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PARKER IN THE LEAD

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the Democratic national convention. in which the struggle for the nomination has been a free-for-all contest. the prospect is that Judge Alton B Parker of New York, the candidate of the conservative forces, will win handily. Where a week ago there was doubt, uncertainty sparring for posttion, parleying for time, factional scheming and manipulating to over throw the favorite, it is now the foregone conclusion that the field will come in a poor second. Not may does It appear that the control of the nomination for first place will be in the hands of those Democrats who wer: in the minority in 1896 and again 1900 but that they will select the nominee's running mate and dominate the platform on which the race will be

In defiance of such handicaps as were created by the ambitious friends. of Gorman Cleveland, Gray Olney McClellan and favorite sons who had a following that divided the conservative columns the element which advanced the claims of Democratic rehabilitation struggled against the senting the ruling Democratic force in the last two presidential contests and the personal campaign conducted by William Randolph Hearst.

Throughout the week the Parker forces received material accessions. one candidate after another who threatened to supply strength for the opposition being eliminated until the opposition is now confessedly in the minority and seemingly too unorganized to present a fighting front. The band wagon seats are in such demand and that the nomination is confidently predicted on the second ballot and the surprise would be small if the first was decisive.

Though the result of the contest for the presidential nomination seems to be as good as settled that spirit which moves factions to war against each Scotch and American manufactu- other has not been so far removed that the convention will be lacking to enthusiasm or interest. The changed position of those who are in power now and those who controlled four and eight years ago is attracting wide attention from delegates and persons who are assembled as spectators. William J. Bryan is the most picturesque figure. Twice the candidate of his party for president, but running on a platform forced upon the nominating conventions by his compelling the planks on the liquor question, it personality and which robbed him of declares the party to be in favor of harmonious party fealty, he is in the position of fighting for recognition against the element which has returned to power.

For several days Mr. Bryan and the hand-tied Tummany delegates opposed to Parker have been working to one end-the defeat of Parker, but they have not moved in unison. The Tammany delegates are listed as conservatives and the Bryan forces as radicals. and in consequence their work has been noor. Bryan was believed to be with Hearst before the contest opened here, but after Parker's the Pennsylvania delegation should put former Governor Pattison in nomination, but that failing to find favor he proposed Judson Harmon of Ohio The Ohio delegation though loyal to Harmon, looked upon the plan with some suspicion, and this idea fell upon barren soil.

Claim 460 Delegates Against Parker. Tammany pursued its fight in attempting to foster the favorite son campaign and are claiming 400 votes pledged against Parker. This number is more than one-third, which would prevent a nomination. The Parker forces displayed no alarm at the report that votes were uniting in opposition to the New York candidate. Mr. Bryan asserted that Mr. Parker had made no substantial gains and that the opposition was becoming better crystallized. There are many prominent politicians participating in the convention who were compelled to submit to the will of Mr. Bryan in the last two conventions who are taking unaffected satisfaction in the fact that they are now able to dictate to

Platform Fight Will Be Spectacular. The making of the party platform will be one of the most interesting of the contests. It is certain that many persons, disappointed in their ability to exercise their share of authority in the ticket-making will take part in the platform discussion and advance ideas as widely divided as those presented in dozens of the state convention platforms offered for

the consideration of the convention The New York delegation is active in the platform question and the Bryan forces are equally alert. While it is unlikely any effort will be made to reaffirm the Kansas City and Chicago money planks, it is deemed improbable that an attempt will be made to declare for the gold standard. Therefore, both factions have their ideas as to what the harmonizing plank

Around the hotel lobbies there is little platform talk. The nomination for vice president has been talked of in the lobbies, but no expression has been received from the real leaders. and until some indication comes from that quarter the ticket will not center

for long on any possibility. It is certain that no convention in years will be more largely attended | tional matters.

NAME WATSON AND TIBBLES.

Georgian and Nebraska Head Populist National Ticket

Springfield, Ill., July 6.-Thomas Watson of Georgia for president and There is a st Thomas H. Tibbles of Nebraska for vice president was the ticket nomi-He Will Win on First or Second nated by the Populist convention The Ballot-Fight Over Platform Will names of William V Allen of Nebrasks and Samuel W Williams of Indiana were also placed before the conven St. Louis, July 6 .- On the eve of tion for president, but before the list Catalogue Free. Write Us. of states had been completed in the roll call their names were withdrawn and Watson was nominated by acclamation. Former Senator Allen made into any scramble for the nomination While the nominations were being made he twice instructed the chair man of the Nebraska delegation to say that his name must not go before the convention. In the face of this however he received over 40 votes

Whether Mr Watson will accept the nomination or not no one in the convention seemed to know and all efforts to secure definite information failed the Democrats at St Louis would nominate Hearst he would support him for president. Williams of Indiana received only a few votes, soon withdrawing and moving to make Watson's nomination unanimous. There dent. Thomas H Tibbles of Nebraska Theodore B Rynder of Pennsylva nia L. H. Weller of lowa George B. Washburn of Massachusetts and Samuel W Williams of Indiana The two combined opposition of Bryan repre- latter declined and Tibbles received all the votes on the first ballot

The platform adopted is brief and is a practical reaffirmation of the Omaha platform of 1892. It was adopted as reported by the committee without a dissenting voice. Former Congressman E. F. Ridgelev of Kansas attempted to secure the postpone ment of the nomination of a ticket until after the St. Louis convention. but the convention promptly tabled his resolution. After the convention adjourned a meeting of the national committee was held and James H. Farris of Joliet, Ill., was elected chairman and Charles DeFrance of Lincoln, Neb., secretary.

"DRY" TICKET IS NAMED.

Swallow for President With Carroll as Running Mate.

Indianapolis, July 1.—The Prohibition party, in national convention. nominated Silas C. Swallow of Pennsylvania for president and George W. Carroll of Texas for vice president. The platform was adopted without ar gument after a long deadlock in the resolutions committee. It was deccribed by I. H. Amos of Oregon, secretary of the committee, as the broadest platform ever placed before the people by the party. In addition to international arbitration: a suffrage law based on mental and moral qualt fications; uniform laws for the country and dependencies; popular election of senators; civil service legislation, and the initiative and referendum. The trust question was recognized by a demand for a rigid application of the principles of justice to all organizations of capital and labor. A reform of divorce laws is demanded

and polygamy denounced. General Miles put an end to the movement to nominate him for presi dent by sending a telegram to John strength was shown he suggested that G. Woolley, which reached him short ly after noon, asking that his name be not presented. This was considered final and the movement to nominate Mr. Swallow was unanimous, no

other name being considered. Over \$16,000 was raised by subscription pledges from the floor of the convention, which, with \$11,000 in the treasury, will be the nucleus of the campaign fund. National Chairman Stewart and National Secretary Tate were re-elected. The Probibition editors organized for the campaign by electing Edward Clark of Indianapolis president.

PAUL MORTON IN OFFICE.

Takes Oath as Secretary of Navy in

Presence of Predecessor. Washington, July 2 .- Paul Morton was sworn in as secretary of the navy. Shortly before that Mr. Moody, the retiring secretary, took the oath as attorney general.

Victor H. Metcalf was sworn in as secretary of commerce and labor. Secretary Morton and Secretary Metcalf were the president's guests



at dinner at the white house. Secretary Hay called to say good-bye to the president and Chairman Cortel you of the Republican national committee came for a conference on na

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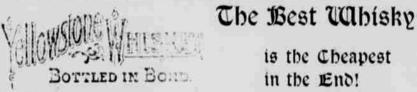
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