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WILSON BREAKS DEADLOCK

SUDDEN LANDSLIDE THROWS OVER 900 VOTES TO WILSON

VIRGINIA IS FIRST STATE TO TAKE STEP

News Comes With Rush

SIX MINUTES AFTER NOMINATION

KNOWN HERE.

DEMOS ARE PLEASED

Arrival of Early News Pointing to

Wilson Is Well Taken.

LANDSLIDE STARTED THIS MORNING AT CONVENTION

CLARK WITHDRAWS ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO MEN

Underwood, Foss and Others, too, Ex-ample in Releasing Their Candidates. Clark Finally Breaking the Dead-lock by Allowing His Delegates to Vote as They Saw Fit.

Armory Hall, Baltimore, July 2.—Virginia started a stampede for Wilson this morning when the convention was called to session and every ballot from then on showed a tendency of getting into the hand-wagon.

Illinois broke on the 43rd ballot, 56 votes going to Wilson.

Virginia also broke, casting a solid vote of 24 for Wilson giving him a majority for the first time in Virginia.

West Virginia broke at 12:45, giving Wilson 16.

The 43rd ballot: Official vote—Clark 329, Underwood 98 1-2, Harmon 28, Keri 1, Foss 27, Bryan 1, Wilson 602, absent 1-2.

On the roll call of the 43rd ballot, Maryland voted Clark 9, Wilson 5 1-2, absent 1 1-2. On the 44th ballot Colorado broke, 9 votes to Wilson and Indiana voted solid for Wilson.

No choice on the 44th ballot.

Pennsylvania voted solid for Wilson on the 44th. Utah and Wisconsin went solid for Wilson.

Unofficial 44th ballot—Wilson 629, Clark 306, Underwood 99, Harmon 27, and Foss 27. At this point Washington demanded a poll of its delegation.

Official totals of the 45th ballot are:

Clark 306, Wilson 638, Underwood 97, Harmon 25 and Foss 27.

A motion to table Washington's demand on the 44th ballot for a poll was carried.

Baltimore, July 2.—Woodrow Wilson was nominated on the 46th ballot, that vote standing: Clark 84, Wilson 990, Harmon 12, absent 2. The

GOVERNOR WOODROW WILSON OF NEW JERSEY.



HOW NEWS TRAVELS.

At 3:30 p. m. eastern time Wilson was nominated at Baltimore, and at 12:45 western time the news of the nomination was in the Observer office, had been relayed to Wallowa county before 4 o'clock, had been generally known over the business section of the city five minutes later. From four to five relays are necessary in conveying news from Baltimore to La Grande and people inclined to figures can find subject matter in discussing the factors with which Wilson's nomination traveled.

WILSON'S NOMINATION PLEASES

Majority of Fandom Here Satisfied With Baltimore Action.

Bulletins showing the rapid approach of Woodrow Wilson toward the goal of his ambition were received with varying degrees of popularity in La Grande today. At noon when the expected word came that he was all over, there were outbursts of enthusiasm from the old warhorses of democratic faith. The outcome was never in doubt to Wilson adherents here after the Virginia landslide this morning. The Observer bulletins posted down town kept the interested ones connected up with the Baltimore convention hall with the highest grade of service.

Teachers to Tour Germany.

New York, July 2.—On the steamship Grosser Kurfurst, specially chartered for the occasion, an army of German-American teachers recruited from every section of the country sailed today to spend the summer in the fatherland. After visiting Hamburg, Bremen, Cologne, Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Jena and other places of interest, the teachers will gather at the Neiderwald-Denkmal, the colossal German national monument on the banks of the Rhine. Here an elaborate musical program will be carried out, and there will be patriotic speeches by Germans and Americans.

Finnish Bayreuth Festival.

Helsingfors, July 2.—Great preparations have been completed for what is ambitiously termed the Finnish Bayreuth festival, which is to be opened tomorrow at Nyslott, a picturesque little town on the Kyrönjoki. The festival, which will continue four days, will be held within the walls of the ancient historical castle of Oskari. The main feature of the program is an opera based on the Finnish national epic poem, the "Kalevala," and is entitled "Aino," after the well-known Finnish singer, Mlle Aino Ack-er, for whom it has been composed, and who will fill the title role. M. Erto, chairman of the committee of the opera, will conduct personally.

Prominent democrat whom the democratic convention at Baltimore today selected as the standard bearer for the party in this fall's campaign after longest and most heated convention in the history of political parties in the United States. From a possibility this morning he jumped into actual nomination in the course of three hours, once the hand-wagon commenced to fill.

CAMBRIDGE PLAYERS NEXT ON PROGRAM WHICH IS GROWING

Splendid disregard for climatic interference marks the progress of the Third annual Grande Ronde Chautauqua. Yesterday, in face of the most adverse circumstances a crowd paid constant attention to the program of events and the day was not a failure by any means. This afternoon the Cambridge Players made their initial bow to the afternoon audience and tonight that stellar attraction holds the boards.

Alice Knight to Lecture.

Commencing today an added feature has been provided. Alice J. Knight, deaconess for the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, will deliver a brief address at 1:30 o'clock each day on Palestine. She has traveled extensively, and is an authority on literature. Her features will draw well, filling in also the only vacant hour of the entire day for those who attend the day sessions.

Suffragettes at Park.

