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Preliminary Steps In Fixing the National Ticket.

Scenes of Great Enthusiasm In Staid Quaker City.

enator Hanna Calls the Convention to Order-Senator Wolcott Makes the Keynote Address - Governor Roosevelt Receives a Tremendous Ovation-Loud and Long Continued **Applause Greeted Mention of Pres** ident McKinley's Name.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.-At 12:30 o'clock today the Republican national convention of 1900 was called to order, and thus the racking excitement of conference and caucus, of crashing bands and confusion of hotel corridors gives way to the definiteness and form of ac-

way to the definiteness and form of ac-tual convention proceedings. The day opened auspiciously for the event. The sky was slightly overcast, and there was none of the sweltering of many former national gatherings. The air was cool, the temperature below 70 and the indications were for good weath-er throughout the meeting. After being up half the night with the demonstra-tion of 30,000 marching men, fireworks, bands, final caucuses and earnest confer-ences, the army of delegates and the con-spicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance. But the staid old Quaker City was early astir with preparation, and the streets took on an air of animation and anticipation as the crowds began to converge toward the convention grounds. The arrangements for transporting the great multitude from down town to the bell are admirable convention grounds. The arrangements for transporting the great multitude from down town to the hall are admirable, many lines of electric cars giving ready conveyance. That splendid avenue, Broad street, leads to the most direct route, that on South street, and all of the early cars along this line were crowded with those wishing to secure points of vantage in or around the building. The throngs were good natured and intensely earnest. The ladies showed their inter-est in the event by making up a consider-able percentage of the moving hosts, and the fair weather permitted all the color of bright parasols and midsummer dress to be blended with the blaze of bunting. HALL DECORATIONS. to be blended with the blaze of bunting. HALL DECORATIONS. During the early hours the inside of the convention hall presented the appear-ance of a vast sea of pine, overhung with a wealth of festoon, bunting and historic portraiture. It was very light, very airy, and so arranged in the gradual rise of seats from a common center to give full opportunity for the demonstra-tions of enthusiasm which were soon to come. On all hands were heard words of commendation for the admirable facili-ties which the hall gave for a gathering of this character. Outside of the hall the approaches be-gan to congest with the crowds during the early hours. The cars added hun-dreds every minute, and as the outer gates were not opened until 10 o'clock the early arrivals were massed on the walks and streets awaiting the signal to get in. The street venders did a thriv-ing business in buttons and badges, and a lively trade was carried on in seats for the convention at rates varying from \$55 for a single session up to \$60 for the three seesions. While these scenes were being enacted HALL DECORATIONS.

But it was astonishing how rapidly the crowds began to arrive after that hour. They poured in in steady streams until they blackened the acres of seats. An unusually large number were women, looking fresh and sweet in their summer gowns. The sergeants-at-arms and the ushers had their hands full attending to the crowds. In the seats back of the stage were many distinguished person-ages. en masse. Ten thousand people stood while the stirring air was played and applanded it with a cheer as they took their seats. Chairman Hanna remained standing. He litted the ungainly gavel and brought it down with a resounding whack. Instant-ly all eyes were riveted upon him, and a wave of applause swept the hall. Chairman Hanna faced the storm of applause with a resolute face. His stern features did not relax, but he nodded an acknowledgment as the applause broke here and there into a cheer. When it had subsided, he brought down the gavel again. "The convention will come to order."" he shouted at exactly 12:35. OPENED WITH PRAYER.

stage were many distinguished person-ages. The leaders were slow in arriving, and it was not until Senator Hanna put in an appearance at 11:45 that the enthusiasm of the thousands was uncorked. He got a cheer as he moved up the center aisle the full length of the hall to the platform. General Grosvenor, the white bearded old veteran, was immediately recognized, and he, too, got a cheer. Cornelius N. Bliss of New York got a

