



On Tuesday, June 19, about 20,000 loyal and enthusiastic Republicans will gather in Philadelphia. They will proceed, in the deliberate manner of all large bodies, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President.

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Only about 900 of those present will be authorized delegates. As many more will be alternates. A hundred or so will serve as officers of the convention. The other 18,000 will stand around, talk a great deal, shout whenever there is opportunity and add to the general picturesqueness and importance of the affair.

This will be the twelfth national convention held by the Republican party The first one was held in Philadel The first one was held in Philadel-phia, as this one will be. That was in 1856, when John C. Fremont was nominated. Philadelphia has not had a



Republican national convention since 1872, when Grant was unanimously renominated.

Like the convention of 1872, it is expected that the coming one will be sim-ply a grand ratification meeting at which the McKinley administration will be indersed and the present chief executive named as a candidate to succeed himself.

Philadelphia wanted this convention so much that she paid \$100,000 in cash and is to spend nearly as much more in entertainment. One of the chief items of expense is the provision of the convention hall. You may count on the fingers of one hand the build-

that the speaker may be seen from any point in the building, the speakers' platform being placed well forward. The committee has also given care-ful attention to the matter of handling the crowds at the hall, and extensive accounted as a building to be

arrangements are being made to inuliding to those having credentials r tickets and to obviate all crowding difficulty in reaching seats.

The delegates will be arranged ac-cording to States, each State having a separate section, in the center of which will rise a big placard bearing the States are

State's name, very much as sections are arranged at stock exchanges. Provision is made for a small army of newspaper men and telegraphers, so that the will of the convention may be announced to the country the moment a platform is generated and conditates platform is accepted and candidates tre chosen.

The convention hall is located at Thirty-third and South streets, within fifteen minutes' ride of the heart of the city, and, surrounded by the various buildings of Philadelphia's most noted seat of learning, the University of Pennsylvania. Only half a square away is the magnificent University museum, recently opened in memory of the late Dr. Pepper, and Franklin field, the scene of many hard fought intercollegiate contests, is directly across the street. But a little farther removed are laboratories, dispensaries, hospitals and other buildings devoted to intellectual development.

National conventions are always cost-ly. It has been estimated that the people of the United States spend more than \$10,000,000 once in every four years merely on the business of nomi-nating presidential candidates. This seems almost improbable until you begin to reckon up the various items.

gin to reckon up the various items. Let us say, for example, that 20,000 Republicans will go to Philadelphia. Each one will spend on an average \$20 in car fare, which, considering the round trip and the fact that they come from California, from Maine and from Texas, is conservative. There is an item of \$400,000 at once item of \$400,000 at once.

Suppose, in the three or four days that they remain in the convention city, they spend an average of \$10 each. There you have \$200,000 more.

Now, take account of the telegraph tolls on the columns of news distons on the countries of news dis-patches sent from the convention to every section of the country. In 1596 it is estimated that the newspapers of the country paid for their convention news \$66,250, and this does not in-clude the salaries of the reporters.

These are only a few of the expenses, but you can see how they foot up. Yes, we pay well for our political excleenent, but where is the economist who would suggest curtailing of ex-penses? What would he leaves out? No, we could not spare the big growds. the pages of printed reports, the music, the fireworks or the refreshments. These are the things upon which partisan spirit feeds.

eral, commanding the national guard of Ohio; chairman of the Republican committee of the State, the representa-tive from the Ninetcenth or Garfield, Wade and Giddings district, and sec-retary of the national committee. In-cidentally ft may be observed that this active young man is also a member of a law firm and does his share of the work so that his two partners have no work, so that his two partners have no cause to complain. If Senator Hanna's rheumatism puts

a veto on the President's request that he manage next year's campaign, it is a moral certainty that Mr. Mc-Kinley will asit Dick to undertake the herculean task. Even if the senator remains at the head of the committee, the ubiquitous and never ruffied Dick will be the chief of staff. - He will be the Kitchener of the campaign. Dick was chief of sinff in 1896, although nominally he was but an assistant sec-retary of the national committee. Wil-liam McKinley Gaborae, now consul general at London, held the title.

Another member of the national Republican committee who will be in the forefront of things at Philadelphia in June is First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath, who is chair-man of the committee on organization and literature. Mr. Heath is a well known newspaper man who is slated

the convention's subcommittee of the national committee. All matters of gen-eral convention policy are discussed and settled by the subcommittee, but the carrying out of the details is intrusted to the sergeant-at-arms solely. In short, the sergeant-at-arms is in the way of doing either a good deal of good or a good deal of harm, according to his



begins his work long before the con-

vention meets, and he is a figure of prominence every moment it is in ses-

patronage at his command, but this

other functionary gives it out in chunks. His title would be far more

ocurate were he termed the conven-

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tion's business manager.

