

PEONIES AND WILD ROSES.

The modest Quaker beauties, the wild roses, fill the woods and the gorgeous queens of Sheba, the peonies, the gardens. On old-fashioned lawns, when the cultivation of plinks and pansies, hollyhocks and morning glories almost exhausted the horticultural knowledge and experience, the peony came as some Nell Gwynn, triumphant in satins, flush with beauty, and radiant in health, to startle the serenity of a proper and decorous community—

The other day a steamship from Glasgow arrived at New York with a passenger list of sixty people, one-half of whom were young women engaged to be married. Thirty young men—their prospective bridegrooms—were waiting at the pier to receive them. There are those who look upon the incident as a blow to native industry.

Surely the science of chemistry has made long strides since the days of Paracelsus, when men can analyze elements at a distance of many millions of miles and undertake to pronounce upon the characteristics of a form of matter which so far has not been encountered on earth, but has been discovered to exist in the sun.

An instance of the composition of the death lists from heat was afforded in a report from Chicago concerning the mortality. Some specifications were given concerning ten deaths. Of these three were drowned, two had necks broken from falls, one man cut his throat, another fell from a building, an infant, four days old, died without medical attention and two dropped dead, both being inside of buildings when the fatal stroke came.

Summer resort keeper in Maine reports hundreds of swordfish in the vicinity of his hotel. The sea serpent will not arrive until his imagination is in midsummer form.

A slap on the cheek may improve the complexion, as a beauty expert tells us, but we have a vague suspicion that it will not improve the temper.

A Finn, taking part in the Olympic games at Stockholm, has succeeded in throwing the discus so far that the Greek who invented the discus would probably be unable to find it if he were there. Thus we see how the world has progressed.

A scientist says that only the female mosquitoes prey on human beings. However, show no mercy to the male on that account. And when in doubt, swat anyhow.

A suit which had been pending for ninety-two years was settled in New York the other day with \$3,000 left after the lawyers had taken their share. The amount involved at the start must have been immense.

One of Philadelphia's most aristocratic citizens is to drive a cart in a parade as a reminiscence of the day when his ancestor held the garbage contract. Why not? It was useful work and it paid well.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

ROOSEVELT HEADS NATIONAL TICKET OF PROGRESSIVES

Governor Johnson of California Named as the Colonel's Running Mate.

NEW PARTY IN FIELD

Platform Pledges It to Ameliorate the Conditions of Living For All the People.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE INCLUDED

Three Day Convention, Imbued With Enthusiasm and Deep Religious Feeling, Is Unlike Any Previous National Political Gathering—Fair Sex Plays a Prominent Part—Spirited Speeches of Acceptance by the Candidates Close the Meeting.

BY E. W. PICKARD.

For President: THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

For Vice-President: HIRAM W. JOHNSON.

Chicago.—In its first national convention, held in Chicago, the Progressive party placed the above ticket in the field, and then, after singing the Doxology, went out to battle, determined to carry the fight into every corner of the country.

It was like no other national convention ever held. Happy, hopeful, light-hearted, and none the less determined, the delegates gathered in the Coliseum displayed a continuous enthusiasm that was not diminished by the almost utter lack of anything resembling a contest. Most of them were tyros at the political convention game, and often showed it, but they laughed at each other and at themselves and went ahead with their business unabashed. They reminded one of a bunch of boys who had armed themselves and started out to hunt Indians, fully expecting to meet the pesky redskins around the corner, but absolutely unafraid and fully determined to exterminate the foe.

Women Prominent in Convention. Then, too, in no previous convention have the women had so prominent a part. They sat as delegates in many of the state sections, they swarmed in the galleries, and one of them, Jane Addams of Chicago, introduced as the greatest and best loved woman in America, had the honor of seconding the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt. All this was but natural, for the colonel had declared himself in favor of equal suffrage, and the platform contained a plank giving unqualified approval to "votes for women."

Especially marked was the deeply religious feeling that pervaded the convention. This first manifested itself on the opening day, when, in the midst of a noisy demonstration, the

band began to play "Onward, Christian Soldiers." At once the entire body of delegates took up the song, solemnly, with no particle of levity, and stirring words and stately music of the hymn rolled up to the rafters.

Music shared with oratory most of the time spent in the Coliseum. First was the speech of Albert J. Beveridge as temporary chairman, delivered on Monday. Next day was the colonel's, and Mr. Roosevelt addressed an audience that filled the immense hall and told them plainly just where he stood on every important issue.

