

to meet in Chicago, Aug. 3.

The purpose of this convention, according to the call, will be to elect Illinois delegates to the Roosevelt national convention and presidential electors.

Sounds like the Trib was really playing the progressive game, doesn't it? Until you examine the call for that state convention a little closer.

The state convention is to nominate national delegates and electors, but **IS NOT** to nominate a state ticket.

Thus leaving Charles Tribune Deneen as the whole Republican convention in Illinois.

For the county and ward conventions to elect delegates to the state convention will be held July 27, and Medill McCormick will do most of the holding of those conventions.

Far be it from any mere citizen to hint that Medill and Deneen between them might pack these county and ward conventions against a third state ticket proposition. But some people don't mind saying it all the same.

The first person to say it and to refuse to sign the state convention call was Charles E. Merriam.

The people of Chicago have been told about 16 million times that Merriam is a schoolmaster and doesn't know anything about practical politics.

Maybe Merriam does, and maybe Merriam doesn't. But after yesterday's conference jockeyed the progressive state ticket out of existence Merriam promptly withdrew from the conference.

Anyway, it's a bad year to say a schoolmaster can't play politics. Ask Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall, N'Yawk, if it isn't.

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**HE WAS WISE.**



Society Leader—I am very averse to having my name in the paper.

Reporter—Oh, certainly. Now one more matter—can you let me have your picture to use with it?

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Little Willie's sister was being baptized. Everything went well until Willie happened to catch a glimpse of the water in the font, when he peered about anxiously and finally exclaimed in a piping voice, audible to the whole congregation:

"Where's the soap?"

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London contains more Scotsmen than Aberdeen, more Irishmen than Dublin, more Jews than Palestine, and more Roman Catholics than Rome