Mrs. Clarge Erd Wade, of California, in charge of the suffrage campaign in Oregon, and with headquarters at Pendleton, today established permanent headquarters at Riverside Park and will conduct interesting lectures during the course of the chautauqua. Mrs. Wade is a believer in peace and a firm enemy of militant tactics in the campaign for votes for women. Through peaceable, non-political, unostentatious campaigning she aims to accomplish a general education both among men and women that will

to the end convince Oregon voters of the rights of women to cast the ballot.

The Cambridge Players is a rather new departure in Chautauqua and Lyceum platform work. There are plenty of one man, or one woman companies but to be able to present four artists in an entertainment such as this company is capable of doing is approaching the realm of the stage. This organization has been coached and directed by Mr. Elias Day. Mr. Day's great talent as an organizer and directors is known the world around. This is the only company that Mr. Day has allowed to publicly use his name in this connection.

The program presented consists of readings, musical numbers, impersonations, character sketches and scenes in costume from many of the famous plays.

The repertoire of the company includes scenes from "The Rivals," "Ar you Like It," "King Henry V," "Taming of the Shrew," "Guy Rannering," dramatization of "Susan Clegg," "Hee Friends and Neighbors," "Miss Selma Sue," and "Captain Eri."

All costuming in these dramatic scenes will be historically correct. The scenes will be the most famous and vital and the entire number of entertainments are guaranteed to be a revelation to the public.

The personnel includes: Miss Pauline Harrison, who is a

BALLOON EXPLODES AN LOAD OF FIVE MEET EATH

Pack Train Driver Dies

DEATH OF J. L. CURTISS ENDS ACTIVE CAREER.

WAS ONCE SHERIFF

Funeral of Late Mr. Curtiss Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

When death yesterday morning at an early hour ended the career of J. L. Curtiss, of this city, an active specimen of the frontier day in Oregon and Idaho was sent to the Great Beyond. During the early sixties, Mr. Curtiss ran a pack train to the placer mines of Idaho when the west was as rugged and as wild as any spot on earth. Shortly after that time, Mr. Curtiss was sheriff of Union county.

Mr. Curtiss was born on Lake Chaplain, April 14, 1827, and at the time of his death was 85 years of age, plus two months and 24 days. He leaves his wife, three sons, one daughter, and two granddaughters. The daughter is Mrs. W. A. Kirby of The Dalles. William W. is a compositor with Irwin-Hodson of Portland. Arthur was for many years city and county surveyor here, and Elinor, the youngest, is with the Irwin-Hodson company of Portland.

The funeral of the late Mr. Curtiss will be held Wednesday afternoon under Masonic auspices and the interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

very well known soprano of most unusual talent.

Miss Martha Miller, who is capable of giving entire programs as a reader, impersonator or actress.

Miss Margaret Granger, accompanist, entertainer and impersonator. Jess Coffin, all around man. This company comes with more flattering criticisms than any company on the road. They are on a par with the Chicago Operatic company and they bear the same relation to the drama as does the latter company to opera.

Four performances, afternoon and evening, July 2 and 3.

Great Four-Mile Tunnel Completed.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 2.—In the town of Spanish Fork, about fifty miles south of this city, a big celebration was held today to mark the completion of the two-million dollar irrigation tunnel. The tunnel is the second largest of its kind in the world. It pierces the solid rock of one of the highest peaks in the Wasatch mountains, 2,000 feet below its crest, and is almost four miles long. It will divert an entire river, the Strawberry, from one valley to another 45 miles away and reclaim 50,000 acres of Utah land.

Biggest Drydock for Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., July 2.—The time limit expired today for the reception of bids for the construction of the great Canadian drydock, which is to be the largest in the world. The dock is to be built either on the St. Charles river or the Beauport flats, on the Quebec side, or at St. Joseph de Levis. The dock will be 1,150 feet long, 137 feet wide and 37 feet deep. The government itself will not build the dock, but the company of firm whose bid is accepted will be in line for a subsidy of 34 per cent for 45 years on \$5,000,000.

FAMOUS AKRON DROPS 2000 FT INTO WATER

UNDERGOING TESTS PREPARATORY TO JOURNEY

WELLMAN'S ENGINEER

IS AMONG FIVE KILLED

Craft Falls Into Deep Water, Crushing Its Human Load When Wreckage Strikes Surface—Patented Appliance, Cause of Disaster, Thought to Solve Air Travel.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 2.—Melvin Vaniman, his brother Calvin Vaniman, Fred Elmer, George Boulton and Walter Guest, were killed today by the explosion of the dirigible balloon Akron which burst 2,000 feet in the air. The men fell in nine feet of water. The balloon was being given a tryout, preparatory to Melvin Vaniman's proposed trans-Atlantic flight.

The accident is believed to be due to the operation of a new device for compressing gas—the pressure was so strong the balloon gave way.

One thousand persons saw the accident. When the balloon fell to the earth, men rushed forward, the women screamed and some fainted. The Akron fell far out over the waters.

Vaniman's device for compressing gas, thereby controlling the movements of the balloon, was to pump air into the interior of the bag which would expand, thereby compressing the gas inside the balloon. Vaniman was chief engineer for Walter Wellman's attempted flight across the Atlantic.

When the balloon was descending from a 2,000 foot altitude, the envelope suddenly parted and the whole airship enveloped in a sheet of flame, the balloon dropping earthward. The bodies were submerged in an inlet about half a mile from Beach park. What remained of the burning bag and framework fell on the men, crushing them into the water. One of the bodies was taken out of the water. It was so badly burned and mangled that it was unrecognizable.