When the time for opening the proceedings came Tuesday Chairman Beveridge with difficulty stopped the gay singing of the delegates and read to them the following telegram from Col. William R. Nelson, publisher of the Kansas City Star:

"Lord, how I wish I were with you. What a great day, the launching of a party of imagination, hope and prospects. We can afford to give the other fellows their memories and disappointments. The past has no interests for us. The future is our fruit. Give Colonel Roosevelt my love. I never have missed a chance to place a bet on him and never have lost when there was a square deal. The Lord is surely with us. He has given us the men as well as the opportunity. I cannot help but feel that a narrow escape we had in the June convention. Roosevelt might have been nominated. My congratulations to everybody."

More songs, and then came the colonel. As he stepped briskly to the front of the platform the din was deafening. Every man and woman in the hall was standing on a chair, and the air was full of waving bandannas and flags. The band played; the drum corps, standing back of Mr. Roosevelt, played as hard as it could; the delegations soon started marching about the hall, carrying their state standards and many emblems. Through the tumult could be heard the bull moose call. Miss Jane Addams, one of the Illinois delegates, was boosted upon the platform, and after her came other women delegates, who were seated on the stage.

When the demonstration had lasted about forty-five minutes, the audience recognized Mrs. Roosevelt in the balcony over the main entrance and directed the cheering toward her until she rose and waved a bandanna in response. She and the colonel exchanged greetings across the throng.

When Mr. Beveridge concluded the delegates sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and then the other temporary officers were announced. These included the following: General secretary, O. K. Davis; chief assistant secretary, Wilson Brooks; sergeant-at-arms, Col. Chauncey Dewey.

After adopting a rule barring contested delegates from voting on any question before the convention, the delegates sent a committee to invite Colonel Roosevelt to address the convention Tuesday, and adjourned for the day. The colonel had arrived during the morning and had been given a great ovation by the people.

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to the new party, with the provision, added later, that in states where it was necessary to operate under another name, the party there should be recognized as an integral part of the national party.

William H. Hotchkiss, chairman of the New York organization, told the convention of the work being done by the Progressives in his state and of their prospects, and then a recess was taken. An hour and a half later the delegates returned from the lunch counters and more rules were adopted. Chief of these was one empowering the national executive committee to appoint four women as members at large of the national committee.

Prendergast Names Roosevelt.

"The secretary will now call the roll of states for nominations for president," said the chairman.

"Alabama," called the secretary, but he got no further. Alabama yielded to New York, and after a long delay William A. Prendergast was brought from the lunch room and introduced to make the speech putting Theodore Roosevelt in nomination.

Seconding speeches came thick and fast, the best being made by Miss Addams, Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver and Henry Allen of Kansas. Miss Addams was accorded a genuine ovation and at the conclusion of her talk was given a big "Votes for Women" banner, with which she marched around the hall.

Johnson for Second Place.

There had been a good natured contest for second place on the ticket between the friends of Governor Johnson of California and those of Judge Lindsey of Denver. Mr. Roosevelt had declared his preference for Johnson and so the Colorado delegates withdrew their man. Judge Parker of Louisiana, who himself had been prominently mentioned for the place, placed the Californian in nomination and he and every seconder were lavish in their praise of him as a tried and triumphant champion of the people. The nomination was made by acclamation.

Now came the grand climax of the convention. The chair had announced that the nominees would appear on the platform and accept the honor conferred on them. The notification committees retired and soon returned, escorting Messrs. Roosevelt and Johnson, and the entire body of delegations and guests rose with a mighty roar.

"Of course I will accept the nomination," said the colonel, when he was given a chance to speak, and after giving assurance of his heartfelt devotion to the cause he said some mighty nice things about Governor Johnson. The governor responded in kind, declaring that he would rather go down to defeat with Roosevelt than to win a victory with any other man in the world. While he spoke the Californians distributed doggers bearing these words:

Roosevelt and Johnson, New York and California, Hands across the Continent.

"But there is neither east nor west, border nor broad withInterrupts, nor where two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth."—Kipling.

With difficulty Chairman Beveridge restrained the crowd, begging it to wait quietly until he declared the convention adjourned. At his request, after the benediction had been pronounced, all joined in singing the Dox-



Gov. Hiram W. Johnson.

ology, and they sang it with the solemnity that marked their attitude during all the more serious moments of the three days the convention had lasted.

Some Amusing Incidents. The convention was not without its funny features. The band provided the crowd with several good laughs. Once Chairman Beveridge megaphoned the leader to play "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the musicians played the "Battle Cry of Freedom" all through. Again, on the last day the delegates were cheering Mrs. Roosevelt and the band rendered "Oh, You Great Big Beautiful Doll" with great éclat.

