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## PARKER IS THE NOMINEE

Chosen By The Democratic National Convention At St. Louis

### GREAT ENTHUSIASM MANIFESTED

Eminent New York Jurist Wins the Nomination on First Ballot Amid Great Enthusiasm—Platform Adopted—Hearst and Gray

St. Louis, Special.—Judge Alton B. Parker was nominated for President by the National Democratic Convention on Saturday morning at 5:40, central time. On the first ballot he received 667 ballots—more than the two-thirds necessary to a choice.

There was unbounded enthusiasm among the delegates when the result of the vote was announced.

convention:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention:

"We do not expect here that stupid peace which smells of chloroform. We do not wish that unctuous unanimity which springs from the unconflicting emotions of a solitary man. We would not have our harmony in a single harness. We, too, love the stir of a strenuous life; but we believe in equal strenuousness for all and special strenuousness for none. We do not derive our power from the seats of the mighty, but from the souls of the humble. We do not ask for insane agreement springing from faithless fire; but rather outbursts of dissension issuing from reason."

three full days, the pendulum petered out, the hands stuck fast, and only a strenuous shake could make the wheels go round. Spiritless in the sullen task, they worked uphill the grain and gravity of the hour. Without the master whom they had learned to love, they lingered under the whip of one whom they have learned to fear. Stripped of premeditated pomp and shorn of soothing phrase, the occasion meant no more or less than an era of boots and spurs. Take away the tribute to the dead and all that is left is a horseman on the slopes of San Juan. Remove the reverend black that tells of a nation's grief, and underneath is a khaki uniform. Withhold the record made by hands and hearts now still, and all that is left is usurpation's bold account. Pull off the mask that wears the kindly smile of peace and see the grim and firm set teeth of war. It was the change from sure and certain ways to the shifting, eddying currents of the wild unknown. It was a leap in the darkness of Republican eclipse, and four years hence will find them vainly looking for the light. It marks the place where a party, in a year's time, forsook the beaten path and went on a winding way of untraveled roads. It makes the gap between the era of the conservative and the radical. It looks good now because they do not see where the old force ends and the new begins.

"We appeal to every Democrat from everywhere to forget the bitter warfare of the past, forget the strife and anger of the older, other days; abandon all the grudge and rancor of party discontent, and, recalling with ever-increasing pride, the triumphs of our fifty years of a constitutional government of liberty and peace—here and now resolve to make the future record that resplendent reach of time in which liberty and peace went up and down the nations of the earth, building their kingdom in the hearts of men and gathering the harvest of genius and toil; in which reason struck from the hand of force the sword of hate and plucked from the heart of war the germ of greed; in which conscience smote the thoughts of wrong and filled the mind with mercy's sweet restraint; in which power grew in the human brain, but refused the shelter of a glittering crown; in which the people of all lands and tongues, awakened to hope by the inspiration of our example, followed with the march of years the luminous pathway leading to a destiny beyond the reach of vision and within the providence of God. In this spirit, New York nominates for President of the United States Alton B. Parker."

Mr. Littleton's speech dealt at length with Republican claims, and he grew eloquent in his peroration in which he named the New York jurist for the standard bearer. He was liberally applauded.

The nominations of both Hearst and Gray were well received and liberally applauded.

The platform adopted deals with a number of public questions. The money question, however, was omitted as a compromise.

ST. LOUIS COLISEUM.

