



Robert W. Speer, democratic nominee, was re-elected mayor of Denver over Horace Phelps, republican, by 2,500.

The house of representatives passed a bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the Japanese international exposition of 1910.

Governor Sparks of Nevada died at 9 o'clock, May 22, after a long illness. His term would expire in 1910. Don S. Dickerson will become governor of Nevada. He is 34 years old and will be the youngest governor Nevada ever had.

A Washington dispatch says: "Congress took an important step looking to the payment of ship subsidies, the conferees on the postoffice appropriation bill having agreed to accept the amendment by the senate authorizing the postmaster general to contract with steamship lines running to posts of South America, Philippine islands, Japan, China and Australia for the carrying of the mails and to pay vessels of the second class the same rates that is now paid on American vessels of the first class to Europe and to vessels of the third class rate now authorized for vessels of the second class. There are no American lines of the first class to the countries and the effect of this legislation will be to encourage the establishment of passenger and mail steamship lines to ports of those countries."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of New York, May 21, follows. "The case of Mae C. Wood, the Omaha woman who sued United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce, came to a sudden and sensational end this afternoon when Justice O'Gorman, of the supreme court, dismissed the complaint and directed that the complainant be committed to the city prison under \$5,000 bail on a charge of perjury. Miss Wood was taken to the Tombs. The climax came after the introduction in evidence of the deposition of a man who manufactured the blanks upon one of which the alleged Platt-Wood certificate had been prepared, in which he declared that the blank form in question was not lithographed until three months after the marriage of Miss Wood to Platt is alleged to have occurred. The senator's son, Frank H. Platt, also testified that it is his belief no such letters ever had been written to Miss Wood by his father as were represented in alleged copies offered in court by the complainant. The case has attracted exceptionally wide attention on account of the prominence of the aged senator and the names of other widely known persons whom Miss Wood involved in her sensational charge in support of her complaint."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Washington, May 22, follows: "A campaign contribution publicity bill, embodying an amendment by Mr. Crumpacker (Indiana) providing for a reduction in the representation in the house of representatives in those states having disfranchisement laws, was passed by the house today by a vote of 160 to 125 following a lively debate. The measure was brought up under suspension of the rules, and forty minutes were allowed in which to dis-

cuss it. The southern members, in particular, were bitter in their denunciation of the apportionment provision of the bill. Mr. Williams, the minority leader, was especially vigorous in his attacks, characterizing the bill as being an attempt to revive the conditions of reconstruction days. After the Crumpacker amendment the democrats voted against the bill in its entirety. In brief, the provision regarding publicity of campaign contributions is made applicable to the national committees and the national congressional committees of all political parties and all committees, associations or organizations which shall, in two or more states, influence the result of an election at which representatives in congress are to be elected. Mr. Williams (Miss.) made a vigorous speech against it. 'The great old party,' he began, 'has resolved itself into a vaudeville stock company.' He charged the republicans with not daring to face any public question in a fair and straightforward way, by combining several propositions in one bill. 'What are you trying to do?' he inquired. 'Does the gentleman from Indiana think he can turn the hands of the clock of time back half a century? Does he think he can produce the days of the carpet bagger and reconstruction in the south once more? Does he think the business interests of the north will stand for a recurrence of the saturnalia? The reduction in representation,' he declared, 'had been added to defeat the publicity bill. 'You have no idea of reducing the representation of California, Massachusetts or Connecticut because they disfranchise illiterates.' The people of the south, he asserted, were willing to take the issue. If, he said, it was desired to ignore the fifteenth amendment and the republicans were willing to restore to Mississippi the power to fix her suffrage along racial lines, the people of that state were ready for the gauntlet. 'Throw it down whenever you please,' he exclaimed. 'As to the reduction of our representation in congress,' he said, 'in God's name take it and welcome to it; but be honest when you do it.' Discussing the publicity feature of the bill, Mr. Williams said: 'It will damn your republican party and be worse for you than the force bill which defeated Harrison,' and he said to the republicans: 'Like children you are playing with fire in a powder magazine.' He closed by asking the republicans if they were fools enough to believe that the south would again submit to the policies to which she submitted when she was weak and helpless."

