

NATIONAL DEMOCRATS AT DENVER

In Session at Denver, Colo., This Week. Proposed Bryan Platform With Resolutions Committee.

MAKES ROOSEVELT AN ISSUE

Wants "Predatory Wealth" and "Swollen Fortunes" Dealt With—Contains Anti-Injunction Plank—The Convention programme.

Denver, Col., Special.—The American eagle and the Democratic rooster have vied with each other in giving Denver one of the most lurid Fourth of July in its strenuous existence. Throughout the day streets were ablaze with color, an incessant din of cannon and crackers has mingled with the enthusiasm or arriving political delegations, and long



William J. Bryan.

trains have crept over the prairie from every direction adding their throngs and the clatter of fireworks, here. At night the State Capitol and other public buildings loomed out of the darkness in living fire with every outline marked by myriad lights, the streets pulsed with convention throngs and the clatter of fireworks; the hotel lobbies were filled with political leaders, delegates and onlookers from every section of the country. It is estimated that 20,000 strangers are already here and 60,000 more are expected in the next two days.

The arrivals included the Missouri delegation headed by the tall gaunt form of Senator Stone; part of the North Carolina delegation headed by Governor Glenn who promptly retired his candidacy for the vice presidency, and straggling advance guards of many of the other delegations. These included Judge Parker, the Democratic candidate of 1904, Colonel Clayton, of Alabama, the silver-tongued Southerner, he will be permanent chairman of the convention; Chief Murphy, of Tammany Hall, and Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, a likely candidate for chairman of the platform committee, are the chief figures of national interest on the ground.

Denver, Special.—The platform sent here from Lincoln to the resolutions committee of the Democratic National Convention has been completed. It follows closely the lines of the Nebraska platform, as written by Mr. Bryan last March, and is one of the shortest enunciations of the kind in the modern political history of the country.

Opening with a sharp challenge to the Republicans for failure to put into their platform specific declarations upholding the policies "professed" by the Roosevelt administration and arranging the party for its retreat from the "advanced position" taken by the "titular" leader during the last four years, the document will contain a fitting reference to the death of Grover Cleveland.

Platform builders at Denver have these subjects approximately as presented above in condensed form to deal with as a basis for their operations.

The Injunction Plank.

Unless there is a decidedly greater



A Leap Year Dilemma. —From the Washington Star.

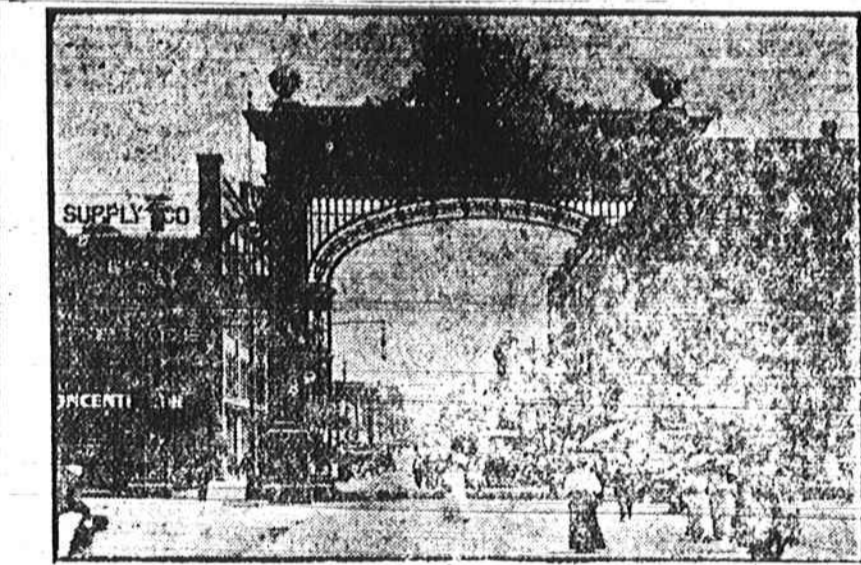
tendency toward compromise than is now manifested the real fight will be over the injunction plank, but the

Celebration at Oyster Bay. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Special.—President Roosevelt celebrated the Fourth of July with his family and a few friends at Sagamore Hill and at night the grounds around the President's summer home blazed with rockets and red fire. No accidents of any kind marred the day at the President's home. In the evening the President had a beautiful display of fireworks set off from the bottom of the hill in front of the house.

