

No Compromise Candidate Likely

CUMMINS TO ASSIST TAFT FOR A WHILE

TWO CONVENTIONS ON SAME FLOOR IS CERTAIN

POLICE FORCE TO KEEP THE UNDESIRABLES OUT

Officials, Police and Civil, will See That No Rushing of the Platform Takes Place—Virginia Delegation Opposed to Root as Temporary Chairman.

CUMMINS TO HELP TAFT.

Chicago, June 17.—During the late forenoon a report was circulated that the Cummins delegation from Iowa will unite with the Taft forces on the organization of the convention and will then vote with them to accept the temporary roll. After this it will break and attempt to prevent Taft's nomination. The trade of the result of the Cummins acceptance of the national committee's program.

Chicago, June 17.—All talk of a compromise candidate on whom the progressives and Taft men could unite was shattered today when Taft leaders decided to still hold control. Ham Barnes, Jr., that he had enough they accepted the assurances of Wilcox to elect Elihu Root temporary chairman. Two conventions in the same hall seem inevitable. The Roosevelt men have decided to go right ahead with their program and nominate Roosevelt and adopt a progressive program.

The Roosevelt men declared they could do it in the face of the Taft delegates. They declared they would protect themselves against any "strong arm" methods and say they will fight to take the convention away from the national committee. Victor Rosewater, chairman of the committee instructed Colonel "Bill" Stone, sergeant-at-arms, that he expects protection in the discharge of his duties. Stone arranged for this and has what he considers ample police protection, a Chicago citizens' committee has had police officers detailed to obey his instructions and if an attempt is made to rush the platform, Stone will keep it clear with his men.

Virginians Against Root.
It is reported that the Virginia delegation, counted solidly for Taft today voted unanimously against the selection of Root for temporary chairman. It is also against permitting the delegates seated in the contested cases to vote on their own places by affirming the temporary convention roll.

Two Negroes "Safe."

Two of the five negro delegates from Georgia, named by the Roosevelt men as deserting Taft—today assured Congressman McKinley that they will vote for Taft. They are Ed Stout and Lincoln Johnson.

Senator Dixon at noon today issued a statement claiming Roosevelt's nomination on the first ballot by a margin of 42 votes. Dixon also asserted that the Roosevelt men will control a large majority than that on the organization of the convention.

Chicago, June 17.—Taft managers today planned to demand an investigation of the charges of bribery made by the colonel's friends. A half dozen affidavits are said to be in the

Auto Folks Repair Road

CLUB SENDS OUT MEN TO CLEAR HIGHWAYS.

BANQUET DATE IS SET

Road to Minam to Have All Rocks Removed by Club Employees.

This week the Union County Automobile club is inaugurating a commendable piece of work in that it is sending a crew of men to Minam from where they will work toward La Grande, removing rock from the road as they go. At the same time, other men have been sent out in autos from La Grande to cover the valley and do general smoothing of the roads. This means the expenditure of a couple hundred dollars. "We would like to impress upon the auto owners that a membership only costs \$1.50, but it means a lot if we all belong and boost for good roads," said A. V. Andrews, the secretary, today. "At the annual meeting and banquet at Hot Lake July 22 we expect to have 250 people. Take your friends and sweethearts. Those wanting tickets send in your name to me."

PENDLETON TO PLAY THIS WEEK

BUCKAROOS TO CROSS BATS WITH THE PIPPINS.

Grounds Greatly Improved During the Past Few Days.

Tomorrow afternoon La Grande will muster in on the home lot again and lock antlers with the Pendleton Buckaroos, the first time thus being afforded for local fans to see Pendleton and La Grande mix. The grounds have been rolled pretty thoroughly and there seems no question but what the series will be able to last through the week. Boise comes here the week following.

Pendleton is now at the head of the league but La Grande's playing has tightened up so that games are lost by a score and it is only a matter of days until a winning clip will have been struck. Barry's men are exhibiting a fine grade of ball so that there will be ample excitement for the fastidious at the fair grounds lot. Yesterday and today a steam roller settled the infield in fine shape and with the exception of the right field, the take playing and time to get the grounds in fair condition. A well field in class condition however, and until it is in the best condition possible, the fans and players must make the best of it. City water has been run to the grounds so that thorough soaking can be effected daily.

possession of the Taft forces. Taft's supporters are charging that in several instances as much as \$5,000 were offered the delegates for a transfer of their allegiances. The Roosevelt men say the charges are ridiculous.

