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Chosen by Independence Party for President and Vice-President of the United States.

An Attempt to Bring the Name of William J. Bryan Before Convention by Kansas Delegate Nearly Causes a Riot.

Chicago.—The Independence party at its first national convention, held in this city, chose Thomas L. Hisgen of Massachusetts as their candidate for president, and John Temple Groves of Georgia for vice-president. The nomination of Mr. Hisgen was made on the third ballot, his chief competitors being Mirrod W. Howard of Alabama and John Temple Groves of Georgia. Reuben R. Lyon of New York received a complimentary vote on the first ballot and William R. Hearst had forty-nine friends who voted for him on the first two ballots. The nomination of Mr. Graves was made unanimous, all other candidates having been withdrawn.

The friends of Mr. Bryan made an effort to bring his name before the convention, and the man who attempted it nearly produced a riot and narrowly escaped physical violence at the hands of the indignant delegates. The man who sought to place Mr. Bryan's name in nomination was J. I. Shepard of Fort Scott, Kan. He did not succeed in his mission, for upon being called to order by the convention and questioned by Chairman Charles A. Walsh he admitted that it was his intention to name Mr. Bryan. That was the first and last time he mentioned the name of the Democratic leader. He was promptly

night session that the standard bearers of the party were chosen.

Chicago.—Amid loud and enthusiastic cheering and with its members showing every sign of loyalty to their new standard of political faith, the first national convention of the Independence party was opened at 8 o'clock Monday night in Orchestra hall.

The main floor of the hall, in which some of the largest gatherings are held in this city, was filled by the delegates. There were no alternates. The galleries were crowded with a throng which entered heartily into the spirit of the proceedings and throughout the night applauded vigorously whatever met their approval. The entrance of George W. McCaskerin, whom the Illinois delegates are supporting for the gubernatorial nomination, was a signal for cheers "for the next governor of Illinois."

This outburst had scarcely subsided when the arrival of William R. Hearst started a delirious demonstration which lasted several minutes.

It was thirty-five minutes past the scheduled time when the temporary sergeant-at-arms rapped for order and asked the delegates to vacate the aisles. Milton W. Howard of Alabama took the gavel and introduced Charles A. Walsh of Iowa, secretary of the provisional national committee, who read the call for the convention. This document declared the purpose of the gathering to be the foundation of an Independence party and the nomination of candidates for president and vice president.

Father O'Callahan of Chicago delivered the invocation. Mr. Howard at the conclusion of the invocation announced the names of the temporary officers of the convention. His mention of the name of Mr. Hearst was received with an outburst of applause, and Mr. Hearst, when he mounted the rostrum, escorted by a committee of three appointed by the chair, was given an uproarious welcome. When quiet had been restored, he began his address as temporary chairman of the convention. Following Mr. Hearst's speech,

TAFT'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

Republican Candidate Makes Address from Steps of Brother's Home in Cincinnati.

Discusses Trusts, Labor, Injunctions, the Physical Valuation of Railroads, the Currency, and Other Issues Which He Regards as Pertinent in Campaign.

Cincinnati.—Standing on a flag-draped platform in front of the old colonial portico of his brother's home, Judge W. H. Taft, at noon on Tuesday, accepted the nomination of the Republican party to be its candidate for the presidency.

Political leaders from far and near gathered to give the affair its political significance, while from the city and surrounding suburbs the friends, neighbors and admirers of Judge Taft among his own townspeople turned out in countless numbers and without regard to party affiliation.

Senator William Warner of Missouri, past commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., headed the notification committee, which consisted of a member of every state, territory and island possession of the nation. The representatives of the committee were chosen from the delegations attending the nominating convention at Chicago. There also were present many members of the national committee, including Frank H. Hitchcock, who made a flying trip to Cincinnati en route from Chicago to Washington and New York.