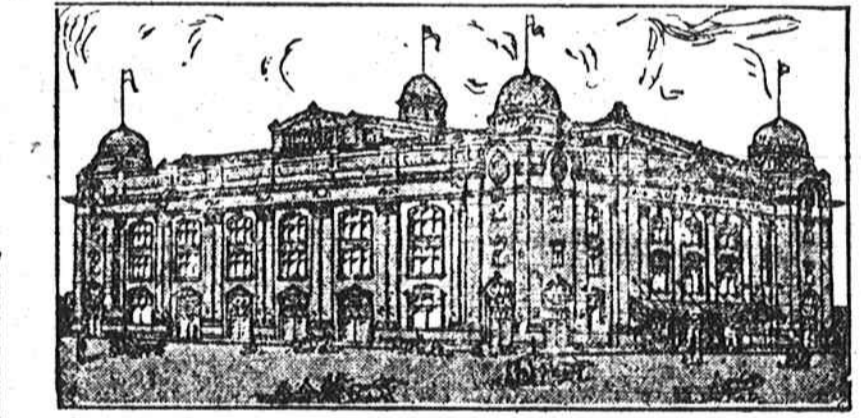
New York Celebrates. New York, Special.—That patriotism has kept pace with the rapid growth of the country during the one hundred and thirty-five years that have elapsed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence was evidenced on Saturday by the noisiest demonstration in history. Blistered fingers and buried clothing characterized the majority of 800,000 or so of small boys who participated in the celebration here, but oh, what a time they had.

- Planks of Declaration. Scores Republicans for treating from "the advanced position" taken by the "titular leader." Reaffirms faith in party principles. Declares for return to government by the people. Urges additional legislation to curb corporations and publicity for campaign contributions. Opposes centralization of power. Favors election of Senators by direct vote. Demands immediate revision of the tariff. Comes out strong for an income tax and for means to keep down "swollen fortunes." Advocates government control of railroads. Declares for postal savings banks and an emergency currency. Insists upon a modification of the law relative to injunctions. Urges an eight-hour law and other labor legislation. Wants Philippine independence recognized.

leaders declare that before the committee on platform is appointed a substantial agreement will have been reached and that the committee will be relieved of the necessity of a prolonged sitting. In Chicago the fight was against the insertion of any injunction plank at all; here all admit the necessity of some declaration



WELCOME ARCH, DENVER, COLO., AT UNION STATION Which Blazed a Welcome to Delegates to the Democratic National Convention.



AUDITORIUM AT DENVER WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IS BEING HELD.

but many oppose the pronouncement for previous notice in injunction proceedings.

There has been much communion with Mr. Bryan on this point, but apparently his attitude is not clearly understood, and probably it will not be until his draft of the platform which he is understood to be preparing is read. It is known, however, that he would use stronger language than is employed in the Republican platform. That he is willing to go as far as the Federation of Labor demands none is disposed to say, but his closest friends assert that he does not consider it necessary to make such a sweeping declaration. They say that Mr. Bryan will himself suggest what will be a concession to the conservatives and they predict that in the end his draft will be accepted.

Bryan Insists on Publicity Plank.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—William J. Bryan, in a speech before the Nebraska Travelling Men's Club Friday night, made the significant statement that unless the Denver Convention incorporated in its platform a campaign contribution publicity plank it might look elsewhere than to Nebraska for a candidate for

Missionary Conference Opens at Asheville.

