

ROOSEVELT DOWN REEVES.

The Movement to Nominate Him For Vice President

Was Only Scotched and Not Killed by Hanna Forces.

HE IS STANDING BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

If He Refuses Vice Presidency May Lose Governorship.

Convention Called to Order at 12:36 by Chairman Hanna.

Senator Wolcott of Colorado Made Temporary Presiding Officer.

Philadelphia, June 18.—At 12:35 o'clock today the Republican convention of 1900 was called to order and thus the racking excitement of confidence and caution, of crashing bands and confusion of hotel corridors gave way to the definiteness and form of actual convention proceedings.

Senator Hanna, as chairman of the national committee, said the first word bringing the convention to order and then with the inspiring eloquence of Senator Wolcott of Colorado, as he assumed the temporary chairmanship and the formal organization of the convention by the naming of the various committees, the work was under way.

The day opened auspiciously for the event. The sky was slightly overcast and there was none of the sweltering of many former national gatherings. The air was cool, the temperature below 70 and the indications were for good weather throughout the meeting. A few being up half the night with the demonstration of 30,000 marching men, fireworks, bands, final caucuses and earnest conferences the army of delegates and the conspicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance. But the staid old Quaker City was early astir with preparation, and by 8 o'clock the streets took on an air of animation and anticipation as the crowds began to converge towards the convention grounds.

The arrangements for transporting the great multitude from down town to the hall are admirable, many lines of electric cars giving ready conveyances. That splendid avenue, Broad street, leads to the most direct route, that on South street, and all of the early cars along this line were crowded with those wishing to secure points of vantage in or around the building. The throngs were good natured and intensely earnest. The ladies showed their interest in the event by making up a considerable percentage of the moving hosts and the fair weather permitted all the color of bright parasols and mid-summer dress to be banded with the blaze of bunting.

ON HAND EARLY.
Out at the convention grounds the officials were early on hand with their corps of doorkeepers, sergeant-at-arms, ushers and pages, putting them through final drills in anticipation of the crush soon to come. According to the orders the doors were to be opened shortly after 10 o'clock and all the officials were to be at their posts an hour before that time. The first squad to put in an appearance was that under Organizer Owen, 300 strong, having charge of seating the delegates and spectators. After them came the 400 assistants under Sergeant-at-Arms Wiswell, more particularly to care for the wants of the delegates. Chief Doorkeeper Kerchival had an early drill, both at the outer gates and at the entrance doors, which gave promise of an avoidance of the confusion and delay which often attends admission to conventions.

During the early hours the inside of the convention hall presented the appearance of a vast sea of pine, overhung with a wealth of festoon, bunting and historic portraits. It was very light, very airy and so arranged that the rise of seats from a common center as to give full opportunity for the demonstrations of enthusiasm which were bound to come. On all hands were heard words of commendation, before the admirable facilities which the hall gave for a gathering of this character. The delegates and the approaches began to congest with the crowds during the early hours.

GATES OPEN AT TEN.
The cars added hundreds every minute, and as the outer gates were opened until 10 o'clock the early arrivals were massed on the walks and streets awaiting the signal to get in. The street vendors did a thriving business in buttons and badges and a lively trade was carried on in seats for the convention at rates varying from \$5 for a single session up to \$25 for the three sessions.

While these scenes were being enacted about the convention hall, the political managers and the delegates were holding their final conferences and caucuses and preparing for the work before them. Illinois, Ohio and a number of other delegations held morning meetings for organization and felt the pulse of the

delegates on the vice presidential situation. Most of the state delegations arranged to go to the hall as bodies, many of them being escorted by marching bands by their marching clubs with bands and banners.

To the leaders, however, these outward demonstrations had little interest and they continued to spend most of their time in the privacy of upper chambers at the hotels, trying to figure out the perplexing questions of candidacy presented. The vice presidential issue appeared to be as much involved today as it had ever been. Notwithstanding the declaration of Governor Roosevelt and the confident predictions of Senator Hanna's friends last night that the Roosevelt stampede had been met and turned, the leaders were up on the opening day of the convention in a half dazed condition over the uncertainty and conflict attending the local papers gave prominence to the idea that the Roosevelt statement was lacking in that definiteness and force of expression of which the governor is a master when he desires to be exact. The thought of the doubt of mind among delegates and the crowd in general intended to give the Roosevelt movement another infusion of energy. Even the governor himself was variously quoted, some of the expressions amounting to a declaration that his statement must not be taken as a declaration and that he would stand if drafted.

ROOSEVELT RUMORS.
One of the reported interviews, said to have occurred at 11 o'clock last night, long after the governor's statement and after the New York and Pennsylvania caucuses was as follows:
"Governor, the local papers claim you have said your mind would cling to you from the race for the vice presidency."