The chairman has almost

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.



soll, in which he named the Plumed Knight of Maine, is counted among the Tel. 665. political classics. It was at this con-vention that the Cameron forces were held so strongly together that when Indiana gave her vote to Hayes at the fifth ballot the stampede of delegates followed and the dark horse came under the wire. The Republican convention of 1960 will be more apt to reproduce some-thing of the scene at Chicago when in 1868 Grant was first nominated. The

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Grant convention was full of the en-thusiasm that must inevitably associate with the name of the victorious general of a great war. There was no contest, and the spectacle was rather a mass of the Union and the end of the term of the almost impeached Johnson than a convention of a political party. For hours the vast assembly did litTHE DENVER & RIO GRANDE R.R. "Scenic Line of the World,"

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ings large enough and at the same time suitable for accommodating a na-(ional political convention. Chicago has one and New York has another but both these cities have come to the conclusion that political conventions are expensive luxuries. They do not

Generally it has been found necessary to put up a building especially for convention purposes. These tempora-ry structures have often been barnlike ramshackle affairs, lacking ventilation, acoustic properties and all comfortable qualities. In them the delegates have sweltered and anticipated sudden death from collapsed walls. It is almost

seeses architectural attractions, but is solidly built. The Philadelphians in-

solidity built. The Philadelphians in-sist, too, that the big auditorium which is to be created under its roor will have all sorts of desirable qualities. The auditorium was originally used as the main exposition building and was divided into several halls. Out of these the carbenters have constructed one manumoth hall wing these space

one mammoth hall with a floor space of \$3,500 feet and a seating capacity of

of \$8,500 feet and a scaling capacity of 18,000. The floor will be elevated in there, and there will be numerous large aisles. There will also be committee forms, press bureaus and telescaph of-faces. It is costing about \$35,000 to put the building in chape. The acoustics of the great building. Which are already excellent, will be further improved by the crection of an immense counding board directly over the stace, and experts claim that the the stace, and experts claim that the thore of any hall over used for a simi-lar purpose. The new stage will be semicircular and raised in steps, so

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The machinery of a great political convention is very simple in theory and very complex in practice. lights

In theory you have the nine hundred and odd delegates who meet, organize into a body, prepare a platform in which they set forth the political principles of the party and proceed to bal-lot for candidates. The man who gets the most votes is chosen as the standbearer. Why, a school boy could understand

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that. But actually a national convention is something very different. It is much more subtle. The influence which one strong mind has over others, the evolution of an intangible and

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Financially his responsibilities are heavy, since besides the large amounts he pays out in local expenses he has to arrange in a measure for the expenditure of several times as much more and thus the total expenses of a con-cention may be greatly increased or decreased by the sergeant-at-arms. It certainly may be said with truth that he must be a man of exceptional judg-

nent, great capacity and unusual ex-If the duties of the convention ser

geant-at-arms were fully indicated by the foregoing paragraphs, he would have comparatively an easy time, but his work would be only partially done were he to stop with getting the hall in good order and making the arrange-

ments for the press. Providing for the comfort and con-venience of the delegates is really the most important of all his tasks. This involves arranging the seats in the body of the hall and the galleries so that all shall be satisfied and furnishing the various subcommittee rooms and the like. There are tickets and and the like. There are touched and badges to be printed, and, though you might not think it, this is a job of no small magnitude. Giving out the con-tract for printing the tickets is one of the first things attended to. It has already been looked after by the Re-It has publican sergeant-at-arms of this year's convention and probably by the cor-responding Democratic functionary

Arrangements have also to be made by the sergeant-at-arms with the ho-tels as to headquarters for the various delegations and with the rallroads con-cerning rates of fare and the running of special trains. Cordial relations must be cultivated with the local police and fire departments, and there are almost numberless other matters of detail that the convention's business manager must see carried through to successful finish. The appointing of assistant ser-

geants-at-arms is by no means one of the least of his troubles. There are generally 150 of these at least, appor-tioned among the various States, and the demand for places on the staff of the convention's manager is avtremely the convention's manager is extremely lively. Nominally he decides who shall serve, but actually his decisions are based upon the recommendations of the delegates. Each of these is almost sure to ask for more places than can be given, and the sergeant-at-arms sometimes has a hard time to avoid making enemies in rejecting those for whom places cannot be found, Unlike the deputy sergeants-at-arms

