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### ECHOES FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

JUDGE Parker, of New York, is the Democratic nominee for President. Ex-Senator Henry Davis, of West Virginia, for Vice President.

JUDGE Parker will now please say something. He has said something. He has volunteered the information that he is a hide-bound goldolite.

THE information volunteered by Judge Parker was wholly gratuitous, as any man who is backed up by Hill and Belmont must be a goldolite or nothing, and we begin to suspect that Parker is the latter.

SENATOR Tillman has also said something. Upon receipt of the Parker telegram, he made the trite remark that "the Democratic party can always be relied upon to make a fool of itself at the proper time.

TILLMAN'S remark was not at all complimentary to Judge Parker, but it failed to hit the party, for poor fellows of the convention, they could not have had a suspicion that they were nominating that kind.

It is up to the Parker newspapers to shift that Parker telegram on to the shoulders of some one besides Parker. If he sent it of his own volition, and makes many more breaks of like character, then look out.

"ARE we to be kicked and cuffed about like this." Senator Tillman on that fool telegram of Parker's.

CALL Bryan a fool and an ingrate if you like, but if the Democratic party wins out this year, give him all the credit for it. His insistence on no gold plank in the platform has saved us several doubtful states, including probably New York.

DAVIS, of West Virginia, for Vice President. That accounts for the nomination of Parker to a certainty. Davis is Gorman's cousin, and his chief lieutenant in the convention, and Gorman through his son, undoubtedly made the trade with the Parker People. Oh, these trades.

### DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Perhaps the strongest body of men (mentally) who ever assembled under one roof was that magnificent body who, on the 6th of July, met at St. Louis, Mo., for the purpose of adopting a platform of principles and policies for the guidance and instruction of the people at large and for the Democratic hosts in particular.

The convention was also held for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President. From the first session, the meetings were marked by the wildest enthusiasm, magnificent oratory and the steadfastness with which the leaders worked at their task until it was done, and in the minds of many, well done.

As we have devoted so much space to "Echoes from the Convention," we do not think it fair to you to give you too much here. Suffice it to say that the platform is all that any Democrat or honest Republican can desire, for which the whole country, including our "new possessions," may thank but one man, W. J. BRYAN. Singlehanded and alone, he fought the idolaters of gold, for many hours, and won the fight against a gold plank in the platform. All honor to Bryan for that night's work. We can conceive of no greater misfortune to the whole people had the Democratic party, in convention assembled, come out squarely in favor of the gold standard, for that action would have delivered us bodily and forever into the hands of the Republican party, which is even now so drunken and besotted

with power that the end no man foreseeth should they be again returned to office.

As to the nominees for President and Vice President, we wish that we could be equally lavish of praise, but as we always make it a rule to be perfectly frank and honest with our people, we must say that they do not fill us with a sense of unimpaired satisfaction. By reference to our "Echoes," you will note the first miserably bad break of the nominee for President. It made a bad impression on the convention, and will make a worse one in doubtful States that we must carry to win. It strikes us that on the receipt of the information of his nomination, Judge Parker's head swelled about five inches, and he could not resist the temptation to inform the waiting world that

"I AM THE GREAT I AM." As to Senator Davis, the Vice Presidential nominee, we have but little to say, as we know little. He is, however, a cousin of Senator Gorman, who, barring William R. Hearst, was our favorite for President, and should the Almighty smile upon our arms this fall, with Davis in the chair of the Senate and Gorman on the floor, Gorman will be a greater man than will President Parker in the White House.

All good Democrats will join us in the ardent hope that Parker's Democratic wet nurses will soon reach his side, and deter the lusty infant from making any move such all kinds of a fool as he succeeded in making of himself during their absence.

### CAMPAIGN DAY.

The State campaign meeting came off as scheduled, on the 7th. It was called to order at 11 o'clock by Mr. J. T. Hay, who presided in the absence of chairman Smith. The only State candidate present was Capt. Jennings, a candidate for re-election to the office of State Treasurer. He said that he came only to see, to be seen, and to return thanks to the people for their past kindnesses both to himself and son.

