

**CANNON MAY BE CHOICE**

**HE WILL PROBABLY BE FORCED TO ACCEPT VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.**

**Leaders Believe He Is Strongest Man In Nation for Roosevelt's Running Mate.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—As the time for holding the republican national convention approaches, there is noticeable a vigorous revival of the Cannon vice presidential boom. It is not backed by the speaker, or by his real friends, but by republicans of his own and neighboring states, who realize that the situation in the middle west is critical, and calls for radical measures in order to insure republican success at the fall election. Three great states that can swing the election one way or the other, are in doubt; two of them are usually in the doubtful column—Illinois and Indiana—but the third, Wisconsin, is normally controlled by the republicans. If the republicans should fail to carry these states it would very probably insure the election of the democratic ticket. Therefore republican leaders have turned to Cannon as the strongest man in that section, and the man who would beyond question add the greatest strength to the republican ticket.

Representative Hitt, whose boom has completely subsided, would perhaps serve, if nominated, to hold Illinois in the republican column, but Hitt does not enjoy general popularity and could not influence the vote of the other two doubtful states, Fairbanks of Indiana, is in somewhat of the same fix. He might insure Indiana to the republicans, but he could not dominate Illinois and Wisconsin. While it is unquestionably true that Fairbanks would make an ideal vice-president, he would not add strength to the ticket outside of Indiana. And, moreover, Fairbanks is growing finicky. He now declares that he will not accept the vice-presidential nomination if the name of any other man is presented to the convention. In other words, he will not accept the nomination unless he is the unanimous choice of the republican convention.

Speaker Cannon, excepting President Roosevelt alone, is the most popular man in the republican party today. His nomination with Roosevelt would do more to insure the success of the republican ticket than would the nomination of any other man. And while, in accepting the nomination, he would be relinquishing a position of great power and influence, and start on the road to political oblivion, there are many who think that he will be required to make the sacrifice for his party's sake. There is no reason to believe that Cannon will not fight against being shelved, and that his true friends will stand by him in the fight, but a man who has held public office as long as Cannon, owes much to his party, and may eventually be persuaded to make this compromise at a time when his party is in need.

It is curious to note, in this connection, that there is no discussion, no speculation whatever as to the vice-presidential nomination on the democratic ticket. All talk about the St. Louis convention centers around the presidential nomination, and discussion of the various booms ebbs and flows; one day Parker makes a gain; next day there is a lull in Parker circles and Hearst comes to the fore. Then Hearst fails to secure some important delegation, and there is a period of speculation as to dark horses. Grover Cleveland continues to be the favorite candidate of some democrats; Gorman is known to be quietly scheming to bring about his own nomination, and Tammany is trying to find some way by which it can shake off the instructions of the New York state convention, and throw its strength to Mayor George B. McClellan. Evidently the democratic convention will be far more interesting than that to be held by the republicans, for it must determine, after what promises to be a protracted and spirited controversy, between astute and experienced leaders, not only the head of the ticket, but the tail. The man for second place will probably represent the element that finally dominates the convention, unless it shall be necessary to compromise, in order to get two-thirds for any candidate for the presidential nomination.

It would be a strange coincidence if the republicans should nominate

Speaker Cannon for vice president, and the democrats should name as their second choice John Sharp Williams of Mississippi. This would remove from the house of representatives the present leaders of the two contending parties, men of recognized ability, and men of wide popularity. Williams is as popular on his side of the house as Cannon is among the republicans, and his popularity extends to many states. As Cannon would add strength to the republican ticket, so would Williams strengthen the ticket named at St. Louis. The choice of these two men for vice presidential nominations would necessitate the selection of new leaders in the lower branch of congress, and would bring to the front men comparatively new and untried. Cannon and Williams are the best men now available for leadership in the house, and it is doubtful if their successors, should successors have to be chosen, could carry on the work so successfully begun by these political giants in the first two sessions of the fifty-eighth congress. The house would greatly suffer should these men be selected for this duties.

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**PUZZLED BY STRANGE AND CONFLICTING STATEMENTS MADE BY ALASKANS.**

**Will Make Investigation of the Bitter Political Fight Going on in the North.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—The coming investigation into judiciary and other matters in Alaska will be perhaps the most significant official inquiry that has ever been made in any of the territories. President Roosevelt hopes to accomplish nothing less than the permanent reform of federal affairs in Alaska by appointing officers who can be relied on in every office in the district.

It does not follow, of course, that none of the present officers will be re-appointed, and, in fact, some of the old places are not now in question. The object of the inquiry is to determine the fitness of all those officers in Alaska who are candidates for reappointment at this time, and some of the others as well.

The investigation is the direct outcome of the bitter fight made against the reappointment of Judges Brown and Wickersham. The president has listened to all sorts of stories about these men. Some of the stories he knows, are false. As to others, he is in doubt.

The plain truth is that Mr. Roosevelt has been so much lied to about persons and affairs in Alaska that he hardly knows where to turn for an honest and disinterested statement. Through the investigations about to be begun by James S. Young, who is the United States district attorney at Pittsburg, but who has been appointed special assistant attorney general for this extraordinary inquiry, the president hopes to arrive at the truth.

