

meeting Roosevelt, the credentials committee of the Progressive convention was busy.

The committee, as was prophesied in The Day Book, threw out the negro delegates from the South.

This caused the first rupture in the new party. The negro delegates from Florida, thrown out by the credentials committee, say they are going to carry their fight to the floor of the convention.

The convention itself was called to order by Sen. Joseph M. Dixon, of Montana, shortly after noon.

As soon as the Rev. Dr. Dornblazer had delivered the opening prayer, former Sen. Albert Beveridge, of Indiana, arose and made the keynote speech.

Beveridge dwelled on the necessity of returning the government to the people, from whom it has been filched by the bosses.

Beveridge's speech was greeted by prolonged applause. His every reference to the Old Guard of the Republican party was groaned at.

When Beveridge first arose to speak, the floor of the Coliseum was crowded, and the aisles jammed, but the galleries were only one-half full. Before he had finished, the galleries also were packed.

There was a great difference between the crowd that gathered there today and that which nominated Taft.

The delegates were mostly younger men, and they did not seem to be used to conventions.

Many of them were ignorant of the first principles of parliamentary law.

Perhaps the most remarkable phase of the convention was the part played in it by women.

When Roosevelt arrived at the LaSalle st. depot there were scores of women among the crowd that greeted him. Most of them wore "votes for women" badges.

It was not known by the convention officials just how many women delegates there were. But there were at least 20.

And, seated by their husband's sides, in the Coliseum, were scores of wives of delegates, wearing delegates' badges, and intently listening to everything that went on.

A parade of over 200 women through the downtown district in the afternoon, was one of the biggest features of the day.

Frank H. Funk, of Bloomington, was elected nominee for governor on the state Progressive ticket by a safe majority Saturday.

Robert Eaton, of Will county, opposed Funk, but he never stood a chance. Funk was the choice of the Roosevelt leaders.

Roosevelt will make his "confession of faith" speech tomorrow afternoon.

The platform of the new party will be based on this speech.

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In the 17 provinces of Siam there are 166,293 monks and nuns connected with the temples of the native religion.