

HE ceremonies connected with notifying candidates for presi dent and vice president of their nomination for these of fices have led to a good many joke: and funny paragraphs on the subject Why such elaborate preparations to inform a candidate for high office of a fact of which he is already well aware? Why go through the form of telling a man in sonorous sentences and long winded speeches weeks after it happened something which he got news of by telephone or telegraph wire the moment after it transpired?

Judge Taft traveled hundreds of miles, from Hot Springs, Va., to Cincinnati, to be notified that he had been nominated for president by the Republican party. He did not make such a long trip to learn what had occurred in the Coliseum at Chicago a month before, but, rather, to meet in a suitable place the official bearers of the Intelligence and take advantage of the occasion to make a speech of acceptance expressing his views on the issues of the campaign. Congressman James S. Sherman was nominated for vice president by the Republicans on June 19, but he did not learn of it officially until Aug. 18, nearly two months later. Mr. Bryan was notified on Aug 12, over a month after his nomination occurred, and Aug. 25 was set as the date for informing John W. Kern of the honors awarded him early in July when he was given second place on the ticket. Messrs, Sherman and Kern were both present as delegates at the conventions which nominated them for the vice presidential office, and it did not bother either to wait a few weeks before receiving official intelligence of the action of his fellow partisans.

Of course the notification custom finds its origin in days when there



BENATOR BUREOWS NOTIFYING SHERMAN

OF HIS NOMINATION. were no telegraphs or telephones or even railroads to convey important in telligence with speed and acquaint the public with all happenings of note on the very day of their occurrence. Orig inally there was sense in supposing that a candidate might receive the first news of his nomination from the committee appointed to convey to him the information. Those days passed long ago, but customs often survive years after the conditions which brought them into existence have changed Originally the candidate made only a brief and perhaps informal speech in acceptance of the honor. Abraham Lincoln spoke only 139 words to the committee that notified him at Springfield in 1860 of his nomination for president. Four years later, when he was renominated, it required but 196 words for him to assure the committee of his acceptance of the honor and responsi bilities of office once more. But since then it has become customary for a candidate for president to make a speech of considerable length in accepting his nomination, going into the issues of the campaign in some detail Judge Taft intended at first to com press his speech of acceptance lute about 3,000 words, but he found it necessary in the end to take about 13,000 to cover all the subjects he desired to touch upon and do so in a satisfactory manner. As one comment on the speech put it, "The judge had several jobs to do and apparently made up his mind that he might as well bunch his hits." Mr. Bryan in his acceptance of the Democratic nomination for president delivered a speech which when converted into type filled about six average newspaper columns, yet even

this was too small space for the Democratic leader to express himself as fully as he desired, and he intimated his intention to take up other matters on subsequent occasions.

The delivery of long speeches at such functions means their preparation some time in advance, so that they may be handed to the press in time for mailing copies to distant parts of the country and setting the type. Judge Taft's speech of acceptance was completed on Friday, July 24, and it was delivered to

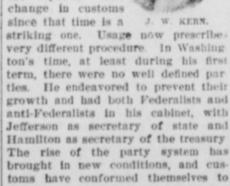


MR. BRYAN AND NORMAN E. MACK AT THE NOTIFICATION CEREMONIES AT LINCOLN press associations on the afternoon of the same day under a pledge that it would not be released for publication until the afternoon of the following Tuesday, the day of its delivery. At the Bryan notification in Lincoln Mr Kern was present, although he had not then been told in a formal manner that he was to run on the same ticket, an the circumstance served to emphasize the fact that such ceremonies are nov form so far as conveying intelligence to the candidate is co:

Washington and Grant were no speechmakers, and both were morafraid of delivering addresses than a leveled cannon or pointed gun. Even in reading an address Washington often trembled and showed signs of emotion. As a rule, he never delivered a long speech.