MRS. CURREY ILL.

Telegram from Seattle Tells of Suffering of Mrs. Jennie Currey.

George H. Currey has been hurried to Seattle from Portland where he was transacting business and Fred B. Currey has been called to Seattle from Hot Lake by the critical illness of their mother, Mrs. Jennie Currey, who is visiting there this summer. She was stricken with paralysis last Saturday but word received today says she is a trifle better though with little or no hope for recovery.

COMMITTEE ROLL-CALL TO BE IGNORED BY ROOSEVELT AND NEW ONE PRESENTED

(By Bruce Dennis.)

Chicago, June 14.—Such a demonstration of political steam rolling; of hand picked delegations; of charges of corruption on either side as is now presented here, cannot but convince anyone of the practicability and the fairness of Oregon's plan of selecting delegates and candidates.

Anyone in Oregon disposed to believe the old plan the better should have attended these pre-convention days and heard testimony on both sides. The true Oregonian cannot help returning thanks for the absolutely known purity of the Oregon ballot.

The whole nation is demanding adoption of the Oregon way of doing things and before another four years rolls by there will be preference primaries held in a majority if not all the states, north of the Mason and Dixon line.

The south, which never gives an electoral vote, is in fact controlling the national committee and some of the decisions of the committee have caused such a feeling of resentment that Roosevelt is gaining support from men who have been out and out for Taft. They are going to Roosevelt because of the apparent unfairness of the decisions—such as California.

In this connection it must also be admitted that many Roosevelt following have been wrong in scolding the committee on decisions where the merit of the case was wholly in Taft's favor.

Thus it will be seen that each side is going the limit, but the bulk of shifting support is going to Roosevelt. Through it all the Oregon delegation occupies a clean-cut honorable position. No juggling or attempted juggling is thought of relative to Oregon, and it is due to a primary election of delegates free from any possibility of manipulation.

(By United Press.)

Chicago, June 17.—A big fight is expected over the temporary roll. The Roosevelt men say they will never accept the national committee's roll of delegates and that they will challenge it and offer a substitute.

The Taft men announce they will reject any roll the Roosevelt men will offer as a substitute for the roll prepared by the national committee. The Roosevelt men say if their substitute is rejected no business will be done at the convention. The Taft men retort with the remark that there will be enough police on hand "to suppress all rowdies," even those wearing the Roosevelt badges. It appears the only chance of avoiding actual physical battle tomorrow is in the ability of Roosevelt men to get enough votes between now and tomorrow to control the convention. Roosevelt says he will have those votes, and the Taft men say he can't get them. The Taft men are stiffening up all their delegates, while they plan tonight to hold a meeting of Taft delegates and put through a pledge for acceptance by every delegate that he will stick to the Taft ticket through thick and thin.

A majority of the members of the national committee have sent definite word to Roosevelt that they will make a temporary roll prepared by the national committee, as the roll of the convention. Roosevelt demanded of Chairman Rosewater that only delegates of uncontested credentials be permitted to vote on the question of temporary organization but was turned down.

The effect of the Roosevelt rally tonight is feared by Taft eladers. They say it will have little effect on the Taft delegates but they expect the utterances of Roosevelt will inflame his hearers to such an extent that they will make trouble tomorrow in the convention hall. The Roosevelt rank and file are without tickets. They say they have been robbed of their rights. Big delegations of Roosevelt supporters from the west and southwest

Elks Greet 'Trek' Herd

MISSOURI ROADSTERS IN FINE FETTLE STILL.

GUESTS HERE TODAY

Missourians Reach La Grande but Little the Worst for Wear.

