

Republican National Convention at the Coliseum in Chicago

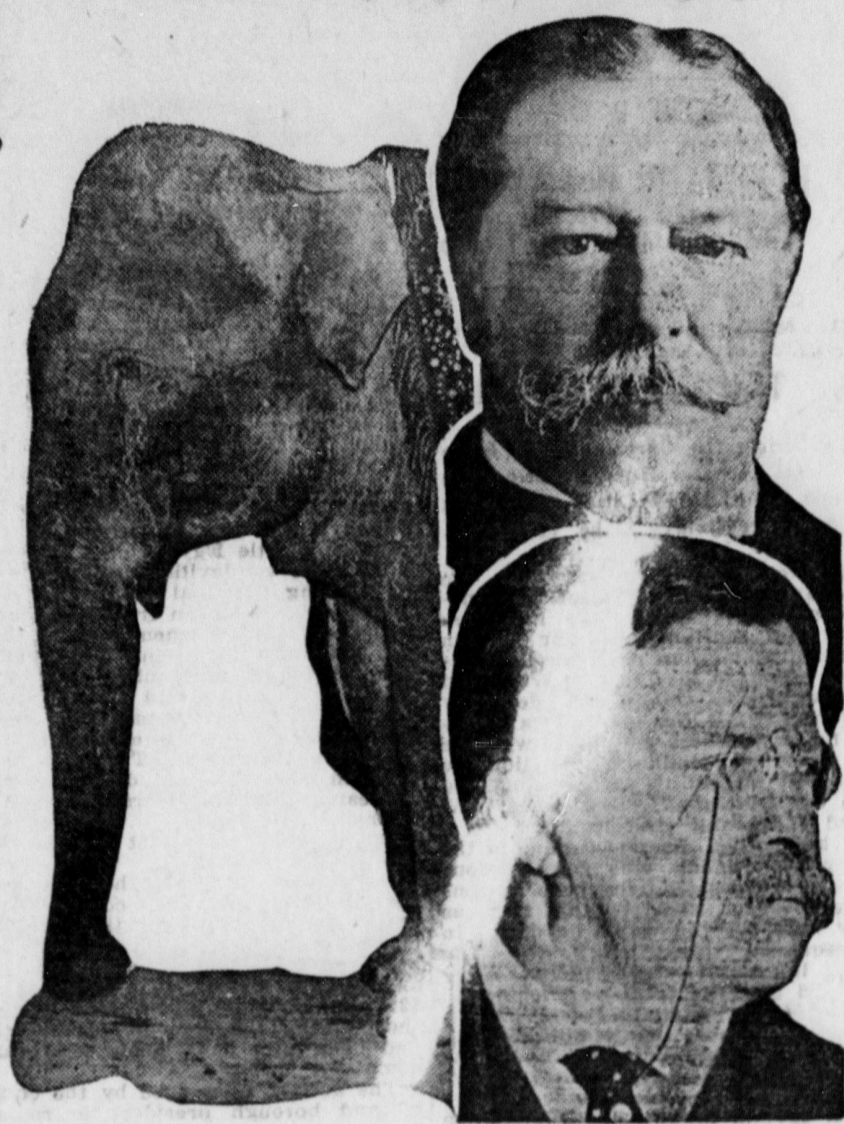


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On June 18 the Delegates Will Meet to Choose Candidates For President and Vice President—It Will Be the Largest Convention Ever Assembled—How the Big Event Will Be Handled.

THE Republican national convention of 1912 meets on June 18, the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the war of 1812. If this is an omen of anything it is that there will be war in that gathering, a thing so probable that it needs no omen. One of the battles of 100 years ago was at Fort Dearborn, standing where Chicago now stands, thus lending local emphasis to the foreboding. If further proof is needed that there is to be a fight it is furnished by the fact that Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt are the leading candidates. Robert M. La Follette and Albert Baird Cummins are also candidates and are also something in the fighting line.

The convention hall is Chicago's famous coliseum that has seen so many conventions in the past. It is the successor to the coliseum built for the Democratic convention of 1896, when William Jennings Bryan won the nomination by his "cross of gold" speech. The writer was present on that occasion and still remembers the tinkle of that oratorical triumph.

For the coming convention the new coliseum is being remodeled and refurbished. This was all worked out on paper long before the convention, and as soon as the building was turned over to the national committee a force of carpenters began to rush the work. Raillings were to be put in place, seats arranged and all the thousand and one details to be looked after throughout the vast hall.

Another problem has been the decorations. This contract was given separately. The state guidons, festooning of the national colors, display of flags and of portraits all had to be planned carefully and executed quickly.

The printing and giving out of tickets were also a man's job. There are many varieties of these admission cards, as delegates, alternates, national committee, stage, press and visitors in all the various sections of the building must have tickets for each session and each day and for numbered seats. The tickets are under the absolute control of the national committee. Because of the press of visitors the giving out of these pasteboards has to be carefully guarded. The hall seats something more than 11,000.

These represent only the beginning of the details. Elaborate preparations have had to be made for the press. Not only does every important paper in the country send one or more representatives, but the press associations have a large number of men, and there is a small army of telegraph operators, stenographers, messengers and other helpers.

