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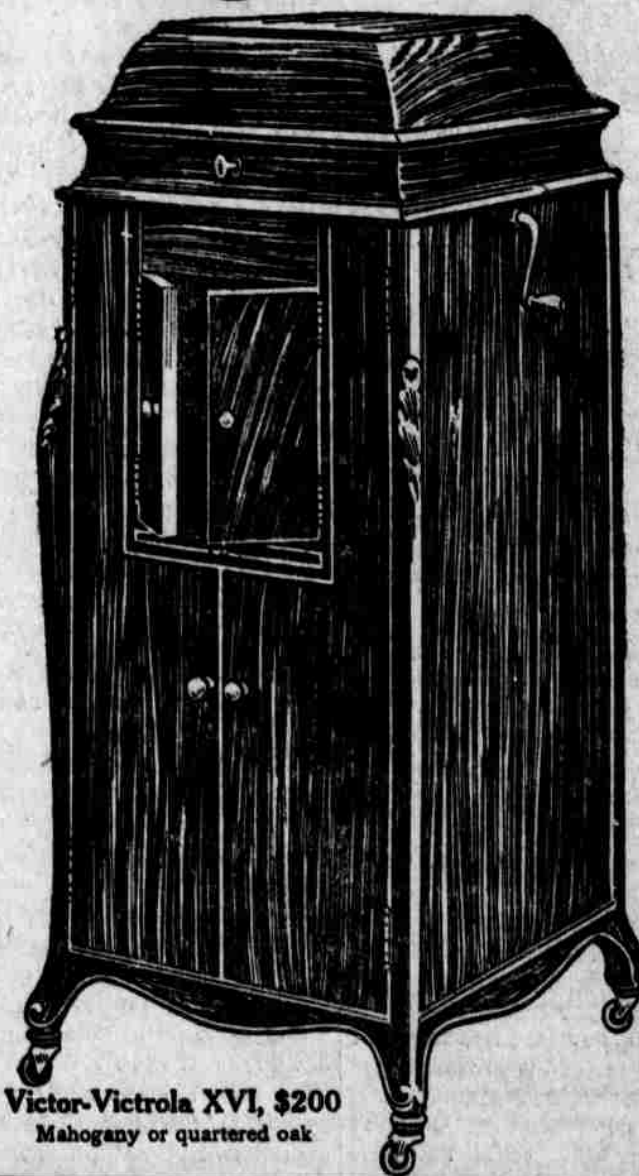
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BRYAN WILL NOT WRITE PLATFORM

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tion on the platform until after the nomination of the presidential candidate "and," he continued, "the only way to prevent such a result is to name your man first. Indeed," he went on, "in these days the man is the platform. The candidate," he argued, "should have an opportunity to talk about the platform in advance of its making rather than to feel impelled to talk against it afterward."

Senator Clarke of Arkansas opposed the change as a reversal of all precedents, but was antagonized by Senator Rayner of Maryland, who, taking sides emphatically with Mr. Bryan, said the time had come for overthrowing under-

Why Bryan Refused.
In refusing to accept the chairmanship, Mr. Bryan said: "I appreciate the compliment, but I am not willing to act as chairman. I am a believer in harmony and I think that the committee and its officers ought to be in harmony with the convention and I am not in harmony with the organization of the convention nor of the national committee which controls the organization of the convention."

"We used to have two kinds of democrats, progressives and conservatives; we now have only one kind, progressive, but we find there is a wide difference in the definition of the word 'progressive,' and I do not define progressiveness as it is defined by a majority of this convention, and believing in harmony I want to be in harmony with the convention and I desire to be more free to represent the minority sentiment."

"I do not say that there will be a minority report, but it would not look well for the chairman of the committee to take in a minority report. It may be necessary for me to take in a minority report. I do not know that it will, but I do not want to place myself in that awkward position and for that reason I decline."

Rules Committee Agrees.
By a vote of 22 to 18 the rules committee of the convention today agreed to the plan to defer the presentation of the platform until after the party's candidate for president had been nominated. In the absence of any true indication as to whether the conservative or the progressive wings of the party would dominate the convention it was considered good policy to hold back the platform in order to have it drawn so as to be acceptable to the convention.

Another important proposition passed on by the rules committee was the recognition of the authority of a state convention to instruct delegates to national conventions in the enforcement of the unit rule, in the absence of a specific statute. The proposition of recognizing the authority of a state convention arose because of the situation in the Ohio delegation. The state convention had instructed the Ohio delegation by a vote of 69 to 325 to vote as a unit for Governor Harmon. Nineteen Ohio delegates, however, claimed the right to violate these instructions because they had been elected as avowed Wilson men in their respective districts.