"Roosevelt is said to have replied with exceeding warmth: 'I have said nothing of the kind.'"
This answer is variously construed, but at all events it adds to the uncertainty of mind of those who are about to frame the ticket. Still another statement, purporting to give the exact words of Governor Roosevelt to Joseph H. Manley of Maine, is as follows:
"I will tell you that this is final. Absolutely nothing can induce me to accept the nomination. You can consider this as my final answer. I will permit the convention to be stamped for me."

In another reported interview Governor Roosevelt is said to have declared after his formal statement that he would not consider a movement coming from New York or Philadelphia that would lead to the nomination of the west and south. So far as Mr. Hanna and Mr. Platt are concerned, it is understood that the Ohio man takes the position that Governor Roosevelt's statement must be accepted in good faith as meaning that he is out of the race, while Mr. Platt, with a few exceptions, maintains the position that Roosevelt would be the nominee of the convention.

LONG'S BOOM.
Secretary Long's vice presidential boom has received some impetus, and the Massachusetts delegation is regaining its courage. It appears that at a conference over long distance telephone Secretary Long made it perfectly plain that he does not want his name to be unduly urged if the tide is toward Roosevelt.

The Dilliver people are delighted at the demonstration evoked by the young Iowa during the parade last night, as the Illinois banners bearing the name "Dilliver" brought out generous enthusiasm. On all hands, however, it is felt that the great game between the powerful leaders of the convention is still played in its end and that the nominee will not be known as a certainty for some hours yet.

AT CONVENTION HALL.
The crowds were slow in gathering at the convention hall, but shortly after 11 o'clock the band in the gallery awoke the echoes in the vast roof space there were not more than 1,000 persons in the great auditorium. But it was an omen, being how rapidly the crowds began to arrive after that hour, they poured in steady streams until they blackened the floor seats. An unusually large number were women looking fresh and sweet in their summer gowns.

The sergeants at arms and the ushers had their hands full attending to the crowds.
CHEERS FOR HANNA.
In the seats back of the stage were many distinguished personages. The leaders were slow in arriving and it was not until Senator Hanna put in an appearance at 11:45 that the enthusiasm of the thousands was uncoiled. He got a cheer as he moved up the center

aisle, the full length of the hall to the platform. General Grosvenor, the white bearded old veteran was immediately recognized and he too cheer.

Occupying prominent seats upon the platform were four of the 14 men now living who were delegates to the first convention of the Republican party held in Philadelphia, June 17, 1856.

All were members of the regular Ohio delegation. Cornelius Billis got a scattering of applause as he took his seat with the New York delegation and Senator Platt got a popular greeting.

The local papers soon absorbed picking out the men of national reputation that they forgot to cheer and Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts; Senator Charles McNary of Indiana; Senator Oraker, of Ohio, did not get a hand as they took their places.

Meantime the band was playing popular airs and the scenes were impressive and animated. At noon Senator Hanna took his seat at the chairman's table, but although this was the hour set for calling the convention to order, the band was playing popular airs and the scenes were impressive and animated.

ROOSEVELT ENTERS.
At 12:07 the first pronounced demonstration of the convention occurred. Governor Roosevelt came through the main entrance and moved down the center aisle. He wore his rough rider hat and was instantly recognized. A deep reverberating cheer greeted him. Men jumped to their chairs to cheer him and women fluttered their handkerchiefs.

Delegates crowded forward to greet him as he moved through the press and his entrance, theatrical though it may have been, was like that of a conquering hero. He took his seat in the rear of the rear of Senator Platt and in front of Senator Dewey.

Mr. Odell sat with Mr. Quigg, and all New Yorkers kept turning their heads to see when that broad-brimmed hat would make its appearance. Governor Taylor of Kentucky came in with Governor Grover of New York. They paced the aisle and grasped the hands of Senator Allison of Iowa was among the earlier arrivals. Among the other members of the senate on this day were Hawley of Connecticut, Deboe of Michigan, Deboe of Kentucky, Culom of Illinois, and Shoup of Idaho.

Senator Lodge and Judge McCall came in at the head of the Massachusetts delegation and were greeted by General Harry Bingham. The long gallery was now packed with humanity and the door from the main entrance was a living sea of people. During the intervals when the band was not playing the hall was filled with that indescribable hum of myriads of voices which is only heard at the gathering of thousands of people.

Before Chairman Hanna opened the desk was a heavy plank about a foot square and a wooden gavel. The gavel consisted of a heavy square of oak fitted with a handle, and looked more like a mail carrier's gavel than a judge's. Senator Hanna seemed in no hurry to call the convention to order. Acted in a sack suit with a white vest he sat chatting with those about him his broad face beaming, his eye roving over the convention. At 12:30 the band broke into the stirring strains of the Star Spangled Banner. Governor Roosevelt was first on his feet in response to the national anthem. His rough rider hat came off and he stood with head uncovered.