Asheville, Special.—The preliminary session of the Young People's Missionary Movement which meets for a ten days conference at Kenilworth Inn, was held, about 250 delegates being present. Dr. W. B. Lambeth, the presiding officer of the association, delivered an introductory address in which he outlined the work of the conference and its purposes. Dr. Lambeth was followed by Mr. M. W. Ehnes, of New York, who has charge of the conference.

President. The declaration was made in connection with a discussion he indulged in regarding the action of the Republican National Convention in failing to insert such a plank as he said "after President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft had both declared themselves in favor of such action," and was made with a sincerity that left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that he meant all he said.

Split Over Cleveland.

Charging that Alton B. Parker's resolution of tribute to the memory of the late President Grover Cleveland is a clever move on the part of the enemies of William J. Bryan to infuse factional feeling into the national convention, friends of the Nebraskan are determined to offer a resolution of a character designed not to raise controverted political issues.

All Democrats, without regard to factional affiliations, applaud the suggestion coming from New York that the national convention should embrace the first opportunity of honoring the memory of Mr. Cleveland, but most of those who have expressed themselves on the subject are of the opinion that the resolutions adopted should not contain anything over which there could be the slightest difference of opinion.

Mascot Obtained.

The Democratic party has secured its mascot for the approaching convention. It came in the shape of a Rock Mountain burro, which was presented to Chairman Thomas Taggart, of the national committee, by the Denver Times. Mr. Taggart was unaware of the honor intended for him until the animal was ushered into his presence at his headquarters in the third floor of the Brown Hotel. It was duly labeled in large letters in paint, one side bearing the inscription:

"My name is Denver; ask me," the expression having reference to a large badge for residents issued by the citizens' committee for the benefit of the strangers, reading: "I live at Denver, ask me." The other side was inscribed: "I belong to Tom Taggart."

of \$500,000. It is a permanent building, but it will be christened by the convention.

THE CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

Sessions on Four Days Provided for, Beginning Tuesday.

Denver, Special.—The committee on arrangements of the national committee met on Friday and completed the order of business for the convention and for the session of the national committee, to be held on Monday. The Convention programme is outlined for four sessions, beginning Tuesday. This will carry the Convention through to Friday afternoon, unless a fight in committee or on the floor should prolong the deliberations. As already announced, it is proposed that an adjournment shall be taken immediately after the temporary organization is perfected out of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Cleveland, although this feature does not appear on the formal programme. The first day's order of business is as follows:

1. Chairman Taggart of the national committee, calls the Convention to order at noon.
2. Secretary Woodson reads call for Convention.
3. Prayer by Archbishop Jas. J. Keane.
4. Announcement of temporary officers agreed upon by the national committee.
5. Chairman asks for further nominations.
6. No further nominations, the chairman puts question on agreeing to the recommendations of the national committee.
7. Chairman appoints a committee of two delegates to escort Temporary Chairman Theodore A. Bell, of California, to the chair.
- 8 and 9. Introductions and speech of temporary chairman.
10. Call of States for members of the following committees: Credentials, permanent organization, rules and order of business, platform and resolutions.
11. Probable adjournment or recess.

GOV. JOHNSON, OF MINNESOTA.

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SEVEN LIVES LOST IN A FIRE.

At Cleveland, O., fireworks on display exploded, causing panic among Clerks and Shoppers. Cleveland, O., Special.—Seven persons were killed, at least two others were fatally injured, and fully thirty more were severely hurt as the result of fire in S. S. Kresge's five and ten cent store on Ontario street Saturday. The dead: Emma Schumaker, 18 floor walker; Marie Wagner, 17, clerk; Anna Trefall, 24, clerk; Frieda Trefall, 17, clerk; Elizabeth Reis, 18, clerk; Mary Hughes, 27, shopper; James L. Parker, four years.

The fire followed an explosion of fireworks on display in the store. Opinions differ as to the exact cause of the explosion. A woman who was at the fireworks counter said the stove was ignited by a spark from the device which was being demonstrated to her by a clerk. Fire Chief Wallace and the store manager were of the opinion that the pieces were ignited by an air light.

JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS DEAD.

Famous Author, Familiarly Known as "Uncle Remus" Passes Away at His Home in Atlanta Editor and Proprietor of Uncle Remus' Magazine.

Atlanta, Special.—Joel Chandler Harris, familiarly known as "Uncle Remus" and an author of note, died at his home in a suburb of this city Friday night. Mr. Harris, whose health had been bad for some time, had only been confined to his bed for about ten days, suffering from cerebral or fibre liver. Complication set in and yesterday he grew rapidly worse and continued to sink until the end came at 9 o'clock. Joel Chandler was born in Eatonton, Ga., December 9th, 1848. He was married in 1873 to Miss Essie LaRose, of Canada, and in 1873 moved to Atlanta, joining the staff of The Atlanta Constitution. It was while he was connected with The Constitution that his tales, "Stories by Uncle Remus" first attracted attention. In 1900 Mr. Harris retired from active journalism and until last year, when he became editor and proprietor of "Uncle Remus" Magazine, spent most of his time at his suburban home. He is survived by a widow, four sons and two daughters. Mr. Harris was buried in Atlanta.

IN QUEST OF NORTH POLE.

Undaunted by Former Trial, Commander Robert E. Peary Heads Another Expedition to Search for the North Pole.

New York, Special.—With the Peary Arctic Club's pulsant fluttering from her main truck and the Stars and Stripes at her mizzen, the Arctic expedition steamer Roosevelt left her pier at East Twenty-fourth street Monday evening. Commander Robert E. Peary, who is to head another expedition in quest of the North Pole, before the ship left Commander Peary said:

"I have done too much work in the Arctic regions to believe that I can make the pole without strenuous work. I am not foolish enough to say that I am going to do or die, but I am certainly going to put into this trip every bit of energy—mental, moral and physical—that I have in order to succeed in my undertaking. I know my path will be hedged in by many trials and I am confident I will carry the American flag farther north than by any other explorer."

Two Men Burned to Death.

Philadelphia, Special.—Two men were burned to death and 19 others were injured Saturday in a fire following an explosion on the oil tank barge Shenango, which is undergoing repairs at Cramps' shipyard in this city. The dead are: Herbert Page, Walter Tyson, Joseph Biemer is not expected to recover.

800-MILE BALLOON RACE

Aeronauts Face Death in the Chicago-to-Ocean Trial

LAND 800 MILES FROM CHICAGO.

All Balloons Accounted For One Party Dragged For Miles Along the Surface of Lake Michigan Fielding Probable Winner.

Chicago, Special.—The Chicago-to-ocean balloon race ended Sunday night, when the last of the nine contestants came to earth at West Shetford, Quebec, 800 miles from the starting point. This craft was the Fielding, owned by F. J. Fielding, of San Antonio, Texas. It covered approximately 100 miles more than its nearest competitor and is also believed to have captured the prize for the balloon which remained in the air the longest.

The nine balloons left Chicago on Saturday afternoon. The contest was marked by several thrilling escapes from death. The Ville de Dieppe dropped into Lake Michigan soon after the start, and for an hour more Col. A. E. Mueller and Geo. Schoneck, its pilots, were swept across the surface, finally arising with their craft to a height of 7,000 feet, from which they descended to Benton Harbor, Mich.

A similar experience fell to the lot of C. H. Porrie, and J. L. Case, crew of the Illinois. While endeavoring to effect a landing near Lake Ontario their balloon fell into the Bay of Quinte. The aeronauts had donned life-preservers and managed to keep afloat until a yacht put off from Glen Island and rescued them. The fate of their balloon is not known here. Ferrige's message to his family stating simply that he and Case are safe.

The third serious accident occurred near Clinton, Ont. The balloon Columbia could not be controlled by Capt. Peterson and C. H. Leichleter and they were dashed against trees and dragged through barbed wire fences. Both men were severely injured.

