

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON



DEMOCRATS CHOOSE WILSON AND MARSHALL AS THEIR LEADERS

Ticket Named a Few Minutes Before Midnight on Thursday, Avoiding the Friday "Hoodoo"—Delegates Evince Intense Enthusiasm as the Result Is Announced—President at Once Notified.

St. Louis.—Woodrow Wilson and Thomas Riley Marshall were nominated just before midnight June 15. Both nominations were made by acclamation.

President Wilson's nomination came at 11:55 and that of Vice-President Marshall at 11:58.

Fred B. Lynch of Minnesota notified the White House by telephone at the house of the nomination. A telephone wire that extended into the speaker's stand was connected direct with the White House with a megaphone attached to the receiver.

In a lightning spirit Mr. Marshall made a record. Senator Kern was due for a nominating speech. Sensing the approaching midnight he threw his eulogy on the floor and simply said: "I nominate Thomas Riley Marshall." Somebody seconded. Somebody moved to be acclamation. And it was done, the whole job of nominating a vice-presidential candidate taking up just 130 seconds.

Friday Superstition Averted.

Thus the ancient superstition against Friday nominations was averted, although President Wilson had made it known that he regards Friday as his "lucky day."

Dramatic scenes attended the naming of the ticket. William Jennings Bryan in an impassioned peroration placed his O. K. upon the president and his administration.

The Nebraska, who resigned from the cabinet, was not a delegate to the convention, but he was called to the platform by unanimous consent. He lauded Wilson to the skies for keeping the nation out of war, lauded the Wilson Mexico policy and extolled the economic legislation from tariff to currency act.

Bryan at times spoke under the strain of emotion. It was the first convention in 20 years in which he has not been an active figure, but the oration and the outburst that punctuated his remarks indicated that he is still a powerful force behind the scenes of the party he once dominated.

Wescott Names Wilson.

The Nebraska through with his speech, John W. Wescott of New Jersey placed Mr. Wilson in nomination. As the time grew short Wescott, cutting short his peroration, shouted: "I nominate Woodrow Wilson."

That followed a great demonstration that lasted 46 minutes. Delegates and galleries were roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm and emotionism. They yelled and shouted and paraded and sang. Some of them wept in an ecstasy of feeling.

Harmon Seconded Wilson.

Former Governor Justice Harmon of Ohio, who was a candidate for the presidential nomination at Baltimore four years ago, made the first seconding speech for President Wilson.

The next was by Gov. H. C. Stuart of Virginia.

Senator Hughes of New Jersey moved that the rules be suspended and the nomination made by acclamation.

Blind-Headed Man Protests.

St. Louis.—National Democratic Chairman McCombs is the most nervous man in politics. When he isn't beating a tattoo, rubbing his hands, snapping his knee, walking around, scratching his chin or twisting his thumbs, he's doing something else of the same sort. At the opening session of the convention he sat at the edge of the platform. A notch lower down sat Col. Robert Ewing, an exceedingly round and egg-shaped gentleman from Louisiana. McCombs was

stopped at the door. Senator James learned of the Nebraska's plight and rescued him. Then the Nebraska got his usual uproarious reception.

Chairman James rapped the convention to order.

Rev. W. J. Hardesty, chaplain of the Missouri senate, offered prayer.

Senator Thompson then moved a suspension of the rules to permit Mr. Bryan to speak. When the motion was put there were some "Noes," but the chairman ruled two-thirds had voted in favor.

Senator James introduced Mr. Bryan as "one of the leading citizens of the world and America's greatest Democrat."

In spite of the distracting influence of the mob at the door and the hedonistic press sensationally taken a headstrong leader finally forced his way into the convention hall Mr. Bryan held his audience.

Applause was frequent and thunderous. He spoke for forty-five minutes, finishing at 10:07.

Glynn Is the Keynote.

In a hail gay with buzz and hunting and with pictures of carry leaders, past and present, looking down upon them from medallions around the balcony, the delegates to the Democratic national convention assembled on scheduled time Wednesday. The proceedings were formally started when William F. McCombs, chairman of the national committee, ascended the platform and rapped for order. He invited the first burst of enthusiasm of the convention when, in a short address introducing the temporary chairman, he predicted victory for the party in the fall.

The keynote speech was delivered for Gov. Martin H. Glynn of New York, the temporary chairman. He was frequently interrupted by applause when some point in his speech stirred the enthusiasm of the delegates. His eulogy of President Wilson started the biggest demonstration of the day. Following Governor Glynn's speech, committees on credentials, permanent organization, rules and resolutions were announced, and that day's work was done.

James Permanent Chairman.

