

TEN NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Famous Gatherings of Representative Republicans in the Past Forty Years.

STIRRING CONTESTS AND VIGOROUS CONTESTS

From Fremont, the Pathfinder, in 1856, to the Man of St. Louis in 1896—Many Surprises and Some Bitter Disappointments.

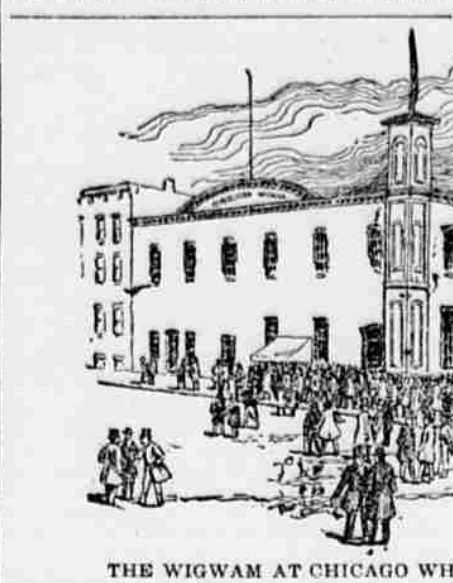
WASHINGTON, June 4.—The republican national convention to be held in St. Louis on June 17 will be the eleventh in the history of the party. These gatherings have furnished seven of the ten presidents elected since 1856. The republican national convention of 1856, which nominated John C. Fremont over the venerable John McLean, served mainly to clear the way for the work which the republican party had to do. During the ensuing four years the party gained in numbers and discipline, while the cardinal aim of the leaders of the party took clearer form and became an explicit demand that the extension of slavery should be arrested, and that in the formation and admission of new states the principle of freedom should govern. It was this that animated the national convention which assembled at Chicago on May 10, 1860. The convention was held in a large structure known as the Wigwam, which had been built for the purpose and had a seating capacity of 10,000. When the time for the opening of the convention came, every seat in the Wigwam was taken, while thousands outside were vainly seeking admission.

SEWARD WAS CONFIDENT. Until the convention opened William H. Seward was regarded as the first choice. His services seemed to give him first claim upon the honor. He had been governor of the great state of New York before he was 40, and for years the eloquent leader of the party in the United States senate. His honesty and remarkable abilities were never questioned even by his bitterest political enemies. The other leading candidate before the convention was Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, a man of able abilities who had questioned even by his bitterest political enemies. The other leading candidate before the convention was Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, a man of able abilities who had questioned even by his bitterest political enemies.

to the man from Illinois, the audience broke out in prolonged cheers and a scene beguiling description followed. After quiet was in a measure restored, William H. Seward arose, and with pallid face and in a voice broken by emotion, moved on behalf of Seward's followers to make the nomination of Lincoln a main issue. This action was seconded by John A. Andrew of Massachusetts, Carl Schurz of Missouri and Austin Blair of Michigan, and was adopted without a dissenting vote. Tien with a speech by O. H. Browning of Illinois, thanking the delegates for the honor they had conferred upon the state's favorite son, the greatest convention in the history of the republican party came to an end. All are familiar with the details of the memorable campaign which followed, and the series of great events by which the people of the world witnessed the convention which made him the leader of his party.

Nearly all of the men who played a leading part in the convention of 1860 are dead. West, Davis, Sweet, Morgan, Wilmot, Stevens, Curtis, Andrew, Corwin, Giddings and Cameron long since joined the majority. Andrew, G. Curtis and West died in 1861. Giddings died in 1862. Morgan died in 1863. Sweet died in 1864. Wilmot died in 1865. Stevens died in 1866. Curtis died in 1867. Andrew died in 1868. Corwin died in 1869. Giddings died in 1870. Cameron died in 1871. The only one of the ten national conventions who is still living is William M. Everts, Colonel A. K. McClure and Judge Carter. Their recollections of the convention of 1860 are fresh and vivid, and they could afford to give a symposium of great and absorbing interest.

LINCOLN RENOMINATED. The third convention of the republican party was held in Baltimore on June 18, 1861. It was so well known what it would do that the convention caused no great popular interest. There were 500 delegates, and all of them seemed to be far more concerned over the pending war than over the nomination of Lincoln. The delegates understood that they had simply to ratify the will of the party. They did not expect to see any great surprises, and the bitter disappointment which they felt when Lincoln was not nominated was not shared by the rest of the party.