### RUSSIANS DISCOVERED

Success of Japanese Flanking Operations Surprises Them—Heavy Fighting Now Likely.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—With the return of three days' fine weather, drying the roads at the theatre of war, the military authorities here are once more inclined to believe in the probability of heavy fighting and even in the possibility of a general engagement. The Japanese columns appear again to be pushing forward at all points but the strategic plans of the Japanese, as well as the location of their main force and the place where their chief blow will be struck, whether at Kai-Chu, Hai Cheng, Lio Yang or even at Mukden, are still puzzling the Russian authorities. In a general way, the Japanese seem to be withdrawing their pressure southwest of Kai-Chu and Liao-Yang, but to be maintaining it northeast, as if contemplating a combined attack on Ta-Tche-Kiao and Liao-Yang. The success of the Japanese flanking operations is disconcerting the Russians. One by one the passes in the mountains, which the Russians had fortified in advance with infinite pains, have been attacked by the Japanese who have always managed, by trivials not marked on the maps, to circumvent the Russians.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A division of the Baltic Squadron will sail from Cronstadt July 28th under sealed orders. Complete mystery enshrouds its destination. It is said, although nothing is certain on this point, that the orders for the division will be opened at five days interval. There are attending circumstances which make it seem unlikely that the division will start on its long journey to the far east until the other ships are ready. It is understood the division will include the armored cruiser Admiral Nakhimoff, the battleship Osliabla, the protected cruiser Aurora and the battleship Alexandra III, and possibly the battleship Navarin and the transport Kamchatka. The general naval situation, with the Port Arthur squadron ready for sorties at will, and the Vladivostok squadron embarrassing the Japanese transport plans, compelling the constant presence of Vice Admiral Kamimura in the Sea of Japan, is considered to have much improved. There is elation everywhere over the latest successful cruise of the latter.

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### Gen. Howard's Funeral.

Washington, Special.—Brief funeral services were held here Friday over the remains of Brigadier General Thomas B. Howard, of the Confederate army. Mrs. Rankin Mason, a daughter-in-law of the deceased officer, left later with the body for Houston, Tex., where interment will follow a Masonic funeral next Sunday.

### Warns Republicans.

New York, Special.—The Wall Street Journal, the country's leading financial paper, says the safe condition of the country's business is due to the abandonment of free silver and Populism by the Democrats. It will also congratulate the Democracy and sound a warning to the Republicans.

### Georgia Railroad Sold.

Gainesville, Ga., Special.—The Gainesville, Jefferson & Southern Railroad was sold in this city by Samuel C. Dunlap, special master. The road was first offered as a whole, but there were no bidders. The road was then sold in sections, the first part put upon the block being 55 miles, running from Gainesville to Jefferson and from Belmont to Monroe.

## DAVIS SECOND PLACE

National Democratic Ticker Completed Saturday Night

WAS NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION

Entire Harmony Prevailed at the Close of the Convention and All the Factions Were Satisfied

FOR PRESIDENT  
ALTON BROOKS PARKER  
of New York.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT  
HENRY G. DAVIS  
of West Virginia.

The above is the ticket nominated by the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis last week. The questions were all gone over thoroughly and the standard-bearers were chosen after mature deliberation and thorough discussion.

The Presidential nomination was made early Saturday morning, and it was expected that when the convention reassembled at 2 p. m. the vice-presidential matter would be settled quickly and an adjournment reached. But in the interim a telegram had been received from Judge Parker that threw the mass of delegates into a temporary state of great excitement. The telegram from:

"Hon. W. F. Sheehan, Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis:

"I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established, and shall act accordingly if the action of the convention of today shall be ratified by the people. As the platform is silent on the subject, my view should be made known to the convention, and if it is proved to be unsatisfactory to the majority, I request you to decline the nomination for me at once, so that another may be nominated before adjournment. A. B. PARKER."

The reading of this message and its explanation by John Sharp Williams put the delegates back into a satisfied state of mind, and the work of the body was then closed up and an adjournment reached amid much cheering.