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AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS.

Charleston, Special.—In the course of a few days two agricultural department experts and an animal industry department expert are expected to arrive in Charleston with Mr. J. T. Sutor, correspondent at Washington for the Chicago Record-Herald, for the purpose of investigating conditions in general among the sea island plantations, looking to the establishment of an experimental station at Waterloo plantation, on John's Island, and to opening a fight on the entire tick and cucumber and cotton blight. Mr. Sutor who has leased Waterloo plantation for the purpose of starting and maintaining a truck and stock farm on a large scale, next fall is much interested in getting the experimental station established. Particular attention will be paid to the growing of Oregon vetch, an excellent fodder plant, and to alfalfa. It is planned to experiment with vetch by inoculating about 30 acres of ground with three of four tons of soil in which vetch has been grown. Of great interest among the truck farmers of Charleston will be the experiments made by the animal industry experts in fighting against the cattle tick. And the work of the agricultural experts to do away with the dreaded cucumber blight and the equally hated cotton blight will attract the close attention and hearty approval of every planter in the low country. Mr. Sutor writes that he hopes to bring the experts to Charleston some time this week.

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Farmers' Rally Postponed.

Chester, Special.—On account of the meeting of the State Farmers' Union in Columbia on July 22 the rally arranged for this city on the same date and for which extensive preparations were being made has been postponed. It is announced that the same speakers will be secured as originally intended, and the meeting held just as intended at first.

Hampton Summer School.

Hampton, Special.—With 32 teachers present Monday morning the Hampton County Summer school opened with Prof. J. W. Rouse at its head assisted by Miss Eunice J. Sipple of Grahamville. Prof. Rouse will have in charge the teaching of higher English and mathematics and Miss Sipple will teach the studies from the first to fourth grades. This is the largest enrollment the county has ever had at the summer term.

Editors at Lake Toxaway.

Lake Toxaway, N. C., Special.—The members of the South Carolina Press Association spent Saturday at Toxaway Inn in the beautiful Sapphire County. President E. H. Auld and the members are entertained. A complimentary dance was had and the editors mingled with the June brides. Part of the day was spent in Hendersonville as guests of the board of trade. Sunday the editors spent the day here quietly.

New Enterprises.

The secretary of state has authorized the Summerville & Charleston Electric Railway company to increase its capital stock to \$300,000. The present capitalization is \$100,000. The secretary of state also commissioned the Bank of Estill (Hampton county) capital stock, \$25,000; corporators, J. W. and W. E. Peoples and F. H. Wyman all of Estill.

SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS

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THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

Date of Examinations Has Been Changed for Reasons Set forth in the Announcement.

Prof. Andrew C. Moore, acting president of the University of South Carolina, received a letter with reference to the examinations for the Cecil Rhodes scholarships. The letter is of interest to young men who are studying now with the expectation of standing the examination.

The letter is from Mr. Geo. R. Parkin, Seymour house, Waterloo place, S. W. London, England, who as the chairman of the board of trustees of the Rhodes scholarship trust writes:

"Our trustees after careful consideration, have decided that the qualifying examination for the Rhodes scholars to be elected for 1901 shall be held in the autumn of 1900, instead of in the month of January as heretofore.

"It is believed that an examination held in October will interfere less than one held in January with the regular work of American university students, and that the earlier selection, which it is hoped can be completed by the beginning of the year, will give a better opportunity for the selected scholars to direct their work on lines most advantageous for their course at Oxford.

"It has also been found that when the examination is held in January, the selections are frequently made so late that satisfactory arrangements for the entry of the men at the Oxford college can not be made, and the prospect of an earlier election is welcomed by all the college authorities.

"The holders of the examination in October is experimental, and the question of making it permanent will be decided later. I shall feel obliged if you will give publicity in your State to this notification. The usual memorandum, giving the requirements of the examination, is being prepared and will be distributed shortly."

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