

ROOSEVELT REPUDIATES REPUBLICANS

WILL RUN ALONE IF NECESSARY BUT HE WILL RUN

PERSONAL DESIRE ALONE ACTUATES DELEGATES NOW

Statements Issued by Roosevelt in Which He Argues That He Will Run as Independent Even Though It Be All Alone—Says He Owe It to the Progressive Movement to Act Thusly.

Chicago, June 20.—Roosevelt today decided to repudiate the present republican convention without delay. He prepared a statement which was read to his "advisers" and announced that it would be printed and heralded to all his delegates today in which he announced his willingness to lead an independent fight for the principles of the progressive movement, and called on such friends as placed these principles above party loyalty, to join him in the fight. He promised to make the fight to the finish, regardless of consequences or the number of followers.

Prior to issuance of the formal statement Roosevelt issued a short signed statement to the newspapermen who had besieged his door for an hour, during wild reports.

His statement:
The time has come when I feel I must make certain statements — not merely to the honestly elected members of the republican national convention, but to the rank and file of the republican party—to honest people of the entire nation. I went into this fight for certain principles. At this moment I can only serve these principles by continuing to bear the personal responsibility their advocacy has brought me.

(Signed)
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"
Roosevelt thanked his friends in the republican organization and the party who have fought with him up to the present time. He released them from any obligations other than to their own desire and join him in the fight for his principles.

Crisis Come Last Night.
Developments occurring late last night and not detailed in the afternoon papers disclosed in late Wednesday dispatches which say:

The long expected crash in the republican ranks came tonight. The Roosevelt forces, acting, they said, under the personal direction of Colonel Roosevelt, began to lay plans for independent action in the national convention. As a forerunner of the drastic action expected in the convention tomorrow or Friday, the Roosevelt members of the committee on credentials withdrew from that body—without in person and in effect withdrew 75 of the Roosevelt contests, which had been scaled down from 92 to 78.

Colonel Roosevelt tonight was in the midst of a series of exciting conferences and was busy figuring on the loyal delegates which he could expect to carry with him out of the convention, or rather into a separate convention on the coliseum floor in event the crisis is reached.

People who talked with the colonel tonight said no longer was there any doubt as to his attitude. Convinced that the credentials committee was against him and would retain the contested Taft delegates in their seats, Colonel Roosevelt decided to go no further with his futile fight in the regular convention.

The colonel would not issue a statement as to his warlike intentions early in the evening, but was said to have made his position clear to his followers.

Some of the conferences at his headquarters were exciting. Senator Bush of Idaho, it was reported, declared as he left the Roosevelt rooms, that he would not go.

The Missouri delegation in the fight for the purpose, it was reported, of launching a boom for Governor Hadley for president. The remarkable demonstration given the Missouri executive in the sudden turn of events, was said to have strengthened their belief that the time was ripe for bringing forward a compromise candidate.

CREDENTIALS FIGHT WAGED

Convention Proper Halted While Credential War is Carried Out--Contests Must First be Decided

Chicago, June 20.—While the committee on credentials thrashed out in detail the contested seats which resulted in blocking progress of the national convention, the convention held a perfunctory four minute session today. The only business was the prayer of the chaplain. After the prayer was finished a motion to recess till 4 o'clock this afternoon was carried unanimously. Until the committee on credentials reports the roll of the convention no business can be done. It was generally expected that such a report cannot be had before night at the earliest. Chairman Devine announced the Root contests will probably be confined to the Ninth Alabama district, Texas, Washington, Arizona and the Fourth district in California.

Session Is Short.
Chairman Root called the convention to order at 12:02 and then recessed at 12:06.

Wires Blown Down.
A severe windstorm coming this afternoon has crippled the telegraph service and the Observer's afternoon report from the convention is necessarily curtailed. Any material developments this evening will be posted on the Observer-Chautauqua bulletin board at the Silver-thorn drug store.

GAME TODAY POSTPONED.
That proper respect might be accorded the mother of a member of the La Grande baseball team, the Pendleton and La Grande teams today lay away bats and balls and uniforms. Mrs. Ellen Bradley, mother of James E. Bradley, former manager of the Pippins, was buried this morning at 10 o'clock and there was no baseball game as a consequence. This necessitates an extra game this week which will be played Sunday afternoon as a double header unless otherwise announced between now and that date.

PUBLICITY IN EAST PROMISED
Unquestionably La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley is about to enter on a period of the great activity in advertising, building and general development that it has ever witnessed. Not only does the attitude of confidence and faith on the part of the property owners and residents of La Grande point to this end, but the evident desire on the part of outside capital to enter and develop this country proves it. The best evidence that can be offered in support of this statement is the fact that there is a greater amount of building activity, than ever before in the history of this community.

The latest development along these lines is contained in a communication from Wm. McMurray, the general passenger agent of the O.-W. R. & N., to Mr. Fender, secretary-treasurer of the La Grande Development company which owns and is offering for sale the Connordale addition on Washington avenue. In his letter Mr. McMurray says in part:

"I leave soon to attend the annual meeting of the general passenger agents of the Harriman system in New York. The matter of community publicity will be discussed at length, and the favor with which it is regarded by business men in the various communities along our lines will have much to do with shaping the sentiment of our officials."