CONVENTION AROSE.
Instantly the whole convention arose en masse. Ten thousand people stood while the stirring air was played and applauded it with a cheer as they took their seats. Mr. Hanna remained standing. He lifted the ungainly gavel and brought it down with a resounding sweep. Instantly all eyes were riveted upon him and a wave of applause swept the hall. Chairman Hanna faced the storm of applause with a resolute face. His stern features did not relax but he nodded an acknowledgment as the applause broke here and there into a cheer. When it had subsided he brought down the gavel again.

"The convention will come to order," he shouted, at exactly 12:35. "The convention will be opened with prayer," he continued, "by the Rev. J. Gray Bolton, of the Hope Presbyterian church of Philadelphia."

Chairman Hanna remained standing with bowed head while the divine came forward to deliver his invocation. But the delegates remained seated and only here and there did one of the spectators rise reverently while Rev. Bolton read his prayer. He said:

OPENING PRAYER.
O, Thou who art a spirit infinite, eternal, unchangeable, in Thy being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth. Thou art the sovereign God. The creator, the disposer of us and all that Thou hast made. Thy thoughts are not our thoughts, nor Thy ways our ways. Thy memory, nor Thy limits, are not ours, and to races, but comprehendeth all that live and breathe.

Blessed be Thy name. Thy glory is shown and Thy Kingdom advanced in leading men and nations by a way that they knew not, to a land of security and peace. Ourselves we adore and praise Thee for Thy goodness and for Thy wonderful works to the children of men. We adore Thee for the way in which Thou hast led us. The glory and honor of our nation is the manifestation of Thy power and glory. Thou hast led us in ways not of our own choosing, we best for us and most to Thy glory. May we cheerfully follow where Thou leadest us.

Thou hast been the God of our fathers. Thou art the God of their children. Our future is in Thy hand. Save us, O Lord, from ingratitude and discontent. Give us the spirit of praise and thanksgiving. That we, as a nation and a people, may remember Thy goodness, and praise Thee for continued life and prosperity. Grant us, O Lord, Thy richest blessing, rest upon Thy servant, the president of these United States. Imbue him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom. That he may direct the affairs of the nation to Thy glory and the well being of all our people.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord God, to bless all in authority. Sustain them in their duties, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

As the prayer closed Senator Hanna was again on his feet, and adjusting his eye-glasses, said in a resonant voice: "The secretary of the national committee will now read the call for the convention. As Col. Dick stepped forward, call in hand, he was given applause. He read the formal call, while the vast assemblage fretted for the more vital proceedings."

THE CALL.
In accordance with established precedents and in obedience to instructions of the national convention of 1856, the national Republican committee directs that a national convention of delegates to be held at the city of Philadelphia, in the month of August, to be held on the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, and that said convention shall assemble at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 19th day of June, at the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that the delegates from each of the several states, the District of Columbia and the territories, and all other electors, without regard to past political affiliations, who believe in the principles of the Republican party, are cordially invited to unite under this call in the selection of candidates for president and vice president of the United States. Said national convention shall consist of a number of delegates-at-large from each state, equal to double the number of United States senators to which each state is entitled, and for each representative-at-large in congress, two delegates-at-large; from each congressional district and the District of Columbia, two delegates; from each of the territories of Alaska, Arizona, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Oklahoma, two delegates. For each delegate elected to said convention an alternate delegate shall be elected. We are on the eve of another great struggle. Already we are beginning to form our battalions under the leader-

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CONGRESSMAN DOLLIVER.
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Weather Indications.
Chicago, June 19.—Forecast for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; variable winds.

Child Fatally Burned.
The 8 year old daughter of Tom Lewis, colored, who lives at 1222 Quincy street, was fatally burned with gasoline about 5 o'clock last night. The girl had gone to the grocery store of Harris Bros. at the corner of Thirteenth and Quincy streets to get a small quantity of gasoline in an open vessel. The man who procured the gasoline for her ignited it by holding a lighted lamp too near, and drops of the flaming liquid set the child's clothing on fire. Before the flames could be extinguished her flesh was horribly burned and she died this morning. Her funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the colored M. E. church.

Land Tells Where He Is.
S. M. Land, the Republican candidate for the nomination for senator in Bourbon county, is making his campaign prior to the convention on this platform. I am for J. B. Burton for United States senator and I don't care who knows it." Ben Goodno who is a probable candidate for the nomination as a better candidate saying nothing but is working away among his friends.

