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Our Lincoln Letter.

The Denver convention was a wonderful gathering-the greatest political convention this country has ever seen. Right here it may be well to say that never was a convention handled so well by its officers, no never a city that equalled Denver's record for hospitality and thorough preparation. The auditorium was adequate in every respect. The decoration of the city were superb, and the strangers who lacked for food or bed was himself to blame. The world wondered when the Chicago convention broke all records for enthusiasm at the mention of a name when it cheered for fortyfive minutes for Taft, or, it was said to have cheered that long for Taft. The truth is that the first fifteen minutes of that demonstration was for LaFollette, and then the Taft managers got busy and appropriated it. But on Wednesday of convention week at Denver, Senator Gore touched a match to the magazine and for an hour and twenty-seven minutes the fifteen thousand people in the convention hall milled like a lot of stampeded steers, shouting and marching and singing for Bryan.

Everybody thought that meant only a small demonstration when the nomination was really made. But at 11 o'clock on Thursday

night, when Ignatious J. Dunn of Omaha had finished his eloquent nominating speech the convention broke loose again and kept it up for an hour and twelve minutes.

All this made the Chicago convention demonstration look like a republican promise to revise the tariff-after election.

Of course you read in the dispatches about the Taft banner that was hung across Lincoln's main thoroughfare last week, and which is said to have been cut down by a too enthusiastic Bryan supporter. Well, don't be too quick to accept the reports sent out by the Associated Press. It is not so certain that it was cut down, nor is it certain that if it was cut down that the act was performed by a Bryanite."Enough level headed and courteous republicans can be found who denounce the discourteous hanging of the Taft banner just at that time to give rise to the suspicion that it might have been a republican hand that cut the rope, if it was cut. Nobody denies the right of the rep. state committee to hang a Taft banner across the street, but all save a few extreme partisans denounce it was a most discourteous thing to do at this time when Lincoln is profiting so much by the attention shown to Mr. Bryan.

Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, caught the immense crowd with one quick retort. While defending the majority report of the committee on credentials, which unseated the Guffey delegates from Philadelphia, somebody hissed. Quick as a flash Haskell exclam-

"I've heard that hiss many a time from a Standard Oil pipe

And the convention came near raising the roof.

Senator" Bob" Taylor of Tennesee made one little speech that delighted the convention. He was called on to kill time, and for fifteen minutes he kept the crowd in a gale of laughter and applause. He spoke of the civel war as the conflict that " put Yankee Doodle on the pension list and Dixie on crutches," and insisted that Mason and Dixon's line should become known for what it really is, "merely the line between cold bread and hot biscuits."

work of the campaign will con- you think of the line up?.

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sume all of his time, has decided to withdraw from active editorial work until after the election. Acting upon this determination he will soon issue a notice to that effect, asking that he be not held responsible for any editorial utterance of The Commoner unless the same appears over his signature. He futher adds that all profits accruing from The Commoner between now and election will be turned

over to the national committee for campaign purposes. Mr. Charles W. Bryan, who has been publish-

er of The Commoner since its inception, will be in entire charge of the paper, with Mr. Richard L. Metcalfe as editor-in-chief, assist-

ed by a capable corps of assistants Now big corps of newspaper correspondents in Lincoln are all 'Bryan men" although not all of them will vote for him. They are a unit in praising Mr. Bryan's uniform courtesy and his efforts

to add to the comfort of their stay in Lincoln. They have a fine tent on the Fairveiw lawn. and it is equipped with tables and all necessary stationery. They have received notice that in case of a storm that Bryan home is open to them, He exerts himself to help the newspaper boys, but they long since have learned that when Mr. Bryan feels the necessity of refusing an interview on some particular question it is useless to apply the re-

portorial "pump." All they can

get on such occasions is a fund of

good stories that sends them a

way feeling that their efforts have

not been in vain. In figuring out the election returns he who puts Nebraska in the "doubtful" or "republican" columns is exhibiting only a thorough ignorance of the situation. Mr. Bryan carried Nebraska in 1896 by nearly 15,000. He lost it in 1900 by less than 8,000—and Nebraska is more thoroughly for Bryan now than it was in 1896.

Mr. Bryan will carry Nebraska. (Rushville Standard.)

Taft now comes out and says that he will not accept any corporation money in order to be elected president, and Tom Lawson says that Wall street has already contributed \$2,500,000 to the Taft campaign and is ready to contribute more.

Little Bill Bryan and big Bill Taft-what do you think of the line up ?--Chadron Journal.

Let's see, Bryan stands 6 ft. 2 in. in his stocking feet, weight about 220. Taft 6 ft, weight about 250. In ability Bryan outclasses Taft 16 to 1. In strength, durability and all-around makeup Bryan Mr. Bryan realizing that the outclasses Taft 32 to 1. What do

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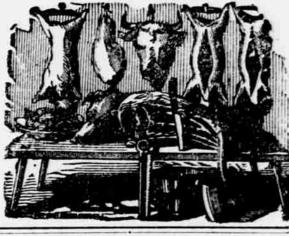
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