With their proboscides peeled and red—but not from the wine that tanglefoots—H. F. Clark, C. D. Stone and F. S. Lyons, the Brookfield, Mo., Elks who are footing it to Portland to attend the Elks' grand lodge, on a wager, arrived in La Grande yesterday from Baker, are domiciled at the Foley today as guests of the La Grande Elks and tomorrow will "beat it" for Meacham and Pendleton. The three young men are in excellent physical condition and are drinking in the hospitality of the La Grande people today. They have had no serious ill luck on the way and have easy time to complete the balance of the long journey—three hundred miles to walk out of 1900 already hiked. The hardest and loneliest section was of course the Wyoming bad

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S. PLATT JONES REACHES CITY

CHAUTAUQUA PLATFORM MANAGER OF WIDE REPUTE

Takes Charge of Platform Features of Local Chautauqua.

S. Platt Jones, chautauqua platform manager of wide repute, is in La Grande to superintend the management of the coming chautauqua in this city. Mr. Jones is versed in the business and before he had been in La Grande an hour was heart and soul in "the game" from a La Grande standpoint.

Relative to the chautauqua and its program, Mr. Jones remarked today: "This being my first visit to La Grande and considering the honor to be chosen as platform manager for the La Grande chautauqua, I not only want to thank the representative men who chose me, but to say to the readers of the Observer and their friends that every effort on my part will be made to make the chautauqua a success. For ten years I have been in chautauqua work as entertainer and manager, and after reading the program that is to be given here I can truthfully say that it is equal to any program ever given by the mother chautauqua in my state, at Oakland, Iowa, where I acted as platform manager and entertainer our audiences average four thousand for each program and was considered the best chautauqua in that state and with but three exceptions the same talent is to be here.

"I want to especially mention the Chicago Operatic company that opens the program June 29—their work can only be classed with the best of the country. In my city (Syracuse, N. Y.) we hold a musical festival each year in April bringing to the city only the ones of national reputation. Our single admission is \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 and Arthur Middleton, who is the basso with the Chicago Operatic company gave an evening of solo work before an audience of five thousand; the next morning the musical critics of best standard pronounced him one of the best and at Devils Lake, N. Dak., I had the pleasure of introducing the same company that is to be here and after a program lasting nearly two hours the audience of three thousand kept encoring until a

GOV. HADLEY FAVORED FOR 15th CHAIRMAN

BORAH DROPPED BY ROOSEVELT IN CAUCUS

REFERENDUM, INITIATIVE AND RECALL UP IN AIR

Western Delegates Will Have Hands Full Bringing These Issues Into the Roosevelt Platform—Hadley Also Thought to Be Roosevelt's Likely Running Mate for Presidency.

Chicago, June 17.—A conference between Roosevelt and his lieutenants has resulted in the naming of Governor Hadley of Missouri as the floor leader of Roosevelt's fighting forces in the convention, instead of Borah. This is commented on today as an indication of Roosevelt's possible preference for Hadley as a running mate.

(By United Press.)

The initiative, referendum and recall as federal propositions demanding a specific platform of delineation, were turned down by Roosevelt in a tentative draft of the platform prepared by the Roosevelt forces today. These problems will be held a vital contention by the progressives of the western states before they are left out. They are being mentioned in only a general way and are endorsed but the endorsement is weak. The direct election of United States senators and presidential preference primaries are endorsed. The question of direct legislation is held to be one for the state themselves.

The Roosevelt platform pledges the necessary legislation to bring about a presidential preference primaries, direct election of the United States senators. The platform declares that the states must solve the problem of direct legislation as it best suits their individual communities affected. The platform will declare that the republican party will attempt no dictation as to the methods used in these states.

VALUABLE MARE INJURED.

George Puckett's Percheron Mare Cut by Wire Fence.

Dr. P. A. Charlton was called to the George Puckett ranch yesterday to treat a valuable Percheron mare which had been terribly cut in a wire fence. Prompt and skilled attention will have saved the animal's life, it is believed. The cut was an unusually severe one necessitating the most careful surgical attention.

J. C. DAVIS DEAD.

Funeral Services Held Yesterday from Ranch Home.

J. C. Davis who died Saturday, June 15, was buried yesterday afternoon from the ranch home, aged 55 years. The services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Adams of the Christian church. Mr. Davis was formerly a resident of Iowa.

special number had been given. Now it is really commendable of the men who stand back of this chautauqua, to venture bringing such an expensive list of attractions here and I urge the people to boost the La Grande chautauqua."