The delegates were a little slow in assembling for Thursday's session, and it was almost noon when Temporary Chairman Glynn called the convention to order. Permanent Chairman Ollie James was escorted to the chair and introduced. He immediately launched into his address. He lauded the president and defended his policies, particularly in regard to the controversy with Germany over the submarine warfare and our relations with Mexico. An enthusiastic demonstration greeted his praise of President Wilson, which lasted more than twenty minutes. At the close of Chairman James' speech the convention took a recess until nine o'clock in the evening.

Before the nominating speeches began at the evening session the Democrats indulged in a love feast in which the advent of harmony in their ranks was celebrated.

Wilson Praised by Bryan.

Mr. Bryan was cheered enthusiastically as he entered the press section.



Thomas R. Marshall

The motion was carried with a tremendous roar.

The only objection came from Robert E. Burke of Chicago, the only anti-Wilson delegate in the convention. He shouted "No."

Senator James declared President Wilson nominated at 11:58 p. m.

Kern Names Marshall.

Senator John W. Kern of Indiana then was recognized. He moved that the nomination of Vice President Marshall be made by acclamation. No nominating speech was made.

Vice President Marshall was declared nominated four minutes after the nomination of President Wilson.

Numerous seconding speeches which had been prepared were not made.

Lewis' Speech His Shortest.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois was invited to the platform to make an address at 12:12 a. m. "I do not like to impose upon your time," said Senator Lewis. "I beg you will excuse me and I express my sincere thanks."

It was the shortest speech of his career.

Senator Hughes reported to the convention that the resolution committee had failed to complete its work on the platform. The convention then adjourned at 12:25 a. m. until eleven o'clock Friday morning.

Forty-six minutes of sheer enthusiasm and emotion followed the naming of President Wilson. The keynote Mr. Wescott had yielded to the admiration of his audience and had spoken the name "Woodrow Wilson," the galleries and the delegates were on their feet.

An immense oil painting of the president was dropped from the gallery back of the speakers' stand. It excited the gathering almost to the point of frenzy. Georgia bore down the aisle a banner—"Wilson: Dixie's gift to the nation."

The band blared and thumped out "America" and "Dixie" while the great pit, a crater of eruptive humanity, let out its collective lungs and throats to capacity.

Bryan Lauds Wilson.

Bryan in his laudation of Wilson and his policies dwelt on the possibilities of America as negotiator of peace in Europe.

"I stand with the Democrats of the nation to give Woodrow Wilson a chance to be that man," shouted Bryan, in conclusion, and the hall echoed with cheering.

Details of the Night Session.

St. Louis.—While the convention was assembling for the night session to nominate President Wilson it became known the Nebraska delegation planned to withdraw the vice-presidential candidacy of Governor Mendenhall.

Before the convention was called to order the Coliseum was so full that the fire department took charge of the entrances and permitted no more to come in. William J. Bryan was

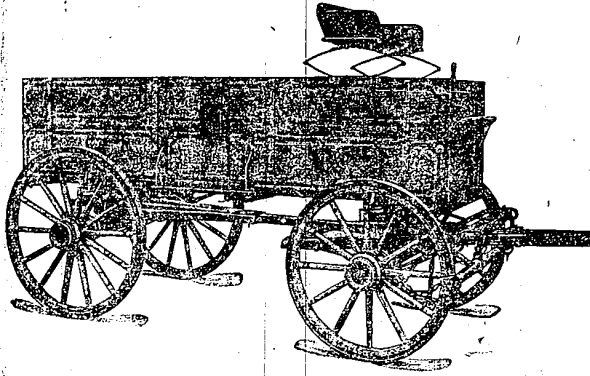
busily engaged listening to Governor Glynn's keynote notes. As usual, he was expressing his nervousness with his fingers. Colonel Ewing leaped up and snarled, "If you don't quit rattling your fingers on the top of my head I won't be able to hear a word that's said."

Not Dodging.

"I suppose you could manage the affairs of the nation in a way that would be universally satisfactory."

"I don't say that," replied Senator

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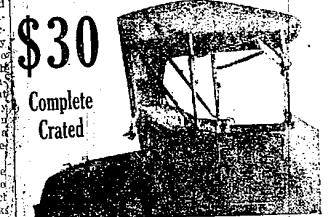
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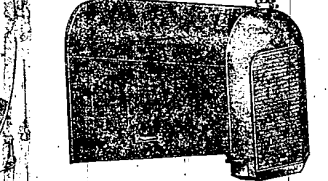


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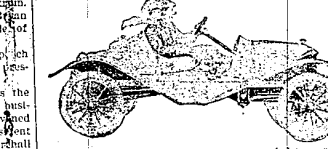


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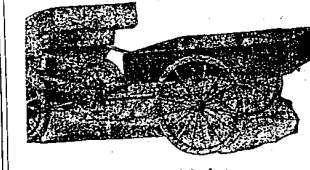
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