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## LEADERS AGREE ON COMPROMISE

### LOUISIANA DEAL IS FINALLY DECIDED UPON.

What is Considered a Victory for Taft But What Anti-Taft Men Claim for Theirs, Occurred at Chicago Today When Louisiana Compromise Was Adopted—Warmouth Says He Will Bolt Convention Unless Something Is Done the First Split.

Chicago, June 9.—The first split since the republican national committee began hearing contests was made today when, after a hot discussion and much objection, it was finally determined to divide the Louisiana representation, but even this is considered a victory for Taft, as it leaves his men in control of the state.

The fight has fastened the name of "Lily whites" on the Taft men and the term "Black and tans" on the allies. So far as contests in the south are concerned, the decision means that Pearl Wright, a Taft supporter, will be the sole dispenser of federal patronage in Louisiana. Former Governor Warmouth of Louisiana is furious at the result. When the committee adopted the compromise resolution he was asked to accept it. "I will bolt the convention first," he said; "there can be no compromise that I could accept; it is impossible."

Warmouth says he will never enter an agreement with the black and tans. The committee took adjournment before going on with the contests, in order to allow Warmouth to cool off. The compromise gives nine votes from Louisiana to each side.

Mississippi Men Seated. The Taft delegates at large from Mississippi were seated this afternoon.

Chicago, June 9.—Efforts of the Taft men to sweep everything before them was resumed today, when the Louisiana compromise proposition, which caused adjournment Monday, was taken up by the national committee today.

Former Governor Marmouth of Louisiana, speaking for the Taft leaders, said:

"We must go into the convention with a full vote or not enter. We must rule or get out, for there can be no compromise."

Senator Charles Dick arrived today and opened headquarters for Senator J. B. Foraker, his colleague, and says that Foraker's candidacy is serious. John Montgomery in the interest of John Hays Hammond, is the only working candidate for second place on the ticket.

### Mr. Wu to Speak—Who's Wu?

Champaign, Ill., June 9.—His excellency, Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, will be the orator of the day at the University of Illinois commencement day exercises tomorrow.

### North Texas Doctors.

Denison, Texas, June 9.—One of the largest meetings in its history was opened here today by the North Texas Medical Association. More than 100 prominent physicians are in attendance.

### Iowa Labor Unions.

Clinton, Iowa, June 9.—Iowa State Federation of Labor convened in 16th annual session here this morning, with a large representation present from all the labor bodies of the state. It is expected that many important matters, including the political action of organized labor in Iowa, will be considered.

### Eight Thousand Homeless.

St. Paul, Minn., June 9.—Eight thousand are reported homeless as a result of the floods. Late reports say the river is rising hourly. Great fears are entertained for the safety of property and lives. Train and mail service are tied up here.

### NO TRAFFIC FOR A WEEK.

Butte District Still in Grip of Floods and Service is Impossible.

Butte, Mont., June 9.—It will be at least a week before traffic is resumed as a result of the damage to railroad tracks by the floods in this section of the state. The Northern Pacific has succeeded in opening its service east, but trains are stalled to some extent by landslides 20 miles from Butte.

Many new station buildings are being reconstructed along the line, and levees are being constructed along the shores of the Boulder in order to save towns from being swept away.

### SHIPS MUST SAIL.

Many of Atlantic Armada Will Leave Seattle During Coming Week.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound, June 9.—Orders have been received here to send ships of the Atlantic fleet undergoing repairs here, to San Francisco as early as possible. The Georgia leaves June 14; the Illinois on the 20th; the Wisconsin on the 22d; the Kentucky on the 25th; the Nebraska on the 27th; the Rhode Island, Virginia, New Jersey on the 28th, and the Kearsarge on the 29th.

### FIRE IN VANCOUVER.

Fortunate Turn of the Wind Saves a Large Portion of the City.

Vancouver, Wash., June 9.—A fire starting in the center of the Pittcock & Leadbetter mill at noon today caused a loss of \$250,000 and destroyed the main part of the plant. The origin of the fire is unknown. Fortunately the wind was in the right direction to save the town from burning, as only one fire engine was in the town. The fire burned several hours before the firemen were sure that adjoining property was safe. A portion of the Northern Pacific trestle was destroyed.

### Shoes Shined by Electricity.

Your shoes shined by electricity is the latest. One of these interesting devices has just been set up at the corner of 39th street and Broadway, N. Y., and every day 2000 people receive an automatic shine.

