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CANDIDATES FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IS LIKELY TO BE MEMORABLE

Contests of Many Kinds Promise to Make the Occasion Lively.

"Doings" Will Start With the Selection of Temporary Chairman.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

All aboard for the big show! Nothing like it ever seen on earth nor ever will be seen again! This way, gentlemen! Here is the place to buy your tickets! Unparalleled contest between the rough rider and the steam roller!

That will be something like the irresistible force meeting the immovable body. Nobody has ever yet figured out just what would happen in that impossible collision, but the world may now witness an approximation to the result at the Republican national convention. Without venturing into the domain of prophecy it should be enough to say that something is just bound to break loose and that something will be worth going miles to see.

That is exactly what multiplied thousands are going to do, or rather they will go the miles all right, but as to seeing the convention—that is another matter. There will be three or four times the demand for admissions that there will be tickets, and if anybody has to be left out rest assured it will be Mr. Common People and his large family.

The first contest will be over the temporary chairmanship. Ordinarily people do not grow wildly excited about the temporary chairman any more than they do over the nominee for vice president. He does his key-noting, and that is all. Nobody hears him, and even if some one did hear he or she would promptly forget the key in which the note was pitched. A keynote may be all right for an orchestra, but it does not necessarily produce harmony in a convention. The man who has the most votes is the one who strikes the real keynote there.

This time, however, there is to be a real fight over the temporary chairman and his keynote. The national committee is to recommend Senator E.H. Root of New York. The Roosevelt people do not want Root. They do not propose to sing in Root's key. Therefore they fear any note he might strike would produce discord. In fact, the mere mention of his name has produced that already. There are plenty of rooters in the Roosevelt ranks, but they do not spell it with a capital letter. This means they are not rooting for Root. The definition of a radical is one who goes to the root of things, but the Roosevelt radicals do not go to this Root—not on your life.

ly 240 contests all told, and every one contains its own particular variety of trouble. There are contests from nearly every southern state and from several northern ones. The average northern man has an idea that there are not enough Republicans in the south to start a contest, but this is a mistake. It seems that the fewer Republicans there are in a given section the more contests are started. In Louisiana, where the party recently lost its place on the official ballot, so small was its vote, there are three sets of delegates, each seeking admission to the national convention.

The national committee makes up only the temporary roll. The convention then takes its turn at the contests, which it does through its credentials committee, consisting of one member from each state. Ordinarily this second review is largely a matter of form, the credentials committee simply approving the action already taken by the national committee. In the present instance, however, all precedents may be sent to the scrap heap, as the credentials committee will certainly be asked to reverse the findings of the national committee, which are generally in favor of the Taft delegates. Afterward the matter will be fought out on the floor of the convention. There is to be nothing out and dried this year. Every little moment is to have an excitement of its own.

The contests out of the way, the wounded will be removed from the battlefield, after which the committee on permanent organization will have the floor. The Taft men have decided, or so it is said, that the proper thing to do is to make the temporary organization permanent. If they succeed in this plan Senator Root will sound two keynotes instead of one and will wield the gavel throughout the convention. Again the Roosevelt men will not agree. This time they are liable to declare that the New York senator is the Root of all evil and to attempt to eradicate him root and branch—But that will be about enough of that.

Pointing With Pride.

Then will come the struggle over the platform, and this again will depend on the complexion of the convention. If the Taft men control they will point with pride to the present administration, and if the Roosevelt cohorts are in the saddle they will point with pride to the last one. The constitution and the rule of the people will also have their innings, the trusts will get theirs, and the tariff—well, the tariff is always good for a plank or two in any kind of a political platform. The tariff has been the most planked subject that

ever caused wilted collars in a resolutions committee.

After the platform, my brethren, will come the exciting event of all. It will be the acme, climax, culmination, crisis, crucial point, psychological moment and stroke of destiny all rolled into one. Also please do not forget the instant packed with fate. It will be that too. In fact, think of everything in the line of breathlessness, suspense and nervous tension that your imagination will stand for, and it will surpass them all. Sure, you have guessed it—the nomination. That is what all these preliminary events and this machinery are for. That is the reason for the long months of devastating and adjective hurling campaign. That is the moment in which the straining and striving converge, the point where all the political paths meet. It will be a great hour for the Republican party, perhaps for the American nation. Who will be nominated? Don't ask me. I won't tell you. I could, of course, but why give away these precious secrets in advance? That would rob the contest of all its excitement. Up to date I have met 477 men who were cocksure they knew to an absolute certainty who it would be, and they were all liars. It is sad to think it, but there is something about politics that makes liars of us all. If I said I knew I would be as big a liar as the rest. I won't do it. I used to be a political prophet, but have learned better.