After the adoption of the constitution the election of a president was held under its provisions on the first Wednesday of January, 1789, and early in the following April the ballots of the electors were counted in the presence of congress, the choice of Washington for president being unanimous. He was

immediately informed of the result of the ballot and was at Mount Vernon when on April 14 he was notified of his election. He soon started for New York, where on April 30 he was inaugurated as the first chief magistrate of the republic. The



Answered. Being of an inquiring turn of mind. five-year-old Bobby one day managed to turn on both faucets in the bathtub to see what would happen. It chanced that the stopper was in place, and the tub, being a small one, rapidly filled up, to the great delight of Bob by. Finally, however, the tub became so full that it threatened to overflow on to the floor, and Bobby, having a proper respect for the maternal slipper, became frightened and tried vainly to turn off the water. Being unable to for some reason, he gazed tearfully at the ever rising flood, and then. mindful both of his religious training and the occasional visits of the plumb er, he plunged down on his knees. and his elder sister, who happened to be passing at the moment, heard him exclaim fervently:

"O Lord, please stop this water running! And, O Lord, if you can't do it please send somebody that can!" His prayer was answered, for his

sister rose to the occasion and turned off the water and temporarily saved Bobby from the much feared slipper .-Bt. Louis Republic.

IN WEST VIRGINIA.

W. Swisher, Nominee of "Regulars." has attracted national attention on ac-



C. W. SWISHER.

count of the possible effect of these differences in the party on the national ticket. There has been much speculation as to whether or not the split will hurt Judge Taft's chances of carrying the state. There are two gubernatorial tickets in the field claiming to be Republican. The so called "regular ticket" is headed by C. W. Swisher, and the other, the "Lincoln ticket," has in the first place the name of Arnold C. Scherr. The Democrats are united and have put in the field Lewis Bennett, a former speaker of the legislature. Mr. Scherr has served as state auditor, and Mr. Swisher has been prominent in his party for some years. Supporters of both the Republican nominees are declaring their loyalty to the national ticket, and it is claimed by some that Judge Taft's vote will not be lessened by the party controversies in the commonwealth. On the other hand, it is said that strenuous efforts will be made to induce the warring factions to compose their differences and eliminate one or the other of the candidates.

Roosevelt carried the state four years ago by a majority of 31,700. In 1900 the Republican majority was 21,000, and it was 11,500 in 1896. Cleveland obtained the electoral vote in 1892 by a majority of 4,124.

MME. JOMELLI.

Noted Soprano, Who Will Tour Coun try This Autumn.

Mme. Jomelli, the noted soprane who goes on a concert tour this season under the management of R. E. John ston, has been connected with the companies of both the Metropolitan and burg. Pa. and has been principal soloist with sev eral leading orchestras and other mu sical organizations. She will not re turn to the operatic stage until next spring, when she will appear at Coveni Garden, London, in a new opera, creating the principal role, which is based on the life of Michelangelo. In her tour of the United States Mme, Jomelli will travel in a private car fitted up with a gymnasium, for wherever she may be the soloist insists on taking what she considers a proper amount of



MME JOMELLI.

exercise. Recently on being asked who her beauty doctor was she pointed to a pair of dumbbells in a corner of her room, with the remark that one was a complexion specialist as well.

All Used Up. "Pa, what's a dead language?" "Any old language after your mother

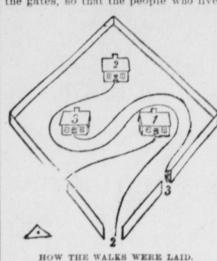
gets through with it."-Chicago Record-Herald. Conundrums. Why is it imposible for a person who lisps to believe in young ladies? Be-

cause he calls every miss a myth. Why is an old chair with a new bottom in it like a paid up bill? Because it has been reseated (receipted). When may a chair be said to have personal feelings? When it can bear

A Riddle. What does man love more than life, Hate more than death or mortal strife, That which contented men desire The poor possess, the rich require, The miser spends, the spendthrift saves And all men carry to their graves? nswer .- Nothing.

The Three Pathways.

The owner of three houses, number Differences Among Republicans and C. ed 1, 2 and 3 in the drawing and sit uated as shown, had a fence rected The split between the Republicans to inclose them. In the fence he made in West Virginia over the governorship three exits, numbered 1, 2 and 3. He constructed walks from the houses o the gates, so that the people who lived



in house No. 1 used No. 1 gate, those

those who lived in house No. 3 used Pa. Raymond Com'ey, 216 E 9th St., Homestead, No. 3 gate. The walks neither crossed one another nor interfered in any way. Here is a drawing showing how the walks were laid from the houses to the gates.-Philadelphia Ledger.

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