If Steve Brodie, the world's famous bootblack, could see the electric shoe-shining machine work he would turn over in his grave. The shine costs but a nickel. You step up to the machine, insert a foot in the proper opening, press the button and in less than two minutes your boots are polished even better than a bootblack could do it. The shoe-shiner is no larger than the automatic weighing machine. The machinery is contained in an upright position. On either side of the platform is a brass rail for the patron to steady himself while the shoe is being polished. The foot is thrust through an opening in the platform until it rests on a metal form. While standing with one foot in the opening the nickel is dropped in the slot and the shining begins. One set of brushes comes up and cleans the dust and mud from the shoe. The soles and heels as well as the upper part are cleaned. While they are doing this a felt brush comes up and cleans the front of the shoe. As soon as this operation is completed the brushes slip into place and a new set is ready for business. In the interval a liberal coating of blacking has been applied through tubes so that when the new brushes are in place the real shining begins. It takes less than a minute to shine one shoe.

The other foot is then inserted in the opening, the electric button is given a second push and the program is repeated. Although the patron pushes the button twice he has to drop in but one nickel as the mechanism is provided with a double release. The electric shoe-shiner is one of the most novel mechanisms ever patented, and will do the work many times better and faster than any bootblack.

### Airbrake Men.

St. Paul, Minn., June 9.—Some of the leading railroad men of the country are taking part in the session commenced here today by the American Airbrake Association. The meeting will continue four days.

## TENTATIVE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PLATFORM DRAFTED AND ENDORSED

### ENDORSEMENT OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATION POLICIES IS KEYNOTE OF TENTATIVE PLATFORM

### PROTECTION FOR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ALSO A PLANK

Washington, D. C., June 9.—Wade Ellis, attorney general of Ohio, returned from the Virginia beach today with a rough draft of the republican platform to be adopted at the Chicago convention. The substance of the platform are declarations which he drew tentatively with the approval of administration, and is as follows:

"In endorsement of the policies of the present administration." This is to be the central idea of the platform. Other features are:

"Tariff; unequivocal declaration for revision; railroads, declaration favoring reasonable traffic agreements;

without fear of prosecution; will also pronounce in favor of national control as against combination ownership; trusts; resolution condemning such combinations as create monopolies; limit of production and control of prices; finance; note congratulating country and congress on passage of the currency bill; navy, plank urging increase in fighting ships; new states—admission of Arizona and New Mexico as new states. Shipping—endorsement of the ship subsidy idea. Labor—recommendation for enactments to insure labor organizations against snap judgments by the courts in issuance of injunctions."

## OREGON DEMOCRATS LIKE COL. BRYAN

Portland, June 9.—William Jennings Bryan is the idol of Oregon democrats as demonstrated in the state convention here today. When the Nebraskan's name was mentioned the delegates went wild with enthusiasm and so much noise was made that Chairman O. P. Coshov's voice could not be heard.

Bryan will undoubtedly be endorsed before the convention adjourns. Coshov mentioned the name of Bryan in making his opening speech.

## KINGS MEET; ROYAL KISSES FOLLOW

Reval, Russia, June 9.—Traffic in the gulf of Finland was suspended today for two days to make way for the visit of King Edward to the czar. The czar and retinue arrived this morning and was joined two hours later by King Edward, who kissed the czar affectionately on both cheeks. They remained in conference for some time. Tomorrow Nicholas acts as host on the imperial yacht Standart.

London, June 9.—Although some of the British papers criticize the king for making the visit to Russia, a majority of the papers look upon the visit with favor. All attach great significance to the visit. The Pall Mall Gazette thinks the conference will have a quieting effect in India, particularly on the northwest frontier and on Afghanistan, where uprisings are frequent.

## CIRCUIT COURT HEARING LADD CASE

The circuit court today was principally occupied in hearing the case of Freeman S. Ladd of this city against J. W. Kelly of Island City. The litigation was brought by the plaintiff to recover \$275 on a note. Attorneys Ivanhoe & Hodgins appear for the plaintiff and Cochran & Cochran for the defendant.

Immediately following the termination of the case late this afternoon, the court took up the equity cases. Although a few names remain in the jury box and others are subject to recall, it is not apparent that there will be any more jury cases in the present term of the circuit court. Judge Crawford dismissed the jurors last evening, with the understanding that they may be recalled at any time.

## THREE OTHERS MAY BE VICTIMS OF TENNESSEE DISASTER

Los Angeles, Cal., June 9.—Three of the survivors of the explosion in the fire room of the cruiser Tennessee, a ship of the Atlantic fleet, which occurred last Saturday, are in a critical condition today and are not expected to live at this time.

As soon as the remains of the injured were ejected these men were found and cared for, the attendants believing at the time that they would eventually recover. Those who are in a critical condition and will likely soon add to the death list following the deplorable accident at sea, are:

Walter Hurr, coal passer of Brooklyn; A. Hayes, water tender, of Brooklyn; S. Bannister, Breman, of Norfolk, Va.

### Accidentally Shoots Self.

Huntington, Ore., June 9.—Elmer Almqvist, aged 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Almqvist, of this city, came to his death from the accidental discharge of a 22-caliber rifle in his own hands. Elmer went out to his uncle's farm, about seven miles from town, Saturday. He took his rifle, and was going from the house only a few minutes, when he came staggering in and fell inside the door. No one can tell just how the accident happened, as there were no witnesses. His gun was found about 30 feet from the house under a tree. The wound

was on the right side, the shot ranging upward through the lung. The coroner's jury gave a verdict of accidental death from the discharge of a gun in his own hands.

