowning of D. R. Terry at Spanaway lake was narrowly averted yesterday afternoon when Harold Smith and Charley Thorne were drawn from the water in a semi-unconscious condition by other young men who were in bathing.

Smith and Thorne returned from a boat ride on the lake in a heated condition, and without taking time to allow their bodies to cool off, donned

bathing suits and plunged off of the park wharf into the deep water. The shock of the cold water proved too great for Smith and dazed him so he could not swim a stroke. He went down once and as he came up was caught by Thorne, who was also plunged. It was with difficulty that the two men kept on top until the other bathers reached them and helped them to the dock. For several minutes after being lifted to the dock Smith was unable to speak a word. He had swallowed a good deal of water and was suffering considerably from its effects. When he recovered his voice he said a little water was enough for him and started toward the bath-house. He was closely followed by Thorne. The two men did not appear in bathing suits again during the day, the experience evidently having been enough.