The twenty-nine Harmon delegates held that because in the preferential primary vote Governor Harmon had a majority of 19,000 over Governor Wilson the instructions of the state convention to vote

as a unit for Governor Harmon for president should be enforced.

After a prolonged debate that followed this resolution was adopted, 22 to 15: "It shall be the rule of this convention that all states which have been instructed by their respective state democratic conventions or by a state democratic preferential primary shall follow those instructions so long as a majority of the delegates from such state are of the opinion that such instruction is applicable."

Dunn's Substitute Defeated.
The following substitute offered by I. J. Dunn of Nebraska was defeated 22 to 15: "Resolved: That in casting votes on a call of states, the chair shall recognize and enforce a unit rule enacted by a state convention, except in such states as have a mandatory statute provided for the nomination and election of delegates and alternates to national political conventions in congressional districts and have not subjected delegates so selected to the authority of the state committee or convention of the party, in which case no such rule shall be held to apply."

Following the defeat of Mr. Dunn's substitute, Congressman Henry of Texas, stated that he would present to the convention as a minority report the Dunn substitute. He was joined in the by the members of the committee who voted for it and by Charles Sprecker of Massachusetts, who stood against it.

The following were appointed a sub-committee of the resolutions committee to draft the platform: John W. Kern, ex-officio, chairman; C. C. Culbertson, W. J. Bryan, James A. O'Gorman, Isadore Rayner, A. M. Dockery, D. J. Walsh, Altes Pomerene, Thomas S. Martin, S. W. Bedford, R. T. Broussard and George W. Fithian.

After recess, the rules committee completed its work by agreeing that a committee of three, composed of the chairman, Representative Covington of Maryland; Secretary E. P. Hill of Oklahoma, and Representative Henry of Texas should make the minority report.

The Montana committeeman, M. D. Baldwin, offered a suggestion that hereafter a majority of the national convention instead of two-thirds, should be required to nominate the president. Chairman Covington ruled that it was out of order and should properly be acted on by the resolutions committee.

LA FOLLETTE MEETS BRYAN

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Follette in the past had always held that differences in the republican party should be adjusted within the ranks. As Mr. Bryan left his headquarters today Elisha Garrison of Madison handed him what has been called the La Follette platform. Mr. Bryan stuffed the manuscript in his pocket and hurried away. The advent of Francis J. Heney of California, who fought for Mr. Roosevelt in the Chicago convention, and Charles R. Crane of Chicago, who helped to conduct the early La Follette campaign and a reported interview with Mr. Bryan gave an impetus to the discussion. Heney said he had to come to Baltimore to see the democratic steam roller at work; that he had become so accustomed to the "foot, too!" at the Chicago convention he could not sleep without it. La Follette Back in Washington. WASHINGTON, June 26.—Senator La Follette was back in Washington today

from the Baltimore convention and met all inquiries of whether he had conferred with William Jennings Bryan that he had absolutely nothing to say on that subject.

"I merely went over to the convention," he said, "and may go over again. Efforts to get the senator to deny or affirm that he had conferred with Mr. Bryan, or other leaders on the third party movement, or any other political subject were met with a consistent refusal to talk about it."

Money Comes to Colonel.
JOYSTER BAY, N. Y., June 26.—Offers of assistance in the information of the new progressive party are reaching Colonel Roosevelt by mail and telegraph, he said today, at such a rate that he will be unable to acknowledge most of them for some time. Many of the letters contained money to be used in the work of organization. One man, whose name was not disclosed, sent his check for \$1,500, but most of the donations were of small amounts.

The colonel will keep in close touch with the Baltimore convention, the outcome of which is regarded as of great importance to the new party. Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, a "Roosevelt democrat," will keep the colonel posted on the situation in Baltimore and the possibility of a coalition with an element of the democratic party.

Getting Busy in Illinois.
CHICAGO, June 26.—A meeting of Illinois progressives will be called within the next three weeks for the purpose of outlining their work in the state and national campaign, Medill McCormick announced today.

"It is probable that the progressives will put an entire state ticket in the field," said Mr. McCormick at the progressive headquarters. "Of course, if certain republican nominees desire to support the progressive cause they will be given places on the ticket."

No organized effort has been made toward collecting funds for the conduct of the campaign, but voluntary subscriptions are being received.