### No 6 in Two Sections.

No. 6 came through this morning in two sections. The first section carried passengers and was loaded to its fullest capacity with excursionists returning from the rose fests. The second section carried baggage and fruit from the Hood River country. The train was an hour late, which is unusual for the trains coming from the west.

### TO DISGRACE OFFICER.

French Lieutenant Will Be Stripped of Decorations in Front of Men.

Paris, June 9.—Lieutenant Ulmer, the traitor convicted by court martial for selling documents describing the defenses of Toulon and a code of signals, will be publicly degraded before the men be commanded next Monday. His sword will be broken in front of him, his uniform will be stripped of all decorations, and he will then be compelled to pass in front of his men.

### ACCIDENT AT SEA.

British Steamer Strikes Rock and Goes Down, a Complete Wreck.

Hong Kong, June 9.—Late reports received today from the sea confirm the wreck of the British steamer Poy An, which struck a rock off Lantau island last night. Eight natives are dead. Ninety Europeans were rescued. The ship is a total loss. No trace of orientals was found today. The vessel was in service between Canton and Macao.

### ROUTING KOREANS.

Japanese Soldiers and Korean Insurgents Clash Frequently.

Seoul, Corea, June 9.—A terrific thinning out of Korean insurgents by Japanese troops is continuing at a rapid rate, according to a statement made today by officials at the Japanese army headquarters here. Between June 3 and 7 Japanese troops engaged in 28 battles, killed 113 Koreans besides wounding many. The Japanese captured numbered only 24. Many places the insurgents are entrenched and are making trouble for the Japanese guerrilla fighting is progressing.

### Depot for Echo.

The O. R. & N. company is arranging to build a new depot at Echo and a contractor is now there for the purpose of doing some preliminary work. The new station house is to be built across the railroad track from where it now stands. At present the building site is occupied by a couple of warehouses and these are to be removed. According to reports from Echo an O. R. & N. contractor from The Dalles is now at Echo and will probably have the work of removing the warehouses as well as constructing the new depot, East Oregonian.

### Terrible Collision Near Rome.

Rome, June 9.—Fourteen were killed outright and 60 injured in a collision of the Pilgrim passenger train and a freight at Roccaforte station. Many of the injured are expected to die. The freight was running fast when it struck the passenger train, telescoping three coaches, the occupants being killed or injured. Many were pinned under the debris. Fire broke out, but was quickly put out, preventing a horrible disaster.

### Meeting of Bankers.

La Grande, Wis., June 9.—Bankers of the Seventh Wisconsin and First Minnesota district groups met here today in joint convention.

## CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLICITY ON

### EXPERT BOOSTER WILL BE HERE THURSDAY.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Club Last Night—Bills Against Old Club Are Audited—Big Irrigation Scheme is Discussed—Little Difficulty in the Way of Realization—La Grande to Have Rousing Celebration.

The board of directors of the Commercial club held their regular meeting last night and indulged in a general discussion of future plans, and audited the bills against both the old organization and the new. The bills presented against the old Commercial club amounted to about \$158. The expenses of the new club amount to between \$90 and \$100, so far. To meet these disbursements the treasury contains about \$170, realized from the sale of the furnishings in the old building, so that very little will need to be drawn from the funds collected from members of the present organization.

The expert of the Pacific Monthly company will be here Thursday and then the matter of selecting a secretary to the publicity organization will be gone into. Suitable quarters, more easily accessible to the public than the Commercial club rooms, will be obtained for the headquarters of the publicity campaign.

### Irrigation Scheme.

Probably the most important proposition yet to come before the club is a scheme, submitted last night, for an immense irrigation project, to include practically the whole valley. The officials of the club consider it favorably, and the only obstacle in the way of an assured success is the difficulty, if any exists, of getting the farmers sufficiently interested. While the situation is peculiar here, in so much as we have a habit of raising excellent crops without irrigation, no sensible man doubts for an instant that our products, in addition to being made more valuable as to variety, would be increased several fold with irrigation.

### La Grande Will Celebrate.

The matter of celebrating the Fourth came before the club last night and to say that the members present were enthusiastically in favor of making the event the grandest of its kind ever seen in eastern Oregon, is putting it mildly. The biggest financial interests of the city are pledged to the movement, and already today the fruitgrowers and farmers are assuring the officials of the club of their heartiest co-operation.

### Mass Meeting Tonight.

A mass meeting will be held tonight in the Commercial club rooms to discuss plans for the celebration, and everybody with an idea for making a roasting good time is expected to be present and lay his plan before the gathering.

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

## HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande

Oregon