OPENED WITH PRAYER. "The convention will be opened with prayer," he continued, "by the Rev. J. Gray Bolton of the Hope Presbyterian church of Philadelphia." Chairman Hanna remained standing with bowed head while the divine came forward in the black robes of his office to deliver his invocation. But the dele-gates in the pit remained seated, and only here and there did one of the spec-tators rise. All, however, bowed their heads reverently while Rev. Bolton read his prayer from small slips of paper which he held in the hollow of his hand. As the prayer closed Senator Hanna was again on his feet and, adjusting his eyeglasses, said in a resonant voice: "The secretary of the national com-mittee will now read the call for the con-vention." and he, too, got a cheer. Cornelius N. Bliss of New York got a scattering of applause as he came in and took his seat with the New York delega-tion, and Senator Platt of New York got a popular greeting. As the hour of noon approached the delegates entered in a solid stream and spread out over the seats reserved for them. Senator Allison of Iowa, the famous leader of his party in the senate, was among the early arrivals. Among the other members of the senate on the Stage were Hawley of Connecticut, Burrows of Michigan, Deboe of Kentucky, Cullom of Illinois and Shoup of Idaho. The crowds were so absorbed picking out the men of national reputation that they forgot to cheer, and men like Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, Senator Davis of Minnesota, Senator Foraker of Ohio did not get a hand as they took their places. Meantime the band was impressive and animated. At noon Sen-ator Hanna took his seat at the chair-man's table; but, although this was the hour set for calling the convention, he waited a few moments, conferring with Secretary Dick, Senator Wolcott and others. vention. vention." As Colonel Dick stepped forward, call in hand, he was given a ripple of ap-plause. He read the formal call while the vast assemblage fretted for the more vital proceedings. Again Mr. Hanna was the center of attention. He left the presiding officer's table and, stepping to the front of the platform, surveyed the sea of faces and in a clear voice began his speech of wel-come. others.

OVATION FOR ROOSEVELT.

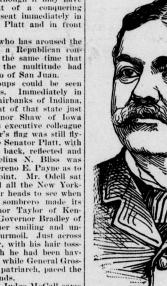
come, "In bidding you welcome," he began, "I also wish to congratulate you on the magnificent representation from the Re-publican party." There was a round of applause as Mr. Hanna rolled out the words "Republican party." convention to Philadelphia, Mr. Hanna went on. Here was the cradle of liberty; the birthplace of the republic. Here also had the Republican party seen its birth,

Secretary Dick, Senator Wolcott and others. OVATION FOR ROOSEVELT. At 12:07 the first pronounced demon-stration of the convention occurred. Governor Roosevelt came in through the main entrance and moved down the cen-ter aisle. He wore his rough rider hat and was instantly recognized. A deep reverberating cheer greeted him. Men jumped to their chairs to cheer him, and women fluttered their handkerchiefs. Delegates crowded forward to greet him as he moved through the press, and his entrance, cheatrical though it may have been, was like that of a conquering hero. He took his seat immediately in the rear of Senator Platt and in front of Senator Depew. "Our Channeey," who has aroused the admiration of many a Republican con-vention, came in at the same time that Roosevelt did, but the multitude had eyes only for the hero of San Juan. Many notable groups could be seen among the delegates. Immediately in front sat Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, with Governor Mount of that state just behind him. Governor Shaw of Iowa ran over to greet his executive colleague and say that Dolliver's flag was still fly-ing. Across the aisle Senator Platt, with his pearl hat tipped back, reflected and waited, while Cornelius N. Bliss was earnestly assuring Sereno E. Payne as to some controverted point. Mr. Odell sat with Mr. Quizg, and all the New York-ers kept turning their heads to see when turtified after all his turmoil. Just across was Senator Foraker, with his hair toss-ed, looking as though he had been hav-ing hard conferences, while General Gros-venor, looking like a patriarch, paced the aist and grasped hands. "Senator Lodge and Judge McCall came in at the head of the Massachusetts dele-gation and were greeted by General Har-"Yes," said Lodge. "For Long-thar's the ticket, a certainty. McKinley and Long." Senator Qany smiled grintly from across the aisle. He wore a suit of miller's

three sessions. While these scenes were being enacted about the convention hall the political managers and the delegates were holding their final conferences and caucuses and preparing for the work before them. Il-linois, Ohio and a number of other dele-Long." Senator Quay smiled grimly from across the aisle. He wore a suit of miller's gray and had apparently contracted the sombrero habit, for his hat was of ex-pansive brim and of the Santiago cut. He greeted Senator Davis, and the two hugged and whispered. Then Senator

hugged and whispered. Then Thurston broke up the hugging.