Following was the detailed vote on the first ballot, which gave Parker the nomination: Alabama, Parker, 22; Arkansas, Parker, 18; California, Hearst, 20; Colorado, Parker, 4; Hearst, 5; Connecticut, Parker, 14; Delaware, Gray, 6; Florida, Parker, 6; Georgia, Parker, 26; Idaho, Hearst, 6; Illinois, Hearst, 54; Indiana, Parker, 30; Iowa, Hearst, 26; Kansas, Hearst, 10; Parker, 7; Miles, 2; Cockrell, 1; Kentucky, Parker, 24; Louisiana, Parker, 18; Maine, Parker, 7; Hearst, 1; Olney, 4; Maryland, Parker, 10; Massachusetts, Olney, 32; Michigan, Parker, 28; Minnesota, Parker, 9; Hearst, 9; Cockrell, 1; Towne, 2; Gray, 1; Mississippi, Parker, 20; Missouri, Cockrell, 36; Montana, Parker, 6; Nebraska, Cockrell, 4; Hearst, 4; Olney, 1; Gray, 1; Watt, 1; Patton, 1; Miles, 1; Nevada, Hearst, 6; New Hampshire, Parker, 8; New Jersey, Parker, 24; New York, Parker, 78; North Carolina, Parker, 24; North Dakota, Williams, 8; Ohio, Parker, 46; Oregon, Parker, 4; Hearst, 2; McClelland, 1; Coler, 1; Pennsylvania, Parker, 66; Rhode Island, Hearst, 6 Parker, 2; South Carolina, Parker, 18; South Dakota, Hearst, 8; Tennessee, Parker, 24; Texas, Parker, 26; Utah, Parker, 6; Vermont, Parker, 8; Virginia, Parker, 24; West Virginia, Parker, 10; Hearst, 2; Gorman, 2; Washington, Hearst, 10; Wisconsin, Wall, 26; Wyoming, Hearst, 6; Alaska, Parker, 6; Arizona, Hearst, 6; District of Columbia, Parker, 6; Indian Territory, Parker, 5; Hearst, 1; Hawaii, Hearst, 6; New Mexico, Hearst, 6; Oklahoma, Parker, 2; Hearst, 2; McClelland, 1; Olney, 1; Porto Rico, Parker, 2; Hearst, 4.

The foregoing is a total of 658 votes for Parker. Idaho, Washington and West Virginia then changed to the Parker column, giving him a clear plurality and Governor Dockery moved to make the nomination unanimous.

Judge Parker was notified of his nomination early Saturday morning, just as he was returning from his customary swim in the river near his home. He took the news calmly and with his usual dignity. Sunday he attended church and listened to a sermon in which a thinly veiled compliment was paid himself. The usual quiet still is noticeable in all his manners.

### ROLL FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

The roll of States was called for the presentation of candidates for vice president. Even at this time, the galleries were less than half filled, and great areas of vacant seats were visible.

Alabama was called several times

with no response, but finally Mr. Russell, of that State, announced that Alabama would give way to Illinois.

Samuel Alschuler, of Illinois, announced that Freeman B. Morris would speak for that State. Mr. Morris took the platform to name James R. Williams, of Illinois. Cheers greeted the mention of Mr. Williams' name, but they did not come in great measure from the delegates.

Colorado yielded to Washington, and Chairman Clark recognized Frederick C. Robertson, of that State, who spoke for ex-Senator George Turner.

Connecticut yielded to Indiana and Delegate Spencer, of that State, secured the nomination of Williams, of Illinois.

By this time a report that a telegram had been received from Judge Parker, declaring his position on the financial question, had become general. A crowd of delegates hurriedly gathered around Sheehan, of New York, and Tillman, of South Carolina.

Little conferences began to occur and the orators did not receive much attention except from the galleries and the small fry, who did not know that a probable sensation was ripening all about them. Delaware gave her place in the call to West Virginia, and the chair recognized John D. Alderson, of that State, who placed in nomination Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia. A vigorous round of applause came from the delegates when Mr. Davis' name was mentioned, but little from the galleries.

Senator DuBois, of Idaho, seconded the nomination of George Turner, of Washington.

David Overmyer, of Kansas, placed former Senator William A. Harris, of that State, in nomination in a brief speech from the floor.

### Hearst Pledges Support.

Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, secured recognition for A. M. Lawrence, of that State to read a telegram from the platform. The telegram was from William R. Hearst. The reading was warmly applauded. Mr. Hearst's telegram was as follows:

"A. M. Lawrence, St. Louis: I wish to thank my friends for their unfailing support. I think I can best express my appreciation of their loyalty by continued devotion to the principles of true Democracy, for which we have fought, and by loyal support of the man chosen by the convention to lead the Democratic party."

"WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST."

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., Special.—Former President Grover Cleveland, who is the guest of Joseph Jefferson, was advised of the nomination of Judge Parker for President as soon as he awoke Saturday morning. Later, Mr. Cleveland sent the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Mr. Cleveland declines to see any reporter or representative of the press but sends the following word from his room to the Associated Press:

"I am in absolute ignorance of the action of the St. Louis convention except in so far as it has nominated Mr. Parker as Presidential candidate. With this result I am abundantly gratified, and I hope that the remainder of the work of the convention will add to the encouraging prospects of Democratic success. This is all I can possibly say at this time. I do not know when I shall have an opportunity to read the platform adopted or to learn of the entire proceedings of the convention. In any event, it is absolutely certain that no further expression from me may be expected at present. I hope to be relieved of further importunity on this subject."