There is also an army of doorkeeper, ushers and sergeants-at-arms. Badges must be supplied, and there are almost as many kinds of these as of tickets. Music must be provided, although this is comparatively simple, since only one official band is stationed in the convention hall. The numerous bands in the streets and hotels come voluntarily or are supplied by various candidates delegations and marching clubs.

The foregoing covers but a small part of the machinery of the convention. There are many other details, such as doctors and nurses, for possible contingencies. Among these contingencies is not included a fire, or at least no let us hope. Fighting there will be, but not of the physical variety. Yet there are many accidents that could happen in a convention hall, such as the breaking down of platforms or

seats, fire, panics and the like. Delegates and visitors are liable to be overcome by the heat. All of these contingencies must be provided for. Various concessions, including those for lemonade, fans, flags, canes, buttons, etc., are to be given out. Noise producers are also in demand, although there are always plenty of these in human form. The national committee makes up the temporary roll. This means that it must bear all contests, of which there is an unusually large number this year. Of course the committee's decision is not final since the convention passes on the credentials of its own members. Yet, in fact, the committee's decision will be final in most cases, for the reason that those on the temporary roll will have power to vote as to determining all contests in the convention except those in which the delegates voting are personally concerned. Thus the national committee's action on these contests may determine the actual complexion of the convention, especially if it is close.

Largest Convention Ever Assembled. The number of delegates in the Republican national convention is 1,076. There has been some confusion on this point owing to the fact that New Mexico claimed 8 delegates, whereas the call apportions her only 6. If she is allowed 8 the total will be swelled to 1,078. In all the territories or dependencies, excepting Hawaii, the number is 2. Hawaii is allowed 6. New York heads the list with 90. Pennsylvania comes next with 76. Illinois is third with 58, Ohio fourth with 48 and Texas fifth with 40. Massachusetts and Missouri have 36 each, Indiana and Michigan 30 each, Georgia and New Jersey 28 each, California, Iowa, Kentucky and Wisconsin 26 each; Alabama, Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia 24 each; Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma 20 each; Arkansas and South Carolina 18 each; Maryland, Nebraska and West Virginia 16 each; Connecticut and Washington 14 each; Colorado, Florida and Maine 12 each; North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island and South Dakota 10 each; Idaho, Montana, New Hampshire, Utah and Vermont 8 each; Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Wyoming 6 each, and Alaska, District of Columbia, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico 2 each. That makes just 1,076—count 'em. The Republican national convention of this year is larger than any ever assembled before. The delegates alone would make up an ordinary sized military regiment. There are as many more alternates, several hundred newspaper men, several hundred more distinguished citizens, convention officials and Mr. Common People, with his numerous family.

Most Americans are now familiar with the scene presented by the average national convention either through having attended at least one such gathering in person or through pictures and descriptions in the press. In their main features these conventions are all alike. There are variations, of course, due to particular causes, but the scene presented to the eye, the course of procedure, the speeches, the balloting, the cheering, the decorations and the other accessories that go to make up these popular party assemblages make one national convention as like another as two peas in a pod.

Color, Perspiration and Enthusiasm. The writer has attended eight national conventions and has kept fairly close track of others for a matter of twenty-five years. A general description of one will answer for all. They are always swelteringly hot. Pack 10,000 to 20,000 human beings in a building in June or July and it cannot be otherwise. The three chief features are color, perspiration and enthusiasm. A great barklike structure, with girders, pillars and every other exposed projection festooned with bunting and flags; seats arranged in a vast amphitheater, sloping up from the pit in which sit the delegates; guidons on long poles attached to delegates' chairs along the aisles; beyond the circle of delegates the chairman's platform, banked with distinguished guests; up aloft in some little ruddyhole of a balcony the band, which keeps up an incessant playing as the delegates and visitors stream in; the audience divided off into sections by railings; perhaps there is a gallery or two away back on the outer fringes of the great hall; everywhere the national colors, in wreaths, rosettes and garlands, flags of all sizes and suspended at all angles; gigantic portraits of famous party leaders of the past—that is the picture.

After going through the press of the crowds, passing the doorkeeper and threading our way through long mazes to our seats we take in all these details one by one or get their effect in mass. The seats are now rapidly filling. Down in the pit there are a few knots of delegates. Soon there is a salvo of applause as some party leader enters at the head of his delegation. This is redoubled as another familiar figure takes his place. Perhaps it is a senator, a well known governor or a popular congressman. Maybe it is only a state boss.

The hour arrives for opening the session, but still there is no sign of life at the chairman's table. Perhaps he is engaged in some important caucus or conference. The delegates and spectators continue arriving, and the band industriously pounds away at ragtime, marches and national airs. Now the chairman suddenly appears at his place. If it is the opening session he is the chairman of the national committee. His gavel whacks like a distant woodpecker. The hubbub and buzz of conversation gradually ceases. The chairman announces prayer, though we do not hear him, but arise because everybody else does. Possibly we catch some echo of the minister's voice, possibly not. If God doesn't hear him any better than we do the invocation is in vain. Anyway, it is ended, and we are all again seated. Then the secretary reads the call. Nobody tries to hear this, and the buzz of conversation resumes. Now the temporary organization is announced and the temporary chairman introduced amid cheers. He is usually an orator with a voice of some carrying power. Consequently we can follow him, at least in spots, and join intelligently in the applause that marks the periods. This is supposed to be a keynote speech, profusely interlarded with praise for our party and abuse of the other, and we cheer both indiscriminately.