Unlike the deputy sergeants-at-arms and the doorkeepers, the office help, messengers, watchmen and scrubwom-en are paid for their services, but the sergeant-at-arms himself receives no direct pay. His expenses are borne by the committe, but he goes through all the work and worry of getting the con-vention preliminaries into shape and keeping the crowds in good order dur-ing its sessions for the honor there is ing its sessions for the honor there is in it and the wide acquaintance it will

is own party. Because of these things the place is in great demand every four years, and some of the liveliest fights in the bis-tory of the two national committees have been waved over the conflicting. have been waged over the conflicting titles of various candidates.

The man who will act as sergeant-at-arms for the coming Philadelphia con-vention is Mr. George N. Wiswell, of Milwaukee. He has acknowledged ability for organization and executive work. In the handling of political conventions he is already experienced, having been assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Republican national conventions at Chicago in 1888, at Minneapolis in 1892 and at St. Louis in 1896.

Sergeant-at-arms Wiswell will have the assistance and advice of Colonel Swords, who has probably had more experience in the direction of conventions than any other man in the cours-

Among other members of the Republican national committee who will be very much in evidence in Philadelphia during the convention is Major Charles Dick. Major Dick is at all times a busy man, and he will be very much

of the Republican party. The conven-tion which nominated John C. Fre-

mont was much unlike a modern national convention. In the first place, there were less than 600 delegates as-sembled, and they by no means represented the whole country.

The issues which then made politics so stirring have been so long dead that they have almost been forgotten. At the beginning of the year 1856

there were four parties in the eastern States-the Democrats, the Whigs, the Know Nothings and the Republicans. The Whigs and Democrats inclined to

unite against the Republicans, who were fast gaining strength. Most of the Know Nothings joined the Repub-licans. In the west, except in Ohio,

tle but stand on its feet and cheer and sing patriotic songs. Old Jesse Grant, father of the general, stood near the front of the stage, the tears coursing down his cheeks, witnessing the gioriication of his son.

Only once in the history of Repubconventions has that scene been equaled, and that was in Minneapolis in 1892 when more than 10,000 people cheered for a full half hour as they chanted, with a pretty woman standing on a chair and beating time, that familiar slogan of -

## Blaine Blaine, James G. Blaine!

And the delegates, after they had shouled themselves into an exhausted condition in repeating the name of Biaine, voted for Harrison when the time came.

This year there will be more than unusual interest in the contest for sec-ond place on the ticket. We are con-stantly told that the Vice President is a mere figurehead, and that the Senate rostrum is the top shelf of political oblivion. Yet there is never a lack of oblivion. Set there is never a tack of aspirants for this discredited post. As a matter of fact, there are few men whose political ambitions are so lofty that they would scorn the Vice Presi-dency, so we may except a lively scramble for the place.

There is also certain to be a lively interest in the building of the platform. No party was ever so wholly united that varying ideas as to party policy have been eliminated. There are al-ways radicals and conservatives. So at Philadelphia there is bound to be much talk about the planks which go to make up the platform.

What will be the nature of the dramatic scene which will make this con-vention unlike all others? No one can tell. For this reason the country at large walts with interest the turning

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vention Sometimes the deep laid, well matured plans of strong leaders-plans which have been months in the mold-ing, which have been perfected secret-ly at midnight-are forced upon the surprised delegates and driven through

several thousand usually calm, self-possessed men are hypnotized into following her lead.

Probably the most unsubstantial honand yet one highly prized is that bestowed on the chelrman of a national In the first place, the honor is brief. The permanent chairman is not selected until the convertion is organized. Then for a few brief hours he is much observed. His name is on all tongues. But then come the nominating orators with their pyrotechnics of eloquence, the fever interest of the balloting, and before the chairman real-izes it the great body which has set

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by sheer strength. Then, again, it is a half hysterical woman who only jumps on a chair and shouts and waves her parasol while

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PEERY S. HEATH. [Chairman of committee on organization and liberature.]

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where the Whigs still prevalled, the parties were Democratic and Republic-an. In the south the American party absorbed the Whig strength. The first Republican convention was anomalous in American history. Its delegates were not chosen by any set rule, and no regard was paid to the number of votes to which a State was entitled. All the northern States were represented. John C. Fremont was nominated for President. An informal ballot was taken for Vice President. It resulted in 259 for William L. Day-ton of New Jersey, 110 for Abraham



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