The Illinois delegation marched in once carrying on a long pole the hat Frank Funk, the Progressive candidate for governor, used to wear, and it remained as a feature of the Illinois section.



Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Wilmarth and Miss Addams.

BRIEF PLATFORM OF PROGRESSIVES

Resolutions Cast in Form of a Contract With People.

ADVANCED STAND IS TAKEN

Woman Suffrage, Recall of Court Decisions and Plans for Bettering Living Conditions of Wage-Earners Are Features.

Chicago.—The platform of the Progressive party, as adopted by the convention, had been trimmed down to less than one-third of its original length as a result of the all night session. It started out as a document of 9,000 words and when it emerged it was reduced to between 2,000 and 3,000.

Political, industrial, agrarian, commercial, social, conservation and tariff reforms are touched on. Its principal planks relate to:

- Woman's suffrage.
National presidential primaries.
Election of United States senators by popular vote.
Provision for a short ballot.
A stringent corrupt practices act, which shall apply to primaries as well as elections.
Publicity of campaign contributions during the campaign.
Referendum and Recall.

Recognition of the right of the people of a state to secure to themselves the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

Development of methods for making it easier to get rid of incompetent judges.

Recall of judicial decisions and to this end creation of machinery for making easier amendment of the national and state constitutions.

All employers to file wage scales and other data as the public element in industry demands.

Report of all deaths, injuries and disease, due to industrial operations, to public authorities.

Declaration in favor of a living wage.

Establishment of minimum wage commissions by the nation and states.

Immediate establishment of minimum wage standards for women.

Investigation of industries by the

federal government for standards of sanitation and safety.

Standardization of mine and factory inspection.

Workmen's Compensation. Establishment of standards of compensation for industrial accidents and deaths and for occupational diseases.

Establishment of a fair standard of compensation for casualties resulting fatally.

Prohibition of night labor of women and children.

Prohibition of employment of women more than forty-eight hours per week.

Laws providing for one day of rest in seven.

Three shifts of eight hours each in continuous industries.

ism, involuntary unemployment and old age.
Strengthening and efficient enforcement of pure food laws.
Federal Health Department.
Establishment of federal department in which shall be combined all agencies relating to public health.
Revival of the country life commission and co-operation by the government with the farmer to make the farm more productive.
Strengthening of anti-trust law against monopoly and anti-social practices.
Creation of national industrial commission, with full power to regulate



Judge Ben B. Lindsey.

and control all features of the great industrial corporations.

Remodeling of patent laws and prevention of use of patents as tools of monopoly.

Establishment of parcels post on some principle.

Strengthening of the interstate commerce law, especially as regards railroads.

Elastic Currency Reform. Declaration for sound and elastic currency reform, guarded against use for any speculative purposes.

Legislation to conserve the soil, forests and mines.

Declaration that public shall not alienate its fee in the water power, leasing the power only for a reasonable length of time.

Participation in reclaiming swamp lands in south and continuance of irrigation policy in west.

Federal development and control of the Mississippi river.

Use of Alaska as experiment in governmental construction and ownership of railways and telegraphs.

Retention by government of fee of all Alaska coal fields. Adoption of a system of land taxation in Alaska which will remove all the burdens from those who actually use the land, whether for building or agricultural purposes, and will operate against speculators.

About Panama Canal. Approval of Panama canal, provision for its fortification and legislation authorizing coastwise traffic to use canal without tolls.

Maintenance of an efficient army.

Continuance of upbuilding navy.

Declaration for protective tariff for whole people.

Creation of permanent commission of nonpartisan tariff experts.

Revision of tariff schedule by schedule.

Downward revision of the tariff. Investigation of high cost of living. Legislation for closer business relationship between farmer and consumer.

Horse in Serious Trouble. An exciting incident occurred at Tweed Dock, Berwick, Scotland, the other day. A horse yoked to a cart was being backed towards the dock side in order to take a load from a ship lying alongside. The animal went a step too far, with the result that the horse and cart fell into the ship. Fortunately the hold was not large enough to admit the cart, but considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the horse ashore. Ropes were tied around the animal's feet, and it was drawn up to the dock side.

Bars the "Marseillaise." The Kaiser refuses to listen to the revolutionary strains of the "Marseillaise." Since he came to the throne he has never allowed the French national hymn to be played at his court, at any of the state theaters or by any German naval or military band. When he entertains the French ambassador at dinner or receives him in state and wishes to pay him musical honors, he orders the musicians to play the old "Marche de St. Denis," which is in every sense of the word a Bourbon hymn.