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ONLY THREE MEN IN THE RACE; TAFT, HUGHES AND LA FOLLETTE

CONVENTION IS CALLED TO ORDER

Allies Withdraw all Candidates Except Two to Centralize the Anti-Taft Fight.

LABOR ASSUMES BIG ROLE

Adjourned Until To-morrow When the Credentials Committee May Make Its report.

RACE SIMMERS DOWN TO THREE STRONG MEN.

Fourteenth National Republican Convention Called to Order at 12:15 Today After Short Prelude—Full Description of Coliseum—Roosevelt's Name Evokes Applause—Want Middle Western Vice-President.

The Coliseum, Chicago, June 16.—Represented by 959 delegates, assembled from the various states and territories, as well as our "colonial possessions," the republican party of the United States met today at 12:15, in quadrennial convention for the pur-

♦♦♦♦♦ BUT TWO ALLY CANDIDATES. ♦♦♦♦♦ Chicago, June 16.—Bulletin. ♦♦♦♦♦ —At 2 o'clock the announcement ♦♦♦♦♦ ment was made to the United ♦♦♦♦♦ Press that the allies had decided ♦♦♦♦♦ to withdraw all their candidates ♦♦♦♦♦ except La Follette and Hughes ♦♦♦♦♦ before the first ballot is taken. ♦♦♦♦♦ Hughes and La Follette were ♦♦♦♦♦ asked to withdraw but they re- ♦♦♦♦♦ fused, thus making it practically ♦♦♦♦♦ certain that the nomination will ♦♦♦♦♦ not be unanimous.

pose of nominating candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency, and for formulating a set of policies upon which the forthcoming campaign shall be conducted.

Immense Seating Capacity.
The scene was Chicago's greatest amphitheater, where four years ago Theodore Roosevelt was made the party's candidate. The seating capacity of the building had been increased to nearly 1,000, thus providing accommodations for 3000 more people than in 1904. At this, only a fraction of the great concourse of party enthusiasts that has been pouring into town since Saturday was able to obtain admission. Distribution of the tickets had been in the hands of the national committee and the local committee of arrangements. Each national committee man was allotted a limited number, and each delegate and alternate two. The local committee gave out 2500. The marching clubs alone that are coming in from outside points, would more than have filled the seats set aside for spectators.

Long before the doors were opened the street in front, which last week was the scene of the activities of a steam roller, whose work was likened

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AN ELABORATE PARADE ASSURED

COMMITTEE AFTER MANY FLOATS FOR THE FOURTH.

Same Spirit Animating Every Other Committee Arranging for Celebration Here, Actuated Parade Committee in Trying to Get Floats for Parade—General Scheme of Parade is Now Being Worked Out—Driving and Saddle Horses Wanted.

The committee having in charge the parade for the Fourth are working hard and if their plans are carried out, the parade will exceed in beauty and magnificence any that ever passed through the streets of La Grande on any similar occasion. The Goddess of Liberty, surrounded by her maids of honor, will head the parade. That much is definitely decided upon.

Owners of fine driving teams and saddle horses will be asked to turn out, the autos will be in line, business houses and perhaps the fraternal orders will have floats, cowboys and Indians will add life to the scene, and probably the most beautiful feature of the entire parade will be a long line of little folks dressed in white and keeping step to martial music. The old vets, too, will be there, headed by their file and drum corps, and briskly stepping along, and not a whit tired out by their previous three days' festivities, will give us reason to recall the men who did the second great work of saving the union.

ALLIES BEATEN ADMIT LEADERS

HAVE SURPRISE FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Authority on Political Status Affirmed—There is No Chance for Allies to Score a Victory Against Taft—Positive That There is Something in the Wind—Credentials Committee Sits at 4 This Afternoon to Be in Session Continuously.

(By John E. Nevins.)
Chicago, June 16.—(1 o'clock p. m.)—After a lengthy conference, the "allies" today are defiant, declaring they have gained strategical advantage. Mysterious whisperings continue, but they refuse to give the least hint of what the plan is. Everything they can possibly think of is being done to bolster up confidence in the hope that they may be able to impress some of the luke-warm Taft adherents with their statements that "it is not all over yet."

Allies Are Downed.
But the allies are licked. Nobody knows it better than their leaders, Senator Homenway of Indiana, and Representative J. Francis Burke of Pennsylvania admitted today that there is little chance of doing much.

The allies will make their hardest fight on the Alabama contests. Major E. C. Bryan, who has charge of their case, says he has new evidence in the Alabama case to submit to the credentials committee. That the allies have something up their sleeves is clearly indicated by their actions and conferences. It is certain that a fight will be made before the credentials committee, which probably remains in continuous session from 4 o'clock this afternoon until the report is completed. The contests will be consolidated as far as possible to expedite the work.

WANTS BRYAN TO SIDESTEP.