Senator Warner's speech of notification was brief, and when he had concluded speaking there was an enthusiastic outburst of applause as Judge Taft stepped forward. After formally accepting the nomination tendered by the chairman of the notification committee, Judge Taft launched out at once, without picture, apostrophe or any attempt at oratory, into the very essence of his declaration of principles, the first portion of his remarks being a declaration that Republican strength lies in a maintenance of "the Roosevelt principles."

He dwelt at some length upon what the president has done in the line of reform, and declared the chief function of the administration to be a clinching of what already has been accomplished. He asserted, in comparing the platforms of the two old parties, that the Republican declaration is progressive and regulative, while the Democratic is radical and destructive. Judge Taft discussed trusts, labor, injunctions, the physical valuation of railroads, the currency, the postal savings banks, which he declared were preferable to the Democratic plan of government guarantee of deposits, publicity of campaign contributions and all other issues which he regards as pertinent in the coming campaign. He concluded with the declaration that as between the two old parties the difference consisted of the fact that with Republican success there "would be prosperity; with Democratic victory there would be disaster."

When the final address was finished there was a procession of local and visiting marching clubs, militia and various civic organizations. From an improvised reviewing stand on the sidewalk Judge Taft reviewed the passing hosts.

DEATH IN PATH OF STORM.

Electrical Storm Sweeps Over Pittsburgh With Disastrous Results.

Pittsburg.—Exceeding in intensity the several severe electric storms of the past two weeks, this city and vicinity was visited late Monday afternoon by rain, lightning and thunder. At least one person was killed and a score of others injured by lightning. A great number of small fires occurred, and thousands of cellars were partially filled with water. It is estimated that two hundred street cars were slightly damaged during the storm by lightning.

A gasoline launch, "The Merry Widow," carrying from sixteen to twenty workmen from the Jones and Laughlin steel company's plant across the Monongahela to their homes, capsized Monday night in twenty feet of water. Three men are known to be drowned.

Made Money by Burning His Property

Bellfontaine, O.—George R. Gamble was on Tuesday sentenced to the penitentiary for three years for arson, having been convicted of setting fire to his grist mill in Zanesfield eighteen months ago, for the insurance. Prior to coming to Bellfontaine, Gamble suffered fire losses in various towns in Colorado and Illinois, a total of fifteen fires having been charged against him. In each case he collected the insurance, and was not suspected until after the Zanesfield fire.



WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

ruled out of order by the chairman and under the guard of several sergeants-at-arms he was hustled out of the hall, while some of the incensed delegates vainly attempted to strike him with fists and one of them swung at him savagely with a cane.

Mr. Hearst, the actual temporary chairman, was not on the platform at the opening of the second day's session of the convention, and Judge Reuben R. Lyon of New York presided. He called at the conclusion of the report of the credentials committee for that of the committee on rules, order and permanent organization.

This report named Charles A. Walsh of Iowa as the permanent chairman. The mention of Mr. Walsh's name was received with plaudits. He was escorted to the platform and, upon taking up the gavel, delivered an address outlining the policies of the party.

The platform was read by Clarence J. Shearn of New York, at 5:20 o'clock, and was unanimously adopted, after which the convention adjourned until 8 o. m., it being at the

James H. O'Neil of Rhode Island presented to the temporary chairman a "union label" gavel.

After an address by C. A. Windle of Chicago the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock Tuesday.

The committee on rules and permanent organization, which met immediately after the convention, selected Charles A. Walsh of New York as permanent chairman and adopted a rule that no speech from the platform should exceed five minutes in length and that no delegate should be heard upon one subject more than once.

Thousands of Chinese Drowned in Great Typhoon.

Hongkong.—Reports from Canton say that the scenes following the typhoon of Monday night last are heartrending. Thousands of Chinese were drowned. The typhoon in its loss of life and damage to shipping eclipsed the typhoons of 1906. Reports received here show that the loss to European shipping was less but that over a hundred native vessels were wrecked.

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