The next in order of speaking were the candidates for Railroad Commissioner, a soft job, paying \$2,500 per annum, and nothing to do. Mr. John G. Mobley, of Fairfield, led off with thanks to the people of Kershaw County for giving him a clear majority over eight competitors in the last primary, and hoped that we would repeat the experiment this year in his contest over five.

Said Garris wrote the demurrage law without providing saving clause. He, Mobley, would have that clause inserted if he is elected. Will also have all his votes as a member of the Commission published, which has never been done before.

Mr. John H. Earle, of Greenville, was the next speaker and gave us a very good common sense talk, winding up with the statement that honesty is, was and always will be his motto. Mr. Earle made a favorable impression.

Mr. W. Boyd Evans, now of Richland, was then introduced, and made a capital speech. He called attention to the fact that he had led his opponents in the last primary in the first race more than 1,800 votes, the Jim Crow business of his opponent being the only thing that knocked him (Evans) out in the second primary. He laid particular stress upon the Democratic principle that no office should be decided for life to any one man, or set of men, which sentiment seemed to meet with approval from his audience. He concluded with the promise that if elected he would do his part in dealing out equal and exact justice to every man or corporation.

Mr. C. W. Garris, of Bamberg, the incumbent of the office was then introduced, and embraced the opportunity to thank the people of Kershaw for the majority given him in the last race over six competitors. Denied the force of the one term argument, and stated that he was now better qualified than ever to render good service to the people. Claimed that he knows something about tariffs, &c., but acknowledged that he did not know it all. Claimed full credit for the passage of the demurrage law, which now gives 48 to 72 hours grace instead of 24 hours when he went into office. Reduction in wood rate also, must be placed to his credit. Mr. Garris closed with the announcement that he had tried to be honest.

The candidates for Solicitor then had their innings. There was present Messrs. S. Mc G. Simkins, of Edgefield, Geo. Bell Timmerman, of Lexington, Capt. N. G. Evans, of Edgefield, and Messrs. Geo. P. Logan and Capt. Geo. R. Rembert, of Richland.

Having this galaxy of stars to entertain the audience, we do not think it would be in good taste to select any one speech for special mention without doing injustice to the others. Suffice it to say that each and every one of them convinced his hearers that he could get a man hung in a much shorter time than the other fellow could do it, and to this sentiment we say, Amen.

The meeting was closed with two addresses, all too short, from the two candidates for Congress, Messrs. T. Yancy Williams and D. E. Finley.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The old adage that you cannot keep a good man down received a shock when some vandal slashed Santos-Dumont's balloon at St. Louis.

The Russians have the consolation that if they lose Port Arthur the expense of removing dangers to navigation from the harbor will fall upon the Japs.

The Buffalo Commercial is the first offender. It declares that "the Prohibitionists could not swallow Miles and so took another Swallow."

After it is over it will probably be proved that Mr. Bryan cut his own balloon.

It will be a real joke on Mr. Bleveland if they use that special wire to his summer home only to send him the full text of Mr. Bryan's speech.

In order to be on the safe side some of the newspapers have sent their pugilistic experts as well as their political writers to St. Louis.

Dowie says he does not care to go to heaven, as he thinks he could accomplish more by going to hell and fighting the devil. If he feels that way about it we see no reason why he should leave Chicago.

Russians are said to be expert chess-players. It seems to be Kuropatkin's next move.

The "dollar watch" man has been married. He will probably learn new wrinkles about marking time.

A Kansas City woman deserted her husband because he refused to argue with her. She might have avoided all that by having his mother live with them.

Secretary Hay has been asked to protect Charistians who are being murdered in Armenia. Christians who are stoned in New York for riding in automobiles are also crying for assistance and protection.

Wisconsin's thirteen electoral votes are apt to be unlucky for somebody this year.

### Society Notes.

Among other pleasant entertainments of the last week was a luncheon given by Miss Jennie Stoney in honor of Miss McDow, of Lancaster, and Miss McCaw, of Yorkville.

Mrs. M. Singleton was the charming hostess of a luncheon party at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson's in Kirkwood. This pleasant gathering was in honor of Mrs. R. C. DeSaussure, of Atlanta, Mrs. Harry Cantey, of Augusta, and Miss Singleton, of Acton, and was much enjoyed by the participants.

