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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

"THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION"

Anaheim Kiwanis---July 22, 1924

*Chas*  
*Anahim*  
*Keweenaw* "The Republican National Convention."

A word about National Convention of great political party. *Great Conventions - 1850*

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Supposed to be a representative body of the party. Delegates from every State and Territory. These chosen from among party's leading men and women.

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First time women had equal representation from all States. Women had gone from California even 8 years ago.

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Over 2000 delegates and alternates.

California had 29 delegates and as many alternates

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My vote.

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California delegation left San Francisco by Special Train June 4th, going direct to Cleveland.

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Received by Committee and escorted to hotels. Some of the leaders had arrived few days before, but we were among early delegations. Soon Hotel lobbies were filled and until the close of the Convention delegates and visitors milled about Hotel corridors until late in the night.

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The Convention Hall.

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Sessions opened on time as scheduled.

National anthem played, Sousa leading band.

Sung by vast multitude. Easily detect

Kiwanians and Rotarians by attention at which they stood.

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Mr. Adams, Chairman of National Committee called Convention to order. Prayer was offered.

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Congressman Burton nominated as Temporary Chairman and to the amusement of the Convention, he was escorted to the platform before motion was put.

Burton made keynote speech lasting 2 hours.

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Then announced Convention open for business.

Committees were appointed. Credentials, organization and resolutions.

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Secretary Mellon offered resolution.

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Adjourned

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2nd Day. Mr. Mondell elected Chairman.

Made short speech and reports of Committees heard and acted upon. Committee on resolutions or platform not ready. Adjourned until evening.

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Platform offered and adopted. Minority platform. *Five able gentlemen - new recruits*

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3rd Day. Last Day

President Burton of Michigan University placed President Coolidge in nomination. Speech fresh, polished and highly interesting. Boyhood companions Gave many interesting incidents of life and side lights on character.

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At the close Convention broke into bedlam. Delegates yelled, shouted and marched about for 20 minutes.

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Unique in that only one man placed in nomination, although LaFollette had a few votes - 44 and Coolidge 1065 - 555 majority. Usual interest in selecting candidate wanting.

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Later session Lowden selected as Vice President. Just before adjournment, a telegram came declining. Said the first time mad had refused.

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It was thought Convention work completed but this action on part of Lowden changed matters and recess taken until 10 o'clock that night. Vote taken resulted in Dawes being selected. When balloting began no one thought seriously of Dawes, but 3 States in succession voted for him, which started the ball rolling, ending in a stampede for him.

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Our delegation the night before decided for Hoover, but at 12 o'clock received wire declining. They then voted to present my name but I had declined. - *Rickson* -

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Convention while not void of enthusiasm was a quiet affair in comparison to the one our Democratic friends held, or the general run of Conventions. Remember Convention of 1880.

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On account of Wisconsin delegation, considerable noise was made at one session.

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The City hospitable - entertainment of every sort provided. Boat rides, theatres, golf parties, sight-seeing trips - everything free to delegates and visitors.

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