Both Sides Claim It.

The Roosevelt followers say they will have 600 votes and that it is all over but the shouting. The Taft men are sure they will have 600 votes and are getting ready to celebrate. So there you are. La Follette predicts that the convention will be deadlocked and the delegates will have to take him or go without a candidate. Some of the wise New York politicians are still

talking of a dark horse with whiskers, or maybe a dark horse does not have whiskers, but, anyway, Justice Hughes. The best I can do is to refer to a table carefully prepared by the New York Tribune. This newspaper is for Taft, but the table gives Roosevelt slightly the best of it on the face of the returns. To offset this the editor says that most of the contests will be decided in favor of Taft, which will give him a majority or at least a plurality. In any event, it will be uncomfortably close.

The convention meets in the Chicago coliseum at high noon June 18. The building is the same one in which Taft was nominated four years ago. The date is the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo and the centenary of the beginning of the war of 1812. Statements of the number of persons that can be seated in the great hall vary all the way from 11,000 to 12,000.

Beginning on Tuesday, it is scarcely possible that the sessions can be completed before Friday or Saturday of the same week. If there should be a deadlock they may even run over into the next week, but a deadlock is next to impossible with the contest narrowed practically to two candidates.

Every national convention appears momentous to the newspapers and politicians of the day, but without guff or exaggeration the Republican convention of 1912 may prove the most momentous held by that party since 1860.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1912, 2 P. M.

All the defendant's right, title and interest in the following described property—viz:

By virtue of the annexed writ of F. Fa. I have this day levied upon and taken in execution all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the township of Manchester, county of Wayne, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Northeastly by the Delaware river; westerly by land late of Alexander Calder; and southerly by land late of Jacob Kellam, containing one hundred and ten acres, be the same more or less. Upon said premises is a frame house, barns, and other out buildings, apple orchard and other fruit trees nearly one-half improved land and balance in timber.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Anna Cole at the suit of Casper Engert. No. 62 June Term, 1907. Judgment, \$275. Lee, Attorney.

Also C. E. Engert against Anna Cole, terre tenant, 66 March 1912. Judgment \$794.70.

TAKE NOTICE.—All bids and costs must be paid on day of sale or deeds will not be acknowledged.

FRANK C. KIMBLE, Sheriff. Honesdale, Pa., May 23, 1912.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2 P. M.

All the defendant's right, title, and interest in the following described property—viz:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Lake county of Wayne, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a corner on the eastern shore of Lake Ariel, at High water mark, on the southwestern corner of lot No. 7 from the Doud lot; thence north 52 and 50 minutes east 240 feet to a corner in the middle of public road; thence along the middle of the public road, north 54 degrees west 142 feet to a corner in said road; thence south 57 degrees, and 40 minutes west along the southern side of alleyway 254 feet to a corner on shore of said lake, high water mark; thence along the shore of said lake at high water mark in a southerly direction about 162 feet to the place of beginning, containing more or less.

Excepting and reserving out of and therefrom said described lot, 50 feet in width along the shore of said lake measuring the same 50 feet back from high water mark and the length of said reserve to the width of said above described lot, and subject to the following restrictions, which will more fully at large appear on the record, and being the same land that Reuben J. Jones et ux. by his deed dated the 22nd day of August, 1899, recorded in the office for the recording of deeds in and for Wayne county in Deed Book No. 85, page 350 granted and conveyed to Sarah H. Hazlett; and Sarah H. Hazlett having died on or about November, 1904, having first made her last will and testament, she devised and bequeathed the land above described to her husband William H. Hazlett. Said will being recorded in the office of the Register of Wills in and for Wayne county in Will Book No. 8, page 273, by reference thereto, the same will fully and at large appear.

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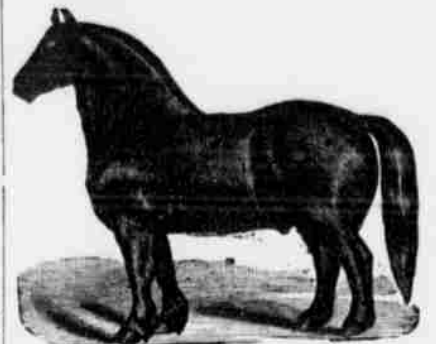
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