

EUGENE V. DEBS NAMED BY SOCIALISTS FOR PRESIDENT



For President Eugene V. Debs Of Terre Haute, Ind. For Vice President Benjamin Hanford Of New York.

With a tumult of cheers that shook the building the foregoing candidates for President and Vice President of the United States were nominated by the Socialists at their national convention in Chicago May 5.

George D. Herron of New York placed Debs in nomination and was seconded by James F. Carey of Massachusetts. H. F. Titus of Seattle nominated Hanford and was seconded by Morris Hillquit of New York. No other nominations were made and Debs and Hanford were declared the national standard bearers by a unanimous vote.

The national platform was adopted as reported by the platform committee. It is an enunciation of the cardinal principles of socialism, its vital declarations being as follows: We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the only political movement standing for the programme and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic and that has for its purpose the democratizing of the whole society.

To this idea of liberty the Republican and Democratic parties are alike false. They alike struggle for power

Whitney's House is Sold. The residence of the late W. C. Whitney, corner of Sixty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, New York city, has been bought by James Henry Smith for something over \$2,000,000. Mr. Whitney expended over \$3,500,000 on it, most of the money going to the embellishment of the interior. Mr. Smith takes the house with all its contents, except a painting by Van Dyck, for which Mr. Whitney paid \$100,000. It was inevitable that the Whitney house should be sold, as the Whitney sons are already provided with magnificent houses and the establishment is too extensive and costly for the daughters to maintain.

Plans Smith Family Reunion. The Smith family, not specifically, but generally, will assemble in Louisville this fall, if the plan of John Cabell Smith, a wealthy Kentuckian, is concurred in by the Smiths at large. Smith has issued a general invitation through the press to the Smiths of the country to assemble in Louisville for a three days' reunion, and he will defray all the expenses of entertainment. He says he is willing to spend \$25,000 on his project, but that he will drop it unless he receives assurances that the Smith family of the United States will be represented by a fair proportion of those bearing the name.

Not Debate—Just Language. The late Speaker Reed was once encountered by a friend in an uptown hotel late in the evening while the house was in the throes of a terrific tariff debate. It was supposed to be the very crisis of the struggle. "How is it," this gentleman asked of the speaker, "that you are not at the house and within range of that debate?" "Debate," repeated the speaker contemptuously, "that's only language—only language," with which laconic remark he dismissed the subject.

to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have and by the still further enslavement of labor.

As an American Socialist party we pledge our fidelity to the principles of international socialism. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom except in the complete triumph of the working classes.

The Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increases of wages; for the insurance of the worker against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of incomes, inheritances, and of franchise and land values, the proceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the conditions of the workers' children, and their freedom from the workshop, for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor.

A resolution favoring trades unionism was adopted by the convention by a vote of 107 to 53.

Debs began life as a railroad fireman and came into prominence in 1894 as leader of the A. R. U. strike which tied up the majority of the railroads of the country. He has been a lecturer in recent years. His home is in Terre Haute. Hanford is a linotype operator in a New York job office. He was candidate for governor of New York on the Socialist ticket in 1900 and in 1902.

The new constitution was adopted. The changes from the old constitution were slight. The national secretary's salary was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The picture shows some of the more important members of the party as they appeared in the convention.

Eyelets Sold by the Million. "Eyelets," said a manufacturer in Centre street, "are, like needles, pins and matches, sold by the million instead of by the pound. I don't suppose anybody could tell how many million eyelets are sold every year in New York, but the number is prodigious. Eyelets are made for a variety of uses, from the huge white metal hoops sewed into the corners of ships' sails to the tiny eyelets for the dainty slipper of a baby. The greatest number of eyelets made are, of course for shoes. They are put up in boxes of 100,000, 250,000 and 500,000. Only those proportions are packed. They cost anywhere from \$50 to \$130 a million."—New York Times.

Self-willed Heir to Throne. There has been so much talk of late regarding Emperor William's health that the subject is likely to be matter of moment in the fatherland for some time. Collaterally the public eye has been directed toward his eldest son, the crown prince. This young man is almost 22 years old, credited with being of a somewhat romantic bent and not at all disposed to wed for years. A young bachelor kaiser who believed in marrying as he pleased could do so without troubling about Hohenzollern regulations framed long ago.

Live Plainly and Live Long. In an autograph letter Senator Wark, the centenarian senator of Canada, assigns his longevity to plain food and regular habits. He says he has been accustomed to eat oatmeal porridge and milk for breakfast and still makes it the principal part of his morning meal, followed by a single cup of black tea and a slice of bread. A piece of fowl or fish with a cup of tea forms his midday meal. In the evening he has a cup of tea and a slice of bread. He retires regularly at 10 o'clock and rises at half past 7.

