

Results of State Conventions.

TENNESSEE.

The democratic state convention for Tennessee met at Nashville, May 25, and adopted resolutions instructing Tennessee delegates to the national convention to vote for Judge Parker.

ARIZONA.

A dispatch to the Chicago Chronicle, under date of Phoenix, Arizona, May 23, says: "The democratic territorial convention held in Tucson today was a Hearst organization, the work all having been outlined in a forenoon caucus. In the afternoon delegates were chosen to the national convention and Benjamin M. Crawford of Clifton was chosen for national committeeman. The platform indorses the Chicago and Kansas City platforms; praises Bryan, glorifies Hearst and instructs the delegates to the national convention to vote for him and use all possible efforts to effect his nomination."

ALABAMA.

The democratic state convention for Alabama met at Montgomery, May 25. The delegation to the national convention was uninstructed.

The platform, which was adopted unanimously, says:

"We unqualifiedly protest against the methods of the present chief executive of the United States in defying the laws of the land in setting up his discretion in opposition to explicit provisions of the national statutes and arrogating to himself legislative functions. We condemn imperialism in either the executive or judicial departments of the government and especially condemn the flagrant usurpation of power to which this country has been treated in recent years, and the corruption and extravagance of the present national republican administration."

MARYLAND.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Baltimore, Md., May 26, says:

The democratic state convention met here today and elected the delegates to the St. Louis convention. The delegates-at-large are: United States Senator Gorman, State Treasurer Murray Vindiver, General L. Victor Baughman and John F. Poe.

No instructions were given, but the delegation is solidly in favor of the nomination of Senator Gorman for the presidency.

The platform advocates tariff revision, demands independence for the Filipinos, denounces departmental fraud and corruption at Washington, calls for national retrenchment and criticises President Roosevelt's methods in the Panama negotiations and his dictatorial course toward congress.

OHIO.

The democratic state convention for Ohio met at Columbus May 23. The convention selected the following state ticket, presidential electors and delegates:

Secretary of state, A. P. Sandles, Ottawa; supreme judge, Phillip J. Renner, Cincinnati; clerk of supreme court, Peter Mahaffey, Cambridge; dairy and food commissioner, Quintin M. Gravatt, Wooster; member of the board of public works, William F. Ferguson, Springfield.

Electors at large, John A. McDowell, Millsburg, and A. J. Pearson, Woodsfield.

Delegates at large, William S. Thomas, Springfield; John A. McMahon,

Dayton; Edward H. Moore, Youngstown; Charles P. Salen, Cleveland.

The delegation to the national convention goes uninstructed, but the unit rule was adopted. The Associated press report of the Ohio convention says:

The platform, the briefest in the history of such state literature, was adopted as it came from Cincinnati, with the exception of the 2-cent-a-mile railroad fare plan that was added at the instigation of Mayor Johnson of Cleveland in the convention. The rural delegates, who were co-operating in other matters with the conservatives, voted for the 2-cent fare plank, as some of them from the cities insisted it would be inconsistent this year to defeat a resolution which was a feature of the state platform last year. The vote, however, was very close on the 2-cent fare resolution and the majority for the unit rule was only 65 out of a total vote of 723.

The convention was in continuous session almost nine hours, and during the last three hours it was boisterous—at times disorderly, to the extent of being riotous.

The delegates and alternates at large are claimed by the conservatives who also claim thirty of the Ohio district delegates. Their poll of the Ohio delegation to St. Louis is thirty-six conservatives (friendly to Harmon); Hearst six and Folk four, and that, under the unit rule, the conservatives will have the Ohio delegations more than three to one.

The majority report of the committee on resolutions was as follows:

"The democratic party of Ohio, while firmly adhering to all living democratic principles as time and again declared by democratic conventions, recommends that the formal announcement of purely national questions be referred to the national convention soon to convene at St. Louis.

"On state issues the democratic party of Ohio offers the people relief from the political trust which has long controlled every department of the state government. It promises if intrusted with authority to reduce public expenses and taxation, to save the property of the state and restore government by the people as designated by the founders.

