

CONVENTION GOES TO CHICAGO

National Republican Committee
After Due Deliberation De-
cides on its Selection.

Kansas City and Denver Competitors, Receiving Respectively 17 and 4, Chicago 32.

Will be Held in Colliseum Though
Nothing Definite in This Respect
Was Said, Only Assumed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The members of the national Republican committee began to congregate at the Shoreham hotel early today in preparation for the last session of the present meeting. The sole topic of conversation was the place of holding the national convention which, it was generally understood, would be determined during the day. Chicago and Kansas City were still the leading candidates, but Denver resolutely declined to be considered as one of the running, and many of the friends of their city were disappointed.

that city mingled freely with the delegates, urging them to consider the climatic and other attractions of the plains city before deciding to go elsewhere. Mr. Lowden claimed 32 of the 54 members for Chicago, while on the other hand the Kansas City delegation contended that Chicago had only 13 delegates pledged, while Kansas City was sure of no fewer than 25 with a long list of unpledged and uncertain members to draw from. There were, however, evidences of a tendency on the part of eastern and southern metropolitans to vote for Chicago, and towards the Illinois center, and it was asserted that city would even get some votes from the far west.

CALLED TO ORDER.

The committee was called to order by Chairman New at 10:15 and Gov. Murphy was immediately recognized to present the report of his committee on the retirement of Chairman Corydon. He expressed the regret of the committee, congratulated Mr. Corydon on his increasing honors that have come to him and closed by expressing a wish for long life for him. The resolution

presented by Mr. Babcock of Wisconsin on behalf of the committee appointed to take appropriate action on the death of former Chairman Henry C. Payne.

DENVER NAMED.

After the committees on the method of selecting delegates from the District of Columbia, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands had made reports the roll of states was called for the presentation of names of cities as candidates for the national convention. The first response was made from Colorado and Mr. Mills of Denver was recognized to put that city in nomination. He said that Denver wanted the convention not for the purpose of selling town lots, but on account of a sincere desire to entertain the convention. Denver offered to contribute \$100,000 toward the expenses of the convention, \$25,000 to be paid within 10 days after notification of selection and the balance in 30, 60 and 90 days.

CHICAGO PRESENTED.

Mr. Harper's address was received with applause as he concluded and the roll call was continued. Upon Illinois being reached Representative Lowden, the committeeman from that state, pre-

sented the claims of Chicago. He said that inasmuch as probably all the delegates had attended conventions in that city it was fortunately unnecessary for him to dwell upon facilities of all kinds as they were already known. He reminded them that this would be the first convention since 1888, when it had not been known for months in advance what was going to transpire. "Hence," he said, "the interest will be greater than in any convention for many years past and hence the necessity for the fullest possible facilities."

These, he added, Chicago can abundantly supply.

Mr. Lowden said that Chicago being practically the

KANSAS CITY'S CLAIMS.

T. J. Atkins, member from Missouri, spoke briefly for Kansas City, and the introduced Senator Wagner of that

state, who, he said, was one of the fruits of the Republican party in Missouri. Both Mr. Atkins and Senator Warner were received with loud applause and catcalls, showing the Kansas City's delegation was present in full force. Senator Warner spoke of the delightful climate of Chicago and Denver, but he said he was making a bid from Kansas City in which Missouri had great pride. Kansas City he declared, had a hall which could

early accommodate 25,000 persons. Mr. H. M. Hendley, mayor of Kansas City, and National Committeeman Mulvane strongly pleaded for Kansas City.

CALL OF STATES.

At 1:15 the call of states was concluded as the hall closed and outsiders preparatory to taking the ballot.

Chicago was selected as the place for holding the national Republican convention by the following vote:

Chicago 22; Kansas City, 17; Denver, 4.

After the vote was announced, Chicago was declared the choice of the committee by acclamation.

Nothing was said in the committee as to the building in Chicago in which the convention would be held, beyond the question of a telegram from Messrs. Haywood and Upham, guaranteeing the Coliseum with 14,000 chairs but no hall, and the fact that the convention will be held in the Coliseum. The telegram is regarded as fixing the location.

The date of the convention is fixed for June 16, 1908.