SUNDAY PAPERS ARE OPPOSED

Methodists Object to Their Advertisements in Christian Advocate.

MEMBERSHIP OVER 3,000,000

Many Reforms Are Discussed by the Delegates, Including the Appointment of a Colored Bishop—Missionary Exhibit Is Comprehensive.

Los Angeles, Cal., special: The reading of the episcopal address by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss occupied the entire time of the Thursday morning session of the Methodist general conference. The address, which was prepared and concurred in by all of the bishops, was a voluminous and comparative resume of church conditions for the last quadrennium and recommended action on matters affecting the church militant and policy.

Dr. George Elliott of Detroit presented a memorial to the effect that the committee on episcopal consider the advisability of the election of a colored bishop.

Charles P. McClelland of New York, lay delegate, spoke in opposition to Dr. Elliott's resolution.

Oppose Sunday Papers.

A resolution was offered by Rev. Horace Jacobs of central Pennsylvania conference to request the pub-

UNITED STATES STEEL SYNDICATE DISSOLVES

Underwriters Lose \$10,000,000 in Conversion of Stock Into Bonds of the Big Concern.

New York special: Members of the syndicate formed to convert United States steel stock into bonds have been notified of its dissolution by J. P. Morgan & Co. and have been asked for payment. It is believed generally in Wall street that the syndicate has suffered a loss, and the amount is estimated from \$10,000,000 to \$24,000,000. It is not easy to make an exact statement of general results, inasmuch as this varies with individual members according to the price paid by them for the preferred stock which they put in.

It will be remembered that the syndicate undertook to guarantee the subscription of \$100,000,000 5 per cent bonds, paying therefor 80 per cent in preferred stock, taken at par, and 20 per cent in cash. The syndicate has turned in its preferred stock, for which it received bonds, but its total payment of cash will amount to something more than \$9,000,000, for which it receives \$20,000,000 bonds. Assuming, for purposes of argument, that the preferred stock turned in cost on the average 95, and that the bonds which it receives are worth 75, the syndicate operations would represent a loss of about 10 per cent. The loss would be smaller in so far as some members of the syndicate may have paid less than 95 for their preferred, while, on the other hand, some may have paid more.

The dissolution of the stock conversion syndicate will, it is reckoned,

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

GIVE MATRON A MERRY CHASE FIGHT OVER SALOON LICENSE

Incorrigible Boys Climb Fence to Escape Their Pursuer.

Police Matron Mrs. S. Demuth pursued two runaway boys a mile and a half. They had been sent to Alton from Springfield for detention in an institution for orphans, because of their incorrigibility. The boys had not been in the institution one hour before they escaped and took refuge with a farmer a mile and a half from North Alton. Notice was given the Alton police, and Mrs. Demuth overtook them, but during a conversation they ran away again. Finally the boys climbed a high barbed wire fence, and the matron was obliged to give up the chase.

BURGLARS CRACK FOUR SAFES

Get \$1,000 and Stamps and Postal Orders at Lafayette.

Burglars blew open the safes in the postoffice and three stores in Lafayette, Stark county securing \$1,000 in money, \$250 in stamps and 200 blank postal money orders. They escaped without arousing the town. Two suspicious characters were arrested at Alpha, near the scene of the robbery, and when searched the stamps and money orders were found upon them. A deputy United States marshal has gone to Alpha. One of them gives the name of Noogan.

Jacksonville Scores Most Points.

The sixth annual meet of the West ern Illinois High School league, held at Jacksonville, was won by Jacksonville, with Rushville second and Virginia third. The contests were held on the Illinois college campus, and the schools represented were Barry, Beardstown, Griggsville, Jacksonville, Petersburg, Pittsfield, Rushville, Virginia and Winchester. Two thousand people saw the events.

G. A. R. Men to Visit Fair.

J. S. Chandler Post, G. A. R., of Salem has voted to attend the St. Louis World's Fair on Old Soldier's day, May 29, and an effort will be made to get every member of the post to go. Gen. James S. Martin, former department commander of Illinois, has been invited to lead the local post, of which he is a member. The post will observe Decoration day on Saturday, May 28.

HEADS ROYAL ARCANUM.

