The Republicans nominated Theodore Roosevelt on the 32nd ballot after a 14-hour deadlock.

The famous bicycle race, which had been a favorite pastime of the Cleveland stoop boys, was turned into a war of nerves and strategy.

Two straight days of rain caused the Cuyahoga River to flood on June 23. The Nickel Plate Railroad Bridge was washed away and ships were swept into the lake. Total losses: $350,000.

Barney Oldfield, in a Winston Bulletin, and a rival named Mercer, in a Peerless, competed for the right to represent Cleveland in the Benzol-Gold Cup race in Germany by racing each other in ten-mile segments. In the end, Oldfield got the win by 75 mph, but it was a narrow margin.

The Akron Industrial College was formed, with a goal of educating girls in technical fields.

The age of the bicycle wasn’t over. On May 22, “old-timer” Ed Eakley, a 13-year-old with a brand-new bicycle, brought out 20 riders, some on high-speeds.

The Labor Day Parade on Sept. 6 drew 15,000 marchers. The number of Clevelanders who had reached 100 – 62,000 – was in line with the American Federation of Labor, 4.4 times the Knights of Labor and 28 unaffiliated.

The original Hermit Club, before it was torn down in 1926.

The notorious — and devious — Cassie Chadwick, above, was in front of her husband’s practice when she noticed someone nearby that she identified as the illegitimate daughter of multimillionaire Andrew Carnegie.

Andrea Carnegie (see box) was the illegitimate daughter of Andrew Carnegie.

Cassie Chadwick enjoyed signing checks with Andrew Carnegie’s name. This $5 million check was written in 1902.