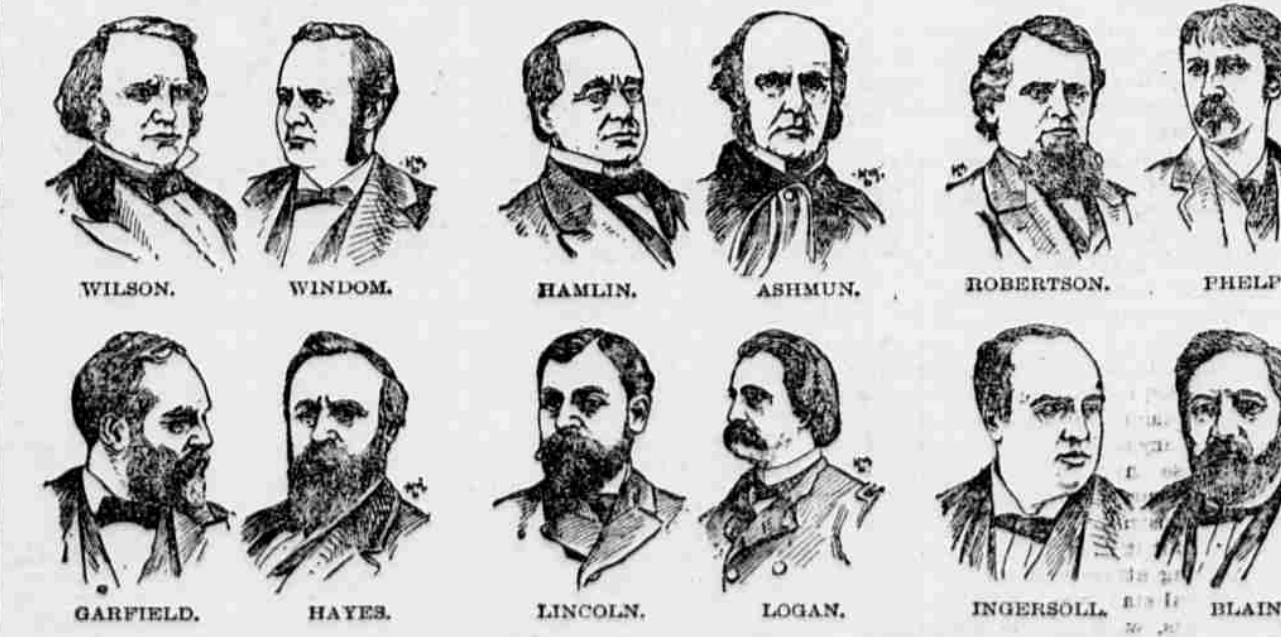
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Upon the first ballot, and the only one, every vote excepting those from Missouri went for Lincoln, the Missouri delegate, acting under instructions, voting for General Grant. The only business to cause any excitement was over the nomination for vice president. For reasons which seemed good to him, Mr. Lincoln desired that another than Vice President Hamlin should be nominated, and had suggested the name of Andrew Johnson. Colonel McClure has recently revealed at some length the reason why this change was deemed advisable, and has the only authentic account of what happened. The delegates understood that they had simply to ratify the will of the party. They did not expect to see any great surprises, and the bitter disappointment which they felt when Lincoln was not nominated was not shared by the rest of the party.

GRANT WINS AGAIN. The convention of 1872 was a more or less routine affair. The renomination of Grant was a foregone conclusion and met with no opposition. The only excitement in the convention was over the nomination of Lincoln. The delegates understood that they had simply to ratify the will of the party. They did not expect to see any great surprises, and the bitter disappointment which they felt when Lincoln was not nominated was not shared by the rest of the party.

A GROUP OF GREAT REPUBLICAN LEADERS.



WILSON. WINDOM. HAMLIN. ASHMUN. ROBERTSON. PHELPS. GARFIELD. HAYES. LINCOLN. LOGAN. INGERSOLL. BLAINE.

new issues, but pledged the party to the maintenance of the constitutional amendments and to steady progress toward the resumption of specie payments. It was adopted without dissent, and then Richard Thompson presented the name of Oliver P. Morton, and Judge Harlan that of Benjamin H. Brewster. The thirty-fourth ballot called attention to James A. Garfield, who received seventeen votes, fifteen more than any preceding ballot had given him. He had been somewhat prominent in the convention, having charged Sherman's cause, and being in some sense the leader of all the forces opposed to Grant, but scarcely any one had dreamed of his being nominated. It having now become plain that the New York split must defeat Blaine and Grant alike, the bulk of the Blaine and Sherman delegates, under instructions from their chiefs at Albany, went over to Garfield. Conkling's old guard of 204 delegates remaining steadfast to the last, renominated him too confident, and he was outvoted. The stampede gave Garfield 329 votes, twenty-one more than were needed to nominate him, and his nomination was then made unanimous. In the evening session General Arthur was nominated for vice president, he having been named by the New York delegation. It was a nomination to which Conkling was opposed, but Arthur said

to him: "Senator, they have offered me this nomination. It is a very honorable office, and it may be the means of my life-time to gain such distinguished honors. I think I will accept it."

HAYES OR HARRINGTON.