DEMOS SLOW IN ORGANIZING

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length, but the delegates grew restless, and Chairman Parker admonished them to be quiet. Folk's speech was very brief, and Senator Rayner of Maryland was next called on. He also predicted success for the democratic nominee and discussed the division in the republican party and declared that the motto of the Taft faction of the republican party would be "We will react and retrograde." The motto of the Roosevelt party, he quoted as "Thou shalt not steal." "Our motto in this campaign will be 'We shall progress,'" shouted Senator Rayner and the crowd cheered. After he had spoken several minutes in denunciation of republican principles and predatory wealth, Congressman Henry D. Clayton of Alabama, the next speaker, turned to democratic prospects. "I do not know upon whom the nomination of this convention," he began, "Underwood," shouted an Alabama delegate. "Clark," shouted a man from Missouri. "Wilson," came in answering chorus from New Jersey. "Harmon," called the Ohioans. In a moment the entire hall was swept

by the shouts and cheers and songs of the adherents of the different candidates. The band joined in the demonstration.

Parker Lets Them Howl.
Chairman Parker for some time made little effort to quiet the enthusiasts. Mr. Clayton stood at the speaker's desk smiling. Some of the delegates attempted to uproot the state standards, but the police by quick work prevented. The aisles became choked with delegates and it seemed that many spectators had invaded the delegate section.

One man opened a big umbrella and started a parade, but was headed off. By this time Chairman Parker and the sergeant-at-arms were making frantic, but vain efforts to restore quiet. "New Jersey, please sit down," called a deputy sergeant-at-arms.

"Missouri, please give the speaker a chance," called another. Mr. Clayton at last made himself heard above the din. He declared that whoever the candidate was he would be the next president of the United States. A round of cheers greeted Senator Gore of Oklahoma, who was next introduced. The blind statesman was unable to proceed with his speech for some time because of the uproar.

"Let us have peace," said Mr. Gore in the course of his talk. "Let us have peace at any price, at any sacrifice, save that of honor. Let us here put every democrat under bonds to keep the peace" and a burst of applause greeted this sentiment.

"Nothing can save the republican party from self-slaughter except democratic suicide," declared Gore. "We cannot live half progressive and half reactionary. Theodore Roosevelt endeavored to breathe the breath of life, of modern progress

into the petrified remains of the republican party and he failed. The mummy would not move."

SEAT SULLIVAN DELEGATES
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papers" said Mayor Harrison "that there was to be riot and bloodshed; and as mayor, I was appealed to for police to keep order. At the recent republican national convention I was appealed to by Mr. Revell, Senator Crane, Senator Penrose, Mr. Hilles and Mr. Upham for the same protection; and over 750 police men were assigned to keep order at that gathering."

Roger Sullivan insisted on answering Mayor Harrison although members of the committee were anxious to stop the Illinois argument.

"That is a pretty story," he said, "I want to tell this committee that Mayor Harrison's statement is incorrect. Over six weeks before the convention met they planned to carry it through with the aid of John A. Owen, county judge.

Claimed a Majority.
Sullivan declared election boards controlled by the Harrison faction had dominated many precincts. Notwithstanding their control there, he said, the Sullivan forces had a clear majority in the state convention at Peoria. The Illinois contest cases were the first taken up when the credentials committee

met today in a session held behind locked and guarded doors. Each side to the contests were given forty-five minutes for the presentation of arguments. The contestants in the case were the Harrison-Hearst delegates, who claimed to have secured an actual majority of votes over the Sullivan delegates, who had been seated by the national committee.

Claims of Delegates.
The claims of the Harrison-Hearst delegates to the seats given the Sullivan delegates in Illinois were presented to the credentials committee by Senator Rayner of that state. The point made against the contestants were that they had not formally presented their contests to the Illinois state convention at Peoria, but had kept entirely out of that convention. It was on this ground, it was said officially, that the national committee gave the seats to the Sullivan faction.

E. B. Toloman assisted in presenting the arguments of the Hearst-Harrison faction in the contests involving the eight delegates-at-large and the twenty delegates from the Chicago districts Frank J. Quinn and Elsie Williams appeared for the Sullivan faction, asserting that the contesting faction, by ignoring the regular state convention had lost any claims it might have to regularity.

A bitter fight was made by the Illinois contestants on the rule of Roger C. Sullivan as national committeeman. The Hearst-Harrison men claimed to have carried a majority of Chicago precincts, and to have controlled the Cook county convention. They charged the Sullivan men had bolted the convention, but that when the case of the Hearst-Harrison delegates was presented to the credentials committee of the Peoria convention the Sullivan faction was in con-

trol and refused them seats and the contesting forces found it useless to go into the convention the next day and renew the fight.

State Chairman Reilly of Massachusetts was next introduced and spoke briefly on general issues, making a plea for legislation for the betterment of labor and concluding with an endorsement of Clark.

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