Notwithstanding midsummer heat, Camden's youth and beauty enjoyed several dances within the last week whose pleasures were much enhanced by a number of visiting young ladies from other parts of the State.

Miss Henrietta Johnson's dance at her parents home, given to the Misses McCaw and McDow, on Tuesday last was in every respect a success, and was attended by a crowd of her young friends.

On Friday Misses Lella and Lottie Boykin gave a very pleasant dance in honor of their guests Miss Stringfellow and Miss Melver, which was heartily enjoyed by their large number of friends present. The German was very successfully led by Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Hay, assisted by Mr. C. V. Salmond. Among those present were Misses Helen Melver, Harriett Stringfellow, Sadie Davis, Frances Boykin, Charlotte Boykin, Margaret and Mary Johnson, May Boykin, Norvella Deas, Parriehand Jeannie Stoney and Messrs W. C. Salmond, L. Boykin, H. D. Boykin, T. A. Boykin, J. L. Halle, Jr., H. G. Carrison, Jr., Willie DePass, L. H. Deas, Hunter Lang, J. R. Deas, Duncan Lang, Ralph Foster, L. R. Williamson and Calhoun Annum.

Profiting by Mrs. William A. Annum's kind permission to use her house for a dance, a number of young people arranged one on Monday evening which was largely attended. The rooms and hallway were an ideal place for the occasion, and the extensive piazza proved an alluring resting place between dances. It was a farewell entertainment to Misses Melver and Stringfellow, and passed off very pleasantly. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Hay, Misses Helen Melver, Harriett Stringfellow, Charlotte Boykin, Lella Boykin, Meta Boykin, Nellie Boykin, Cora Carrison, Bessie Jordan, Norvella Deas, Henrietta Johnson, Mary Johnson, Frances Boykin, and Messrs. Calhoun Annum, Ralph Foster, of Lancaster, Willie DePass, Maurice DePass, J. L. Halle, Jr., C. V. Salmond, W. C. Salmond, L. H. Deas, H. R. Lang, Lem Boykin, W. E. Johnson, Jr., John R. Deas, Andrew Annum.

### Interesting and Timely Letter.

Ed. People: We have been reading The People and we agree with you as to location of Court House on jail lot on DeKalb street. That is the most desirable place for the following reasons. First: It is already paid for. Second: It will be near two good hotels, where court attendants can go for meals. Third: It is close to two livery stables, where the people who attend court can have their stock cared for, that is those who come by private conveyance from the country. Then again it is at the terminus of four public highways from north, east, south and west. Then it is a high dry lot with a solid foundation, while the Man site is about the reverse. As to the enhancing private property by building Court House on Man lot, the argument is too weak to need comment. We think that for the Court House to be on jail lot would save much more than would be gained by the enhancement of property, for court would not be waiting for prisoners to be brought in, and prisoners would not be so apt to escape. There are other reasons we would like to give but we think enough has been said to convince our County Board not to put the Court House on Man lot.

Better let it stay where it is, for it is in a much nicer place and is not crowded there as it would be on the Man lot. As far as we are concerned we would like for it to stay where it is until we get out of debt or until we have paid for 30 R. R. bonds.

**Gum Spring Picnic.** Mr. Ed.: According to your request we send you a short report of the picnic at Gum Spring on Friday, July 1st. While we were somewhat disappointed in not having Capt. Smith with us as we anticipated, we did the best that we could in the way of speech making. Mr. McDonald Davis, Superintendent of Education of Lee County was present and made a short but very appropriate address. Messrs. R. H. Pittman, W. B. Turner and D. A. Brown were called upon and made very interesting talks along the line of education.

After the speaking was over a collection was taken for the benefit of the school library, amounting to \$8.00. The hour of high twelve having arrived, dinner was announced and everybody gathered around the table, which had been prepared in the grove, and partook of the many good things which the fair ladies of the community had prepared for the occasion.

After the inner man had been filled, the crowd spent the evening in shaking hands with the candidates and in watching Cupid put in some of his sly work.

As the sun began to sink toward the western hills the crowd began to disperse, all feeling that they had spent a pleasant day.

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