Personal Friend of the Commoner Pleads for Johnson's Nomination.

Richmond, Va., June 16.—George McDuffee Blake, a personal friend of W. J. Bryan, announced today that he has written the Nebraska asking him to aid in nominating John A. Johnson of Minnesota, for democratic presidential candidate. Blake promised Bryan he would receive the nomination in 1912 if he would step aside this year. He named W. L. Douglas of Massachusetts, as Johnson's running mate. He has not received a reply from Bryan as yet.

Commodity Test.

Washington, June 16.—A test case involving the constitutionality of the commodity clause of the Hepburn rate bill, requiring railroads owning coal properties to dispose of their holdings, will be commenced today in Philadelphia. In accordance with an understanding with the department of Justice the case will be tried upon agreed state of facts, and no prosecutions will be begun against the railroads directly interested in the suit until a decision of the court has been reached.

Order of Foresters.

Toronto, Ont., June 16.—Delegates representing the 260,000 members of the Independent Order of Foresters in Canada and the United States assembled in Toronto today at the opening of the supreme court of the fraternity. Reports of the supreme officers show a gain in membership during the last year of about 11,000.

Readjustment of premium rates and matters connected with the conduct of the Foresters' orphan home will be the principal subjects considered during the convention, aside from the transaction of the regular routine.

Wisconsin Veterans.
Racine, Wis., June 16.—Wisconsin

♦♦♦♦♦ Spouse Killed in Quarrel. ♦♦♦♦♦ Bellingham, Wash., June 16. ♦♦♦♦♦ —Frank Eggleston, aged 32, a ♦♦♦♦♦ shingle weaver, attacked his wife ♦♦♦♦♦ and two children this morning, ♦♦♦♦♦ and tried to kill them with a ♦♦♦♦♦ rifle. The wife grappled with ♦♦♦♦♦ until she got the gun, when she ♦♦♦♦♦ shot him twice, killing him in- ♦♦♦♦♦ stantly.

Department Grand Army of the Republic, opens its annual encampment today. National Commander Burton of Missouri, is expected to address the veterans at a campfire this evening.

Veterans in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., June 16.—National Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton, of the Grand Army, and National President Kate E. Jones, of the Woman's Relief Corps, will be the guests of the Michigan veterans during the encampment opened here today.

Lumber Manufacturers.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 16.—Organizations of lumbermen in all sections of the country have sent delegations to the convention of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, opened today for a session of three days.

NOVEL SPORTS ON JULY 4TH

COMMITTEES NOT HAMP- PERED BY FINANCES.

Fourth of July Celebration Will Be a Hummer This Year—Sports of a New Variety to La Grande People Will Be Held—Planning on Automobile Races During the Afternoon.

On the glorious Fourth the crowds in La Grande will be treated to sports that are new, to this country at least. Contests and games on horseback will entertain nearly everybody, and many other novel attractions are being planned by the gentlemen in charge of that part of the program.

Automobile races will undoubtedly be held, with handsome prizes for the victors. Now that the financial end of the proposition to give us the best celebration ever, has been so well provided for, the various committees can work without having to squeeze pennies, and will provide the most entertaining program ever given in eastern Oregon.

The G. A. R. members are already busy at work securing music for the second of July, and intend in the first three days to bring a large crowd to town.

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

THE GREAT UNLOADING SALE. SPECIALS IN LADIES' SKIRTS

Tomorrow, Wednesday, we place on Special Sale Fifty of these seasons best and choicest "Beverly" Summer Skirts --This will be a notable event and we venture to predict a day's skirt selling, such as have never before been seen in the City of La Grande; Come Early---TWILL PAY YOU

\$18.00 BEVERLY SKIRTS \$7.85

\$14.50 BEVERLY SKIRTS \$5.98

In this lot you will find a splendid assortment in colors, styles, and patterns values from \$15 to \$10, Special \$7.85

Excellent assortment in skirts of every description checks, plaids, and striped trimmed with straps and buttons values from \$10 to \$14.50 Special \$5.98

\$5.00 to \$7.00 BEVERLY SKIRTS \$2.98

\$7.50 BEVERLY SKIRTS \$3.98

Here is a skirt opportunity you can not afford to overlook, about 20 skirts in the lot regular \$5. to \$7., Spl \$2.98

In styles and patterns to please the most exacting, values up to 7.50 Spl. \$3.98

Don't! Don't!! Don't!!! Miss This Exceptional Opportunity to Save Money

10c Apron Gingham 10 yds. to a customer, yd 5c

'TWILL PAY YOU TO COME

Best American Galicoes 10 yds. to a customer, yd. 5c

Never before in the history of La Grande such shopping opportunities as now. A REAL JULY SALE IN JUNE, with one difference: Prices are LOWER than ever made at any previous July Clearance Sale. Every article in our Splendid Stock at Reduced price.

THE FAIR

LA GRANDE, OREGON