Wilford C. Shurtleff, just elected grand regent of the Illinois Royal Arcanum, as vice president of Morrison, Plummer & Co., Chicago, is well known in business circles. He is a member of Oulmetee Council in Wil-

Wrangle in Greenville Council Cause Mayor to Leave the Chamber.

A wrangle in the Greenville city council between the license and anti-license factions resulted in Mayor De Moulin and Aldermen Van Dusen and Leidel leaving the council. Alderman Bass was immediately placed in the chair as mayor pro tem, by the four temperance aldermen. Alderman Bass then appointed the committee and also made the city appointments of J. Dowell, cemetery sexton, and W. E. Davis, night watchman. An ordinance was passed combining the offices of city marshal, superintendent of the streets, health inspector and superintendent of the waterworks into one, at the salary of \$15 a month. There are no applicants for the position.

REV. BYRON ALDEN.

Rev. Byron Alden, aged nearly 98 years, died of pneumonia, at the home



of his daughter, Mrs. Martha Wood, in Sireator. For sixty seven years he had been a Methodist preacher.

Waterson Overlooks Data.

The board of directors of the Centralia township high school will make a demand for damages, it is said, from Henri Waterson and the Southern Lyceum bureau of Louisville, Ky. The board signed a contract for a lecture by Mr. Waterson before the graduating class on the evening of May 4. The same was extensively advertised and the opera house was well filled, but Mr. Waterson failed to appear and the money paid for admissions had to be refunded.

Divides Large Estate.

The will of the late Mrs. Cordelia Hoover of Taylorville has been filed for probate in the county court. The estate is valued at \$800,000. An annuity of \$2,000 is given David Hoover, husband of the testatrix. Various sums, ranging from \$50 to \$200 are given to friends and church societies. The rest of the estate is to be divided equally among the five children of the testatrix. Ernest Hoover, a son, is named as executor of the will.

Syndicate Buys Mine.

S. G. Gillespie of Greenville has announced that he has sold the Smithson coal mine to a syndicate headed by O. B. Guthrie of St. Louis and that it is the purpose of the company to put in at least \$50,000 in repairs at once and the proposition of installing a briquette plant is under consideration. Mr. Gillespie recently won a suit brought by W. S. Haynes of St. Louis for a half interest.

To War on Mosquitoes.

Health Officer Mack of Alton will wage a campaign against mosquitoes this spring and summer by putting coal oil on all pools where it is said the insects thrive. The matter has been called to the attention of the health department and a vigorous crusade will be made in hope of reducing the danger of malaria.

Colored Woman 106 Years Old.

Mrs. Mary Ferrill, a colored woman of Marion, observed her 106th birthday anniversary May 5. She is the oldest resident of Coles county and perhaps of southeastern Illinois. She was born in Alabama and for the greater part of her life was a slave, being the property of four different masters.

Adams County Prohibitionists.

The Adams county Prohibitionists have nominated the following ticket: E. L. Gresh of Keene for county recorder; Rev. W. H. Day, Quincy, circuit clerk; J. L. Staker, Clayton, state's attorney; E. A. Grummon, Quincy, surveyor; Dr. J. G. Williams, Quincy, coroner.

Apple Growers' Convention.

The Mississippi Valley Apple Growers' association will have a spring meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms in Quincy on Thursday, May 19.

Dishonor for Militiamen.

Four men in company H, 5th regiment of Decatur, have been given dishonorable discharges because they did not attend drills. An election for a second lieutenant of the company has been ordered for May 11.

Death of a Church Worker.

Mrs. Rebecca R. Drennan, an old and well known resident of Decatur, is dead. With her late husband, she had organized five Congregational churches in different parts of the county.

WILL THE TREE BREAK?



Cleveland Leader

publishers of the Daily Christian Advocate, the official organ of the conference, to withdraw from its advertising columns all reference to Sunday newspapers. One of the publishers of the Advocate gave assurance that if the resolution would be withdrawn there would be no further cause for complaint.

The reading of the quadrennial address of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church to the general conference was the feature of the day's session. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss of Philadelphia read the address.

The present membership of the church was reported as 3,031,918, an increase of 128,025 in four years. The Sunday schools include an aggregate of 3,124,644.

Missionary Exhibit. Warnings were given against the current evils of the time, political corruption, the liquor traffic, the tyranny of trades unionism, the greed of unscrupulous employers, lynching, the negro question and Mormonism.

An important feature of the day's proceedings was the opening of the magnificent missionary exhibit in the building formerly occupied by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. This exhibit is one of the most interesting ever made on the Pacific coast and surpasses anything of the sort attempted at former conferences. The exhibit is under the personal supervision of Secretary S. Earl Taylor of the open door emergency commission.