**Crowd of Alaskans.**  
During the last winter and spring there has been a crowd of Alaskans in Washington, and probably two out of every three had it in for somebody or something, and there was almost always an ax to grind. The president is notoriously accessible to all visitors. It was easy for any man who called himself an Alaskan to call on the president and prate about good government, and a delegate in congress, and wagon roads and other projects, while really having a knife in his sleeve for some federal office holder in the territory.

Few men have been attacked as Judge Brown and Judge Wickersham have been attacked. Lies out of the whole cloth have been told about both of them, and the net result is that the presumption at this time is against Judge Brown and in favor of Judge Wickersham. Both have had their friends here—not by their own arrangement, but through the loyalty of persons who believed the judges were being unjustly attacked, and who spoke accordingly to the president and the attorney general. Still, the president is as far as ever from having a correct knowledge of the situation.

Special Assistant Attorney General Young will go to Alaska positively without any preconceived notions as to the culpability of the persons who are to be investigated. He has avoided talking with persons who wished to "knife" this or that office holder. He wishes to learn for himself, after he reaches Alaska. He will take with him a stenographer to report hearings, and these hearings will be given in all the principal towns of the territory. The investigation will probably occupy about three months.

**To Arrive July 1.**  
Mr. Young intends to leave for Seattle about June 25, and he will be in southeastern Alaska by the first of July. He will visit Wrangel and Ketchikan in southeastern Alaska, as well as Juneau and Skagway, for it was from those towns that some of the ugliest charges against Judge Brown have come.

A visit will also be made to Valdez, but whether that will be after the trip to the Yukon river and to Nome has not yet been determined.  
The president and the attorney general are anxious to have the Nome scandals sifted also, and this will be one of the most important features of the investigation. Judge Moore stands well with the administration, but the clerk of the court will be investigated, and the marshal's office will be looked into. Grigsby, the district attorney, was forced to resign several weeks ago.

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An amusing sequel of the Grigsby matter was a letter recently received in Washington by a high official of the government, in which it was represented that the state of Washington would certainly go against Roosevelt unless Grigsby is reinstated as district attorney at Nome.

**STRIKE INTERFERES WITH SICK Pickets at Newark Hospital to Keep Away Patients Lose Their Fight.**

NEWARK, N. J., June 15.—This city has had a freak strike. It was at the German hospital. The strikers were the nightwatchman, two orderlies, two kitchen men and the office boy. To enforce their demands instead of picketing the building to keep away men who sought to take their places and the payroll, the strikers devoted their energies to keeping away the maimed, the halt and the blind. Prospective applicants for admission were warned that the establishment was "unfair."

The nightwatchman was the prime mover. He organized the union, first inducing the office boy to come in on the promise that immediately on becoming a member his wages would be advanced. That was what the office boy wanted. He joined and wrote a sonnet to commemorate the event. Then two orderlies came in. Next the members went after the kitchen men. By that course the four already in the union felt that they were going to reach the pocketbook of the institution—through the stomachs of the patients. They felt that if there was no breakfast the next morning the advance in wages would be quickly forthcoming. The kitchen men favored the scheme, joined and were made officers.

The strike was declared. But there was too much labor in the market, and the places were quickly filled. Being unable to prevent this move on the part of the hospital the members of the union of six were picketed to prevent the sick from seeking treatment at the hospital. The effort has not been highly successful, however, and the strike seems to have fizzled out.

**Horse, Attacked by Hornets, a Suicide.**  
FRESH PONDS, N. J., June 15.—Frenzied by an attack of hornets, a horse owned by Ferdinand Schneider ran into a tree and its neck was broken.

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Instantly the horse was literally covered by the insects, which began a relentless attack. The horse's agony was intense, and it rushed madly hither and thither until it finally lunged to death against a tree.

When the owner found the animal's body there were hundreds of great welts or swollen places on it. The horse's eyes were completely closed by the hornets.

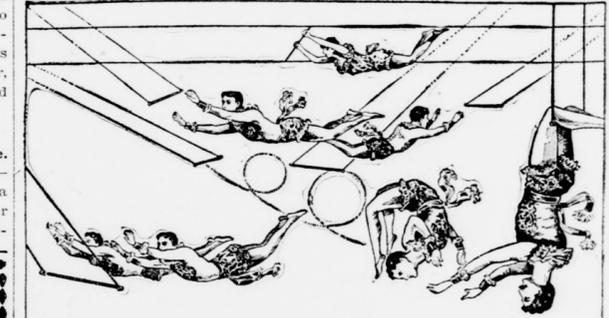
**Sues the Standard Oil Company.**  
An inventor's widow claims \$50,000,000 from the Standard Oil Co. Her name is Elizabeth T. Greenbough, and her claim is based upon a contract made with her husband, who was lost some years ago at sea, by the Standard Oil Co., in which a royalty of one-

quarter cent a gallon was guaranteed Benjamin P. Greenbough for use of his patented process for refining oil. Suit has been commenced in a Massachusetts superior court for the above amount, which is claimed to be due on a stipulation found among her husband's papers, which was unknown to the widow and seems to have been forgotten by the oil company.

**Mississippi Leans to Parker.**  
JACKSON, Miss., June 15.—The democratic state convention to select four delegates at large to the St. Louis convention met here today. Considerable Parker sympathy was manifested and it is possible a resolution in his favor may be adopted, though not without vigorous opposition from the McLaurin faction, which favors the candidacy of Hearst. Senators Money and McLaurin, Governor Vandaman and Congressman John Sharp Williams are mentioned for delegates at large.

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