"The Ohio delegation is directed to cast the entire forty-six votes in the national convention as the majority of those voting shall decide, when such majority shall determine what course to be advisable."

Louis D. Johnson of Urbana offered the following minority report signed by five members of the committee on resolutions:

"We recommend that the part of the platform providing that the delegates from Ohio to the national democratic convention shall vote as a unit when, in the wisdom of the majority of said delegation, such course may seem proper; or, in substance, as above stated, be omitted and struck out of said platform."

W. D. Excell of Cleveland offered a supplemental resolution for a 2-cent railroad fare.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which Mayor Johnson received an ovation in speaking for the 2-cent railroad fare resolution.

The vote on substituting Johnson's resolutions to strike "the unit rule" out of the platform was lost. The platform, including the 2-cent fare resolution, was then adopted.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

There are but 90 daily papers in Russia.

There are 10,920,000 Germans in the United States.

The horse spur is said to have been used since 300 B. C.

The bubonic plague in India is said to be now destroying 40,000 persons a week.

Admiral Alexieff's salary was \$56,000 a year with an allowance of \$25,000 for extras.

The Boers resent an attempt to take a Transvaal census. They consider it an intrusion into their private affairs.

A butterfly which a Chicago woman kept all winter and has recently died ate one drop of honey in every three days.

The French government receives a revenue of \$5,000,000 a year from manufacturing matches. Last year 800 tons of sulphur were used in the industry.

When Queen Alexandra heard how the moles were destroying crops in Wales she ordered a moleskin muff. They became the rage, and the moles are nearly exterminated.

The ancient bridge at Ayr, Scotland, built in 1232 and made famous by Robert Burns, has been ordered to be closed for repairs. It will cost \$25,000 to put it in good condition.

According to the European journals of science the great storm of red dust which swept up from Africa over Europe some time ago is doing a good service to science in making the strata in the Alpine glaciers so that they can be studied with greater accuracy in the future.

A rare case of longevity is cited in the lives of Mrs. Hanna C. Baker, Henry N. Spencer, John R. Spencer and Mrs. Fanny F. Fowler, brothers and sisters, all living in Noank, in the town of Groton, Conn., whose ages aggregate more than three centuries, or, minutely, 329 years.

Napoleon is an unusual, if not unprecedented, Christian name to be borne by the presiding officer of a British parliament. But Napoleon Antoine Belcourt, who has just been elected speaker of the Canadian house of commons, can address meeting or court in fluent and excellent English.

Professor W. L. Underwood of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology reports that mosquito larvae are a favorite food for goldfish, and that the introduction of goldfish into many small streams of New England where mosquitoes breed would be preferable to the use of kerosene in destroying the pest.

Collector Stratton of the San Francisco port has received notification that the Chinese minister has made the following regulations as to the use of the flag: A flag having one dragon rampant in a yellow moon will be reserved for common use; two dragons are to be used only in the case of mercantile joint stock companies.

A National Capital real estate dealer offered for sale a farm about three miles from Alexandria, Va., which was once a part of George Washington's estate. His advertisement, at first sight, created a sensation among correspondents, as it read: "Late President Washington's estate for sale; residence, outbuildings; 250 acres; magnificent farm near railroad and river; bargain." But it was no part of Mount Vernon.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Think of That!

Mr. James H. Canfield, librarian at Columbia university, tells of a rural communicant who assured Bishop

Potter that he always learned something new every time he came to hear him preach, adding by way of illustration:

"Why, bishop, until I heard that grand sermon of yours this mornin' I always believed that Sodom and Gomorrah was a man and his wife!"—New York Times.

Books Received.

The Hermitage Publishing Co., Noel bldg., Nashville, Tenn., is publishing a two-volume work by Col. A. S. Colyar, entitled "Life and Times of Andrew Jackson." Colonel Colyar is an ardent admirer of Jackson, and he has put his whole soul as well as his ability into the work which he is issuing. The readers of The Commoner will do well to secure a set of the books. Any person desiring to act as agent for the work can address the publishers.

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