The Indiana delegation, led by General Trazor, made propositions to the Ohio delegation, and there was also much consultation with some of the Pennsylvanians, who for personal reasons were opposed to Blaine. It was found that there could not be a combination on Merion and that it would be impossible to bring any considerable support to Blaine by a vote of Ohio. That left only Governor Hayes or Governor Harrington, and it was seen that the Pennsylvania delegation was not, as a whole, sincere in its support of Harrington. Hayes had the advantage of having entailed no personal enemies, and he had the prestige of having defeated Allen G. Thurman in a desperate battle for the governorship of Ohio. So in the night the combination was perfected looking to the ultimate nomination of Hayes as the only man upon whom the opposition to Blaine could unite.

On the following morning the convention proceeded to ballot, and on the first ballot Mr. Blaine received 216 votes, Merion, 151; Bristol, 113; Conkling, 99; Hayes, 61; Harrington, 58; and Jewell, 11. Blaine's plurality was so great that his friends believed the victory had been practically won. Perhaps it might have been had it not been for the fact that Mr. Blaine was ill at his home in Washington, unable to consult with his friends, and his supporters, which threatened his life and which had smitten him down as he was entering the church in a previous session. The second ballot showed slight gains for Blaine and Hayes, and losses for the rest.

On the fifth ballot Michigan set the "free range" Hayes vote to 104, and on the seventh ballot New York state retired for consultation and agreed to support Hayes, while Pennsylvania split its vote, giving part to Hayes and part to Blaine, and when the result was announced Hayes had 284, Blaine 331, and Bristol 21. The nomination of Hayes was a surprise, and the bitter disappointment of the enthusiastic friends of Blaine, who unquestionably numbered a majority in the republican party. The nomination of Hayes was a surprise, and the bitter disappointment of the enthusiastic friends of Blaine, who unquestionably numbered a majority in the republican party.

BLACK JACK TO THE FORE. As soon as General Arthur was notified of the result he telegraphed his congratulations to Mr. Blaine, but he had received a mortal wound. For he had a number of votes in the management of an administration entered upon under extraordinary difficulties, and conducted as to command the admiration of the country. He died within a few days. General Logan, with a good deal of reluctance, after considerable telegraphing, was induced to consent to receive the nomination. He was nominated. It was given to him without serious contest. It was given to him without serious contest. It was given to him without serious contest.

DAVID DAVIS. In 1858, had not ill health forced him at the last moment to forbid the use of his name in the national convention which met at Chicago on June 19. With Blaine out of the way John Sherman developed the greatest strength. He was nominated. It was given to him without serious contest. It was given to him without serious contest. It was given to him without serious contest.

MAJOR MCKINLEY IN NEBRASKA. Ovation Tended Ohio's Son on His Visits to Nebraska. THOUSANDS CROWDED TO HEAR HIM Next President Has Made Two Trips to This State, Each Time Being Accorded a Magnificent Reception. Omaha has been twice favored with the presence of the man whose nomination and election to the presidency seem to be an assured fact. Although these two visits of William McKinley were so recent as to be remembered by the greater number of Omahans it may be interesting at this time for all to glance backward a few years and read again of the hearty manner in which he was received by the people of this state, whose admiration for the great champion of protection has never been questioned.

THE FIRST OF THESE TWO VISITS WAS IN AUGUST, 1892. It was on Friday evening, August 5, just after the republican state convention at Lincoln had nominated Lorenzo Crouse for governor. It was Major McKinley who touched off the opening gun of that great campaign in Omaha. He pleaded earnestly for the support of Benjamin Harrison, then candidate for president; of Crouse, and of protection. McKinley's name was already the common word among the shops and the homes of the country. That Lincoln had nominated Lorenzo Crouse for governor, it was Major McKinley who touched off the opening gun of that great campaign in Omaha. He pleaded earnestly for the support of Benjamin Harrison, then candidate for president; of Crouse, and of protection.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN RENAMED. "President Arthur could have been renominated in 1884," said Senator William E. Chandler to the writer "had he permitted his friends to use extraordinary means at the command of a president to bring such a result about." Senator Chandler might have added that the best of the republican party was so freely set for the renomination of Blaine, and the opposing elements were so weak that Blaine's nomination was practically a foregone conclusion in 1884. The convention met in Chicago on August 14. Most of the republican delegates, before the proceedings began, considered their candidate beaten, yet the convention's first act was to elect Blaine, who worked up a Blaine-Logan combination, influenced by the national committee was induced to re-nominate Blaine, and the republican friends of Powell Clayton of Arkansas, for temporary chairman. This Henry Cabot Lodge opposed by nominating John R. Lynch, a colored man, and then by a resolution which the Blainites received another slight snub. A resolution like that which Conkling invented in 1880 was introduced at their instance, that every delegate taking part in the convention was "bound in honor to support the nominee." Against this George William Curtis protested, saying, "A republican and a free man I came to this convention and I will not be bound in honor to support the nominee." Against this George William Curtis protested, saying, "A republican and a free man I came to this convention and I will not be bound in honor to support the nominee."

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