Immediately on the credential committee's meeting this morning Roosevelt men started a bitter parliamentary squabble over the order in which the cases should be considered. The Roosevelt men demanded that they start with Texas; a majority demanded alphabetical consideration. Chairman Devine ruled for the alphabetical order. The Ninth Alabama district case was then called. Committee men Heney and other Roosevelt leaders were absent from the committee met. The Roosevelt men made a motion to recess that they might further confer, but it was voted down.

Although it was certain that a recess would have to be ordered the coliseum filled up rapidly today. Senator Root came in at 11:45 and held a conference with Murray and Crane of Massachusetts on the platform. He then called up Sergeant at Arms Stone for a last word regarding the

police arrangements. The senator was in excellent fettle and smiled when told that there was general discussion among certain delegates over his qualifications as a compromise presidential candidate. "Of course there is nothing in it," he said. "There is absolutely nothing to any presidential boom for me."

**MERCY DENIED
HOBSON TODAY**
Mercy was not the lot of T. Hobson today when he was stood up before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles for his sentence as a consequence of having been recently found guilty of a statutory crime in connection with the elopement of Hobson and Miss Flo Norris of Elgin, ending in a sensational shooting to bring Hobson to bay when the jury found Hobson guilty they advocated mercy in the sentence yet Judge Knowles today declared that such men as he (Hobson) have no mercy entitled them when they ravish girls under 17 or 18 years of age as was the case in this instance. Later Judge Knowles was asked to parole him but this was refused, Hobson taking the full three to 20 years' sentence. Thus ends an elopement and its relation incidents that interested the entire northwest for a week while the sensational escape and flight from the arms of the law lasted.

TENTH LICENSE ISSUED.
John Dordan Obtains License to Open Tenth Saloon Here.
After three ballots taken with three candidates in the field the council last night agreed on John Dordan, manager of the Sommer hotel bar as the tenth saloon license owner in this city. He will conduct the saloon at 215 Fir street. Welton & Dooley and Mr. Bull were the other applicants for the license.

SALT LAKE ELK COMING.
Salt Lake Elk on their way to Portland and traveling in a special train will make La Grande a two hour visit July 6th. The train is scheduled to reach here at 11:15 and depart at 1:20. The train will unload here and the local Elks have committees ready to entertain the Salt Lakeers.

MISS TAIT MARRIED
Former La Grande Girl United in Marriage at Bremerton.
Word has been received from Bremerton, Wash., that Miss May Irene Tait, for several years a school teacher in this city has been united in marriage to Philip Daniel Naugle. Miss Tait went to Bremerton about four years ago to teach school holding a life certificate in Washington as well as in Oregon. The marriage occurred June 1.

Former Congressman Jim Watson of Indiana came over to talk matters over with Chairman Root as did Chas. D. Hillis, the president's secretary. Hillis said that he was well satisfied with the outlook.

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COLONEL'S FRIENDS GO TO TOWN WITH PROPOSAL

WITHDRAWAL OF BOTH MAY BE A POSSIBILITY

Roosevelt Would Not Get Solid Delegations Anywhere if He Does Not Agree Roosevelt Leaders—Proposition of Both Withdrawing Made by Roosevelt Men at Early Hour Today.

Chicago, June 20.—News reached Roosevelt's friends today that the Taft forces are planning to abandon Taft and head off the Roosevelt movement by nominating Hadley. The Roosevelt men decided that radical measures are necessary. A messenger was sent to Hadley and when asked if he would accept a nomination that had not purged the roll. He declined to answer. Later he appeared at Roosevelt's rooms and defended his position. He would not say, however, he would leave the convention if Roosevelt did.

Chicago, June 20.—Demand for a third candidate and the elimination of both Taft and Roosevelt from consideration by the republican national convention today, grew fast. Obligation to the party was declared by a hundred delegates to be the paramount issue, instead of loyalty to any one individual.

The leaders were trying to stand pat but there were evidences of weakness in certain quarters. One prominent Roosevelt leader went to a Taft representative and asked if they would pull their forces off the Roosevelt bandwagon if the Taft men would do the same. The Roosevelt leader was told it was impossible with the association as it now exists, but the refusal was not definite. The Roosevelt leader was told to be prepared to renew the offer later in the day.

Many men closest to Roosevelt are willing to admit the compromise idea appeared to be taking definite form. These men admit that if a bolt is ordered Roosevelt will have only a fraction of the solid state delegations that have been fighting his battles in the convention.

William Flynn of Pennsylvania has confirmed the report that he has resigned as a Pennsylvania member of the new national committee.

Washington, June 20.—It was denied at the white house that Taft had given any authority to withdraw his name as a candidate for re-nomination at any time that Roosevelt should be eliminated. At the same time the white house informed the United Press that the president has been assured that Senator Crane or anyone else had not made such a statement. When the rumor that Crane had been authorized to withdraw Taft from the race came to the white house, it was rushed to the president's desk. President Taft instantly dropped all business to get Senator Crane on the long distance telephone. After the telephone conversation it was given out that Crane had personally assured Taft that he had made no such statement. For the first time since the convention opened the president today denied himself to newspaper reporters.