Carpenters Win a Strike.
Denver, Colo., June 19.—The carpenters' strike in this city ended today, the contractors having agreed to the union's demand for wages of 41 cents an hour and a half holiday on Saturday throughout the year.

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Senator M. A. Hanna, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Who Called the Convention Together at Noon Today.

the date for such election, and to arrange all details and regulations incident thereto, and to provide for a registration of the votes as cast, such registration to include the name and residence of each voter.

The territorial delegates shall be elected in the manner of nominating candidates for delegates in congress, and delegates from Indian Territory and Alaska shall be elected by popular convention.

We recommend that the territories of Arizona, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Oklahoma each elect six delegates and six alternate delegates and that Alaska elect four delegates and four alternate delegates and the admission of such additional delegates to the convention is hereby recommended.

All notices of contest shall be submitted in writing, accompanied by a printed statement setting forth the grounds of contest, which shall be filed with the secretary of the national committee twenty days prior to the meeting of the national convention. Contests will be acted on by the national convention in the order of the date of the filing of notice and statement with the secretary.

HANNA'S SPEECH OF WELCOME.
Again Mr. Hanna was the center of attraction. He left the presiding officer's table and stepping to the center of the platform surveyed the sea of faces, and in a clear voice began his speech of welcome.

"In bidding you welcome," he began, "I also wish to congratulate you on the magnificent representation from the Republican party."

There was a round of applause as Mr. Hanna rolled out the words "Republican party."

"There was no mistake in bringing the national convention to Philadelphia," Mr. Hanna went on. "Here was the cradle of liberty, the birth place of the republic. Here had the Republican party seen its birth and grown to the center of that throbbing idea—the protection of American liberty."

Another wave of applause swept over the convention at this mention of the protective principle and as it subsided Mr. Hanna proceeded:

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FIRE SWEEP

Business District of Bloomington, Ill., Wiped Out.

Court House and Five Squares of Stores Burned.

LOSS NEAR \$2,000,000.

Buildings Blown Up With Dynamite to Stop Flames.

Noise of Explosion Caused Death of One Person.

Bloomington, Ill., June 19.—Half of the business section of Bloomington, including five squares of the finest business blocks of the city and the court house, erected at a cost of \$400,000, were destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is variously estimated at from one and a half to two million dollars. One death also resulted from the fire. Robert Schmidt, a 19 year old boy dying from the shock occasioned by the noise of the explosion of dynamite which the firemen used in blowing up buildings in an endeavor to stay the progress of the flames.

The fire department was badly handicapped by an almost total failure of the water supply and it was not until late this morning and after many buildings had been blown up with dynamite that the flames were finally got under control.

The list of buildings destroyed and business firms burned out with heaviest losses included:

The court house, erected \$25 years ago at a cost of \$400,000; a nine-story building, Windsor hotel, loss \$250,000; Grisham's office building, loss \$100,000; State National bank; Helm's building; Eagle office building; George Brand & Co. furniture; Vimont & Koen, dry goods; Cooper & Jackson, glassware; Plaxley & Co., clothing; R. Thompson & Sons, furniture; Model laundry; B. S. Green Co.; X. T. Miller & Son, hardware; Freit's jewelry store; Cole Brothers' building, occupied as dry goods store; Fahy's saloon; Corn Belt bank; Reed Brothers, hardware; Klapp, hats and caps; M. Sars, No Name store; Niehaus' restaurant; Helbig's music store; MeLean County coal company; Guthrie's cigar store; Phoenix hotel; Garver's drug store; Coblenz's store; E. C. C. Roger, wall paper; C. W. Klemm, dry goods, loss \$100,000; Stephen Smithson's dry goods, loss \$75,000; J. H. Riggs's dry goods, loss \$50,000; Hollis tailor shop; Schneider shoe store company; Senesney's coal office; Wilcox dry goods establishment, loss \$75,000; Meahaffey livery; Gosch's saloon; Klenau's confectionery; Eisenberger's furniture store.

The fire started in the Model laundry building, a three-story brick building, east of the court house. A strong wind was blowing at the time, and before the fire department arrived the fire had spread to the court house, a two-story building occupied by B. S. Green & Co., and thence steadily eastward.

In an hour the entire block except the office building, which the fire saved by hard work, was in ruins. In this block was the old Durley theater, which was being remodeled. The fire working westward across the street, destroyed the seven-story building at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, soon that entire block was also in flames. From the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, the flames before the fire was stopped in that direction. The burned district includes the north and east sides of the court house square and a half a block of buildings west of the square.

ROOSEVELT COMING.
Rough Rider Governor Will Make Two Speeches in Kansas.
Col. Teddy Roosevelt is to pass through Kansas July 1 or 2 on his way to Oklahoma City to attend the annual reunion of the Rough Riders.

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