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NOT A REPUBLICAN YEAR.

It is interesting to note that many foreign newspapers are of the opinion that this is not a "Republican year" in the United States. They base these opinions upon the nomination by the Republicans of Warren G. Harding for President.

These national publications argue that Harding represents the powerful trusts of the country and that the reactionary wing of the party stands behind him, while they believe that the people of the country demand the election of a president who will be forward-looking and who will favor constructive legislation of benefit to the masses and not any particular class.

This leaves the gate open for an easy McAdoo victory in event Mr. McAdoo is the nominee of the Democratic party, as seems likely. He is a progressive in the fullest sense, yet has proven himself to be a most able and sane executive. He is in close touch with the administration and with world conditions. His service as secretary of the treasury in the Wilson cabinet has been a most excellent school in which to prepare for the greater responsibilities of chief executive.

There is no present indication that Mr. McAdoo will meet with serious opposition at San Francisco. After the first few ballots in which favor, its sons have received the usual complimentary action, it seems likely that sufficient votes to elect will go to the former secretary of the treasury.

With McAdoo, or with any other known progressive in the field as the Democratic nominee, we believe that the task of rolling up both popular and electoral votes will be comparatively easy. Harding is not likely to exert the degree of personal magnetism in this campaign that would have been in evidence had either Wood or Johnson been the convention's choice.

And then the people are not going to forget that Harding represents the old "stand-patters" in Congress and that his election will mean the reign of the trusts and the unscrupulous moneyed interests of the United States.

And they are in no mood to accept such a regime.

NEFF CONTINUES TO GAIN.

Pat Neff, candidate for governor, is continuing his campaign throughout east and southern Texas, and reports indicate that he is receiving great ovations everywhere, in spite of the oft repeated announcement that Joe Bailey has not and will not withdraw from the race.

Neff received a tremendous ovation in Dallas recently, a second-handed ovation, since he did not appear there himself, but was represented in a speech by Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University.

Mr. Neff is seeking to arrange his dates so that he can make another visit to the Panhandle country, talking in the larger towns of this region, but definite announcement of the time of his coming has not yet been made.

Reports now indicate that, utterly regardless of the number of candidates in the field, Neff will be the leader in the first primary. If Bailey continues a candidate, there is a possibility that he will be the second man in view of the fact that he makes an appeal distinct from all the rest of

the candidates and will not have to divide his votes with any other.

Political observers from many parts of the state are convinced that neither Thompson nor Looney will prove a dangerous rival to the leading candidate.

One of the chief arguments which is being used against Thompson is that, since he was Speaker of the House in the last legislature, he should have made some headway to bring about at least some of those reforms which he promises to espouse in case he is elected governor. The question arises as to whether he will prove more effective as governor than he has proven as Speaker of the House, and if so, why?

AN IDEAL PLAN.

Mayor Cline of Wichita Falls has proposed to put the police of that city under the merit system and to pay the men who get the best results the larger salaries. He has announced that he believes one of the highest duties of an officer is to pre-

vent crime. His secondary duty is to arrest men who have committed crimes.

These are high ideals. Indeed, and well worth the careful consideration of the citizens of the town of which he is chief executive.

Too often the officers, particularly in the large cities of the country, seek to make records by the number of arrests and convictions to their credit. This naturally results in a too zealous effort to secure convictions and in the persecution of offenders who have committed previous slight offenses against the peace and dignity of the state. In other words, it works out practically according to the old adage that "give a dog a bad name and he will be a bad dog." The helpful hand is not held out to the offender nor is any effort made to turn him from his downward path.

It is to be hoped that Mayor Cline will be able to make the Wichita Falls police department a model by which all other Texas cities may pattern.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION SNAP-SHOTS

The Story of 16 Nominations.

By A. H. VANDENBERG.

The Convention of 1896. The first democratic national convention, which gathered in Chicago on July 2, was deemed to split the party quite as the later 1912 convention split the party. The issue upon which the division came was the free coinage of silver. The famous rally of "16 to 1" and the new democratic chief of party, William Bryan, then only 28 years of age—who was destined to dominate subsequent party politics for 20 years.

From the moment the gavel first fell, the convention fight raged around "free silver," and from first to last "free silver" won. The national committee had proposed Senator David B. Hill of New York for temporary chairman. He was promptly rebuffed by a vote of 156 to 48, when the convention designated Senator John W. Daniel, a "free silver" man from Virginia. The committee on credentials then decided all contests in favor of the "free silverists," and thus augmented their convention victory.

The resolutions committee then reported a platform of "free silver," which, after terrific debate, was adopted by a vote of 626 to 203. It was in this debate that Bryan—who got into the convention only when the credentials committee unseated the "gold delegation" from Nebraska—burst into white-hot popularity and dominated with that famous speech which concluded in those burning words: "We shall answer their demand for the gold standard by saying to them: 'You shall not pass!'"

The "silverites" were now so completely in the saddle that the "gold standard" delegates realized they were helpless to prevent a "free silver" nomination, even under the two-thirds rule. They did not withdraw from the convention at the time, but 175 delegates refused to vote on the presidential nomination.