Bishop Andrews Presides. The exercises at the formal opening in the afternoon were conducted by Bishop E. G. Andrews of New York, chairman. Bishop Joseph C. Hartsell of Africa and Dr. A. B. Leonard, secretary of the missionary society, delivered addresses.

Frank Moss, ex-police commissioner of New York and ay member of the New York delegation, who was taken suddenly ill with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism on the trip west, is in a serious condition at the Deaconess' hospital.

Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Ford, presiding elder from Oregon, is also confined to his room with a serious illness. It is estimated that there are 20,000 delegates and visitors here.

CUBA IS TO KEEP OUT PRIESTS

Senate Bill Forbids Landing of Those Who Are Not Natives.

Havana cable: The anti-clerical party in the senate returned to the charge with a new bill against the religious organizations, providing, among other things, for the prevention of the landing in Cuba of priests who are not natives of the island, and that the property of the churches and religious orders shall be assessed and taxed.

result in the delivery of about \$50,000,000 bonds to the members of the syndicate May 17.

NEW MISSION BOARD IS NAMED

Lutheran Conference at Galesburg Selects Synodical Delegates.

Galesburg, Ill., dispatch: Delegates were selected at the annual meeting of the Illinois conference of the Evangelical Lutheran church to the annual meeting of the Augusta synod, to be held June 2 at Lindsay, Kan. Twenty-five clergymen and an equal number of laymen will constitute the delegation from the Illinois conference. The following members of the executive board of missions were named: The Rev. O. V. Holmgren, the Rev. M. Noyd, the Rev. T. J. Brodine, O. P. Olson, G. A. Godline and Samuel Anderson. Seven new congregations were admitted to the conference. Sandwich, Ill.; Irving Park, Chicago; Lebanon of Craigton; Sault Ste. Marie; Manhen, Wis.; McAllister, Wis., and Jennings, Wis.

DRIVES WIRE INTO HIS HEART

Slayer of Wife and Daughter is Foiled in Attempt at Suicide.

La Crosse, Wis., dispatch: Determined never to spend his life in prison, Henry Morrison, murderer of his wife and daughter, attempted to commit suicide in the Richland Central jail by driving an electric light wire into his heart. He was severely burned by the current. He then attempted to drive the wire through his skull into his brain, but was thwarted by the sheriff.

Paper From Pumpkins.

Appleton, Wis., dispatch: Advice is received by paper mill men that a rather interesting substitute for pulp wood and rags will shortly be placed on the market. The substitute will be pumpkins. The juice will be manufactured into syrup and the residue will be used for paper pulp.

Baby Smothers in a Well.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, dispatch: The 2-year-old babe of W. H. Doe fell down a fifty-foot twelve-inch tile well and slowly smothered to death.

CAUGHT BY LAUNCH IN RIVER

Fugitive Secreted by Sheriff to Avoid a Lynching.

La Crosse Wis., special: After an alleged assault on Mrs. Annie Holt of Lansing, south of this city, Emmett Wallace fled in an open boat. Sheriff Thomson and a posse pursued in a gasoline launch and overtook the fellow as he neared Harper's Ferry. He was brought back in chains and secreted to prevent a threatened attempt at summary vengeance.



WILFORD C. SHURTLEFF

metts, of the school board of which town Mr. Schurtleff is president. He is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias, and also is a member of the Drug Trade Club and a director of the Chicago Credit Men's Association.

Sustains Assessment.

The Illinois supreme court has sustained the Marion county board of assessments in the matter of the increase of the assessment in the estate of the late H. Lee Borden. After the death of Mr. Borden, more than a year ago, the inventory of his estate placed a valuation upon his personal and real property of more than \$1,000,000.

Engages Dan Patch.

W. C. Garrard, secretary of the state board of agriculture, has secured Dan Patch, the great pacer, as an attraction at the Illinois state fair.

Lose Leg Under Train.

Gottfried Ritz, while alighting from a Wabash freight train at Decatur, fell under the wheels. His right leg was cut off.

No Saloons in Carrollton.

The city council has decided by a vote of 5 to 1 that Carrollton shall do without licensed saloons for at least one year. Saloons have been doing business here continuously since 1898. The licenses expire May 15.

Honor for Religious Teacher.

Prof. Louis Wiegman, instructor of the Evangelical parochial school at Hoyleton, has been re-elected treasurer of the Southern Illinois conference of the German Evangelical church.