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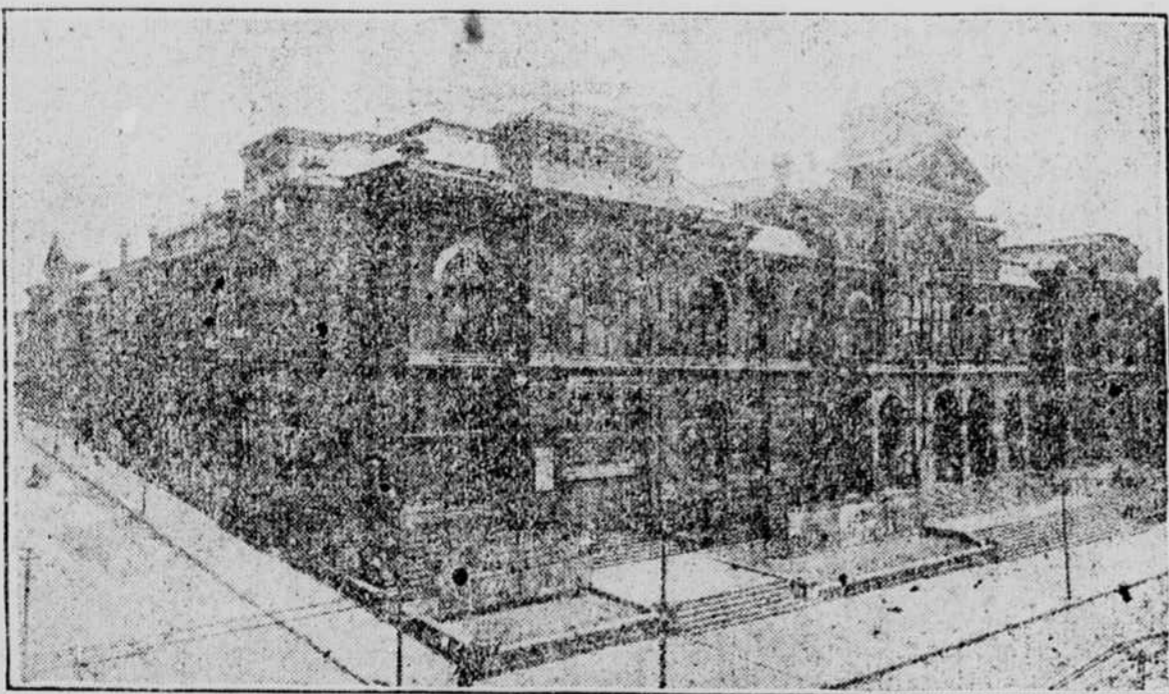


ALTON B. PARKER.

The Democratic National Convention which assembled in St. Louis on July 6th was one of the largest representative bodies that ever graced a convention hall since the beginning of the republic.

John Sharp Williams was temporary

but freedom. We are not in executive session, but rather in the committee of the whole. We were sent here by the people to select a candidate. We were not sent here by the candidate to notify the people. Our adversaries, by dwelling tenderly on the simplicity of the la-



MEETING PLACE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

chairman, and made a vigorous speech, arraigning the Republican position on all questions.

The committee on permanent organization nominated Champ Clark, of Missouri, for permanent chairman. The platform was adopted on Friday night, and Parker, Bryan and Gray were each placed in nomination.

The following is taken from the nomination speech of Mr. Littleton who placed Judge Parker's name before the

mented McKinley, managed to endure for three days the strenuousness of Roosevelt. By recounting in affectionate terms the achievements of the one, they evoked an enthusiasm which they immediately credited to the other. Through tears that were shed for the noble dead, they saw a larger outline of the living. Driven by lash and lured by luck, they called on all the sacred dust to keep their spirits up. Not to run for

### Rumor of Naval Battle.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—It is reported in special dispatches from Liao-Yang under Saturday's date that a persistent rumor to the effect that a naval engagement has occurred at Port Arthur, in which 21 Japanese warships participated, resulting in a Russian victory. A similar report was current at Liao-Yang July 5th, the location of the engagement being given as northward.