Coming to the Climax. At the end of the temporary chairman's speech confusion reigns again. The various delegations are now announcing their members of the committees on credentials, on platform and on permanent organization. This does not interest us, and we use our eyes instead of our ears. Likewise we use our fan. If we are so fortunate as to have one, otherwise our hat or a newspaper folded fan shape. The later sessions vary from the opening one, the excitement gradually mounting. The report of the credentials committee brings a clash of oratory and of voting, the permanent chairman makes another keynote speech, the platform is liberally cheered and adopted after several speeches have been made for and against it, and at last the boards are cleared for action. The hour has come for the nomination of a candidate for president of the United States. In the Chicago convention the call to order will be made by Victor Rosewater, acting chairman of the national committee since the death of Chairman Hill of Maine. Mr. Rosewater, though a young man, is editor and owner of the Omaha Bee. As to the other events of that great gathering up to and including the nomination of the Republican candidate for president—well, I am not now working at the trade of political prophecy. However, I will hazard just one prediction—there will be a fight.

Annual Picnic. The ninth good old-fashioned annual picnic of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia, will be held on Saturday, 2 p. m., June twenty-second, 1912, at Belmont Mansion, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. Come early and bring your family and friends.

OLD TIME CRUELTY. One Time When Surgery is Often Needless Torture. Many operations for piles are simply needless torture, for when it's all over the piles come back.

LEGAL NOTICES. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Centre County Loan Association will be held in the office of Claude Cooke, Criders Exchange, on Friday evening, June 14th, 1912, at 8 p. m.

LEGAL NOTICE. The undersigned administrators of the estate of John S. Auman, late of Potter Township, Pennsylvania, do hereby give notice that they have sold to C. W. Hockman at private sale for the sum of Twenty-seven Hundred Dollars, less the amount of a certain mortgage in favor of George M. Harter, the real-estate of said decedent, situate in Potter Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, known as the "Red Mill" property, bounded and described as follows:

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of LeRoy Leathers, late of Howard borough, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to the undersigned at his office.

LEGAL NOTICE. In the matter of the Estate of Benjamin Brown. Notice is hereby given that the widow's appraisal in the above Estate, whereby personal property amounting to \$70 has been appraised, set aside to Sophia Brown, widow. This notice is given in pursuance with an order of the Orphans' Court of Centre County, under the date of July 11th, 1911, and if no exceptions are filed thereto within thirty days said widow's appraisal will be confirmed absolute by the Court.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of John Pinchock, late of Snow Shoe township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to the undersigned at his office.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of John L. Shaffer, late of Marion township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to the undersigned at his office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of James R. Brooks, late of Spring township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to the undersigned at his office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Sarah Grim, late of Gregg township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to the undersigned at his office.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Mrs. Nancy E. O'Bryan, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to the undersigned at his office.

AUDITORS' NOTICE. In the Orphans' Court of Centre County. In the matter of the estate of Mary Ellen Bellefonte, late of Centre County, deceased. The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Centre County to hear and pass upon the exceptions filed to the account of the executor in the estate of Mary Ellen Bellefonte, late of Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, Pennsylvania, deceased, restate the account and make distribution of the balance to and among those legally entitled to receive the same, will attend the duties of his appointment, at his office in the Borough of Bellefonte, Centre County, Pennsylvania, on Friday the 21st day of June, A. D. 1912, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where all parties interested are requested to present their claims, to be forever barred from coming in on said fund.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE. The undersigned Richard Brooks, administrator of James R. Brooks, late of Spring Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, deceased, in pursuance of an order issued out of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, will on SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 1912, at 10 o'clock, p. m. on the premises herein described, offer for public sale, all that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land situate in the Township of Spring, Centre County and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the center of the turnpike leading from Bellefonte to Centre Hall, thence along centre of same south thirty-four rods to a stone in the turnpike; thence by land of the party of the first part north sixty-two degrees and thirty minutes east ten rods to a stone; thence by same north 80 degrees east ten rods to Pine; thence by same north sixteen degrees and fifty minutes west twenty-eight rods to a stone; thence by same north 30 degrees east eighty-one hundred rods to stones; thence by land of A. V. Miller south sixty-five degrees and forty-five minutes west twenty rods to the place of beginning. Containing three acres and 88 perches. The con erected dwelling house and other outbuildings.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., on SATURDAY, JUNE, 29th, 1912, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. the following described Real Estate, viz: All those two tenements, tracts or parts of tracts, situate in the Township of Perryopolis, Centre County, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: No. 1, Beginning at a post corner being also



Senator Elihu Root, Administration Candidate for Temporary Chairman.

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