OVATION TO M'KINLEY.



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EDWARD O. WOLCOTT.

EDWARD O. WOLCOTT. and here, too, was the center of that great, throbbing idea-the protection of American industry. Another wave of applause swept over the convention at this mention of the pro-tective principle, and as it subsided Mr. Hanna proceeded: "We are on the eve of another great struggle. Already we are beginning to form our battalions under the leadership of our great statesman, General William McKinley." OVATION TO M'KINLEY.



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MARCUS A. HANNA.

MARCUS A. HANNA. gations held morning meetings for organ-ization and felt the pulse of the dele-gates on the vice presidential situation. Most of the state delegations arranged to go to the hall in bodies, many of them being escorted through the streets by their marching clubs with bands and banners. To the leaders, however, these outward demonstrations had little inter-est, and they continued to spend most of their time in the privacy of upper cham-bers at the hotels, trying to figure out the perplexing questions of candidecy presented.

DIPLOMATS PRESENT.

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embassy, Mr. Gerald Lowther, and first secretary of the Spanish legation. Senor Don Riano. Kansas had seats immediately across the aisle from New York, to the left, and when Roosevelt came in the Kansas dele-gates gave him a special reception, and one enthusiastic Kansan grabbed the governor by the arm and pulled him across the aisle. The long gallery was now packed with humanity, and the floor from wall to wall was a living sea of people. During the intervals when the band was not playing the hall was filled with that in-describable hum of myriads of voices which is only heard at the gathering of thousands of people. Before Chairman Hanna on the desk was a heavy plank about a foot square, and on this lay his gavel. The gavel was unique. It con-sisted of a heavy square onk piece filled with a handle and looked more like a mand than a gavel for a presiding officer. CALLED TO ORDER BY HANNA. CALLED TO ORDER BY HANNA. Senator Hanna seemed in no hurry to call the convention to order. Attired in a sack suit with a white vest, he sat chat-ting with those about him, his broad face beaming, his eye meantime roving over the convention. At 12:30 the band broke into the stirring strains of "The Star CALLED TO ORDER BY HANNA. FILLING THE GREAT HALL. The crowds were slow in gathering at the Convention hall. When, shortly after 11 o'clock, the band in the gallery awoke the echoes in the vast root space there were not more than 1,000 persons in the great auditorium.

That was the signal, and for That was the signal, and for the first time the convention broke forth in a whirlwind of enthusiasm. Men and wo-men sprang to their feet, delegates, spec-tators, staid and distinguished guests, all animated by a common purpose to do honor to the president. Senator Hanna looked down in smiling satisfaction at the tempestuous demon-stration. Flags and handkerchiefs wav-ed everywhere in the billows of colthe first

stration. Flags and handkerchiefs wav-ed everywhere in the billows of col-or. For 10 seconds, 20, 30, a minute, the demonstration kept up, and fhen, with a wave of the hand, the national chairman bid the assemblage resume their seats and let him proceed. As Mr. Hanna closed his speech with a tribute to his colleagues on the national committee and a reference to the close of his chairmanship he spoke of the sterling service of the senator from Colorado, Mr. Wolcott, to his party and presented him to the convention as temporary chairman. SENATOR WOLCOTT'S SPEECH. Senator Fairbanks, from the first row SENATOR WOLCOTT'S SPEECH. Senator Fairbanks, from the first row of delegates, arose and moved that the selection of Senator Wolcott as tempo-rary chairman be approved, and with unanimous voice the delegates so voted. Senator Wolcott, who was on the plat-form, arose and came forward. The ap-pearance of the Colorado orator set the convention off like a rocket. Senator Wolcott is still a young man, somewhat jaunty in appearance. He wore a blue sack suit and white vest. There was elasticity in his step as he bowed low to the convention, and there was something about him which suggested the freshness of his mountain home. With a pleasant nod of acknowledgment to Chairman Hanna he turned and addressed the con-Continued on Page 8.

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