**A HARBINGER OF SPRING**

Glorious spring isn't the only blessing that's coming to us these days. Right along with the lilacs and the violets and daisies, redolent with sweet and tender memories, inspiring with their symbolic promise that the bleakest, bitterest winter that ever was or will be must yield, eventually, before the splendor of beneficent summer, comes Colonel Henry Watterson, writing editorials labeled "To Your Tents, O Israel!" It's good, indeed, to see Colonel Watterson budding with the Johnny-jump-ups. It's good to see that he, like they, was only sleeping. And now that we find him, as in the fine old days, mounted firmly on the editorial tripod, pouring forth his soul in all the resistless eloquence with which he once wooed the Star Eyed

**Delegates to the Denver Convention**

The following table shows the result of the various democratic state conventions as reported to this office; also the dates of the conventions yet to be held:

STATES	Number of Delegates	Instructed for Bryan	No Unit Rule Favor Bryan	Choice Unexpressed	Instructed for Gray	Instructed for Johnson	Uninstructed Unit rule	Date of State Convention
Wisconsin	26	26						
Kansas	20	20						
Oklahoma	14	14						
Nebraska	16	16						
North Dakota	8	8						
Rhode Island	8		7	1				
Indiana	30	30						
Iowa	26	26						
Philippine Islands	6	6						
South Dakota	8	8						
New York	78						78	
Delaware	6				6			
Illinois	54	54						
Connecticut	14		6	8				
New Jersey	24						24	
Ohio	46	46						
Massachusetts	32	22	10					
Minnesota	22					22		
Wyoming	6	6						
Washington	10	10						
Hawaii	6	6						
California	20	20						
Missouri	36	36						
Michigan	28	28						
Pennsylvania	68	40	12	16				
South Carolina	18	18						
District of Columbia	6	6						
Alabama	22	22						May 26
Alaska	6	6						May 27
Texas	36							May 28
New Hampshire	8							May 28
Arizona	6							May 28
West Virginia	14							May 28
New Mexico	6							May 30
Porto Rico	6							June 1
Nevada	6							June 3
Idaho	6							June 3
Louisiana	18							June 3
Maryland	16							June 3
Utah	6							June 6
Arkansas	18							June 8
Montana	6							June 10
Virginia	24							June 11
Kentucky	26							June 11
Colorado	10							June 15
Oregon	8							June 16
Florida	10							June 16
Tennessee	24							June 17
North Carolina	24							June 24
Vermont	8							June 26
Georgia	26							June 27
Maine	12							
Mississippi	20							
Total	1008							
Total instructed and uninstructed for Bryan								511
Total for Johnson								22
Total for Gray								6
Choice unexpressed and uninstructed								127
Total delegates so far elected								666
Necessary to a choice under two-thirds rule								672

Goddess, singing the praises and the glories and the hopes of the immortal democratic party, we feel that democracy, too, is marching right in, along with spring, and that the fruition of democratic hopes will come in overflowing measure with that of the apple blossoms, in November!

Things haven't seemed just right during all these years that the greatest of Kentucky colonels has either been sulking in his tent, like the mighty Achilles, or been roaming barren hills alien to democracy searching after and wooing strange gods and imbibing at the fountains of heretic creeds. We have had Bryan, it is true; but, greedy after good things, our hearts have ached for the love of our tender youth—we've yearned for our Wandering Boy of Old Kentucky to come home.

And he's come! His golden, mellow voice is reverberating up and down the Ohio valley, and penetrat-

ing far into the magnolia groves of the sunny south. It's singing the song of democracy and Bryan, and a million democratic pulses will leap as that never forgotten music falls on democratic ears, "To Your Tents, O Israel!" it calls.

Dianna ye hear the slogan; the slogan of Watterson and the spring? The slogan of democratic hope and promise? There have been fine springs before, but never a one that had for its harbinger so sweet-throated a Kentucky cardinal.—Omaha World-Herald.

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