Richard B. Hild of Missouri led the first ballot with 235 to Bryan's 119 votes in a total field of 14 candidates. Robert E. Pattison of Pennsylvania 65; Homer B. Hays of Iowa 63; and Joseph S. C. Blackburn of Kentucky 62 were the other principal contenders. On the second and third ballots, Hild still led. On the fourth ballot, Bryan went into first place, and on the fifth ballot he had 299 votes—just 17 short of the necessary two-thirds. Before the result was announced, 75 delegates transferred to Bryan and he had won his first of three presidential nominations.

Joseph C. Sibley of Pennsylvania led for vice president on the first ballot in a field of 15. Among these 15 were four who had consented with Bryan for first place. Hild led the second and third ballots just as he had done in the preceding presidential voting. Joseph R. McLean of Ohio led the fourth ballot. But Arthur Sewall of Maine led the fifth and last ballot with the necessary two-thirds vote.

Two weeks later the populists also

nominated Bryan, but linked Thomas E. Watson of Georgia with him for second place. The national silver party, however, adopted both Bryan and Watson. Then on September 2, the so-called "gold democrats" gathered in Indianapolis—with 41 states and three territories represented—and nominated John M. Palmer of Illinois for president on a single ballot, and General William H. Taft of Kentucky for vice president by acclamation.

The result of this campaign was the first election of President McKinley. (To be continued tomorrow with the story of the convention of 1900.)

LARGE NUMBER VIEW OPENING OF CANVASS COTTAGE.

The opening of the Canvass Cottage, Fifth and Monroe streets, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, drew a large number of visitors, and a continual stream of people visited the new establishment all during the afternoon.

E. S. and H. B. Gooch are the proprietors of the Canvass Cottage, and will deal in canvass cottages, tents, cushions, camping cots and chairs, tractor and implement covers and all other canvas products.

The canvas cottage does not present the appearance of a tent but really looks like a cottage home. With that and rain proof walls and roof, and ten screen windows and screen doors with screen curtains, one feels cozy and comfortable in the cottage as in a bungalow.

In Korea it has been a custom for 4000 years to keep various sizes of cottages in the closet thing life before, and to apply a new coat of lacquer twice a year.

COUNCIL ORDERED TO PREPARE PLANS FOR BOND ELECTION

\$300,000 PUBLIC BUILDING WILL BE INCLUDED IN CALL.

The corporation council was instructed by the city commission at its meeting yesterday afternoon to proceed to prepare an order for an election to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued by the city in the sum of \$18,000 for the construction of an incinerator; \$25,000 for a sanitary disposal plant to be built at the city farm; \$60,000 for additions and extensions to the sanitary sewer system within the city limits; \$50,000 for the installation of a fire alarm system and \$200,000 for the construction of an auditorium, public library and

municipal building.

The date of the election will be decided upon after the order has been turned into the commission by the corporation council. It will then be necessary for it to be published in a local newspaper one issue each week for two consecutive weeks in compliance with law regarding such matters. The matter is making the bond issue to include a sum for the construction of storm sewers was under consideration by the commission but no action was taken at yesterday's meeting.

Relative to the necessity of storm sewers in the city, City Engineer H. D. Jones told the commission that he had been riding for three days to devise some means by which the

block on Sixth street between Fillmore and Pierce streets could be drained but without success, and declared that to do so would be impossible without a storm sewer.

Commissioner John H. Trolinger left last night for Jackson, La., a 50-mile ride in Texas, where he will care in sections of both the Stokes and the Nye incinerating plants.

A petition requesting the opening of a crossing over the old Worth & Devery, Rock Island, and Santa Fe tracks at Rock Island, near the Great West Mill & Elevator, in the eastern portion of the city, brought a delegation of representatives before the city commission at its meeting yesterday, among them being E. H. Hubbard, division superintendent of the Rock Island; E. G. Fitzpatrick, division superintendent of the Denver, with headquarters at Childress; H. A. Bullock, district engineer of the Santa Fe; R. G. Whyman, division engineer of the Santa Fe; Thos. F. Turner, attorney for the Denver. No action on the petition was taken, and Mayor Bryan requested the railroad officials to put their petition in writing to be filed with the city secretary as a matter of record.

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Six Fined By McKinnon. Fines were assessed against six persons in the corporation court yesterday morning by Judge E. A. McKinnon, one being fined for speeding, two for cutting corners, and three for unbecoming conduct. The cases of two others on a similar charge were continued.

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The Fair Store Goes Out of Business--Positively

Just as soon as we can dispose of the stock and fixtures at wholesale and retail. If we did not intend to quit business, we could never sell the merchandise at the prices we are now offering them.

The Hippodrome Theatre

Will positively be built and running on the site now occupied by The Fair Store just as soon as The Fair merchandise is sold and building can be built. It is our intention to give Amarillo the finest and largest theatre in this part of the country and the very best shows that money can obtain.

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