

AMATEUR PRESS DELEGATES IN ACTIVE SESSION

COUNTING OF PROXIES COMMENCES THIS EVENING.

SOCIAL FEATURES HAVE IMPORTANT PLACE TODAY

Reception of Delegates Last Night Precedes Election of Temporary Officers of United Amateur Press Association Convention—Woman Candidate Is Popular One.

Following a day spent in social meandering, delegation to the national convention of the United Amateur Press association now in session in La Grande have donned the garb of business and tonight will commence an all-night session in the counting of mailed proxies for national officers. The delegates commenced to arrive yesterday morning and by tonight will all be on hand to participate in the closing day tomorrow and tomorrow night. Because of the absence of the national president, J. D. Christiansen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the convention last night named temporary officers following a social session at the Baptist church. Roy Gekeler of this city is chairman and E. Parker Rowell of Seattle is secretary. The social hour consisted of an address of welcome by Mr. Gekeler and a stirring speech by Mayor W. J. Church. J. F. Roy Erford, ex-national president, of Seattle, responded in warm terms. Then the session got down to active business.

Committees Are Appointed.

The committee that will count the proxies—which, by the way, are sent in from all corners of the United States by the several hundred members and informally name their choice for the officership—was named last night and consists of Ben Gekeler, chairman, Mary H. Lehr, the Southern California delegate, hailing from Redlands, S. Parker Rowell of Seattle, Leonora Pearl Brace of Seattle and Etha Huffman of this city. While the proxies will probably decide the race for president and subsidiary officers, in which Harry Sheppard of Bellingham and Helene Hoffman of Brooklyn lead in popularity, it is not an established fact that they will, and the deciding vote may be cast tomorrow night on the floor of the convention when the verbal votes of the convention will be cast. Much interest is shown in the coming election for there will be heated races for various offices. The session last night was concluded with the appointment of this important committee and today social affairs, having as the climax, an auto trip to Hot Lake, made up the program. Tonight there will be but little business outside of the proxy counting.

This is the first time that the convention of this association has been held in a city of less than 50,000 and only the third held in the west. Another new venture of the association is to present a woman member as national president and the ladies of the association are lending every energy toward the seating of their choice for the president, so much so in fact, that issues are assuming a well-defined line of demarcation between the men on one side and the women on the other.

California Forges Ahead.

"We press members of California are much elated over the fact that our state has forged ahead in the number of delegates boasted of by one state" said Miss Mary H. Lehr of Redlands, today. "Washington has always led but we have taken the front rank," triumphantly exclaimed the enthusiastic woman scribe.

The closing feature of the convention will be a banquet tomorrow night after the verbal election of officers, the votes on amendments and the selection of the next meeting place, or any other business that may come before the order.

Elks Leave On Sunday

DEPARTURE ON SPECIAL OCCURS AT 7:30

KANSAS ELK EN ROUTE

Many Special Trains to Pass Through La Grande on 6th and 7th.

Backed by the best band that ever responded to a leaders' baton in Eastern Oregon—and the compliment is paid advisedly—the La Grande marching club, delegates and officers and members of the Elks' lodge, will leave La Grande at 7:30 p. m. Sunday night for Portland to attend the grand lodge session. Funds have been raised through various channels to maintain the expense account of the band during the entire session of the convention. Special trains from the east will commence to pass through La Grande tomorrow, and continue until the 8th.

The first special carrying Elks will be from Kansas City, carrying 10 cars, and reaching Huntington at 2:30 p. m. on the 6th. The others, enumerated in regard to cars carried, the time of arrival at Huntington and the date, are:

From Utah points, 7 cars, 7:30 p. m. on the 6th.

From Idaho, 10 cars, 5:30 a. m. on the 7th.

From Omaha, 8 cars, 5:20 a. m. 7th. La Grande, 11 cars from La Grande 7:30 p. m. the 7th.

Baker, 10 cars, 8 p. m. 7th.

Pittsburg—Wichita, 8 cars, 11 a. m. on the 8th.

Colorado points, 7 cars, 4:30 a. m. 8th.

While there will be trains through here tomorrow, no effort at entertainment will occur until Sunday.

MAN'S JAW FRACTURED.

J. A. French of Enterprise Suffers Injuries—Taken to Hospital.

Kicked by a horse with such force that his lower jaw was fractured and his face gashed and cut, J. A. French, a well known politician and resident of Enterprise lies in the Grande Koide hospital, suffering much pain today. He was brought here last night for surgical and dentist treatment 24 hours after the accident occurred. His jaw is badly broken but physicians are hopeful of eventual recovery.

MOOSE GO TO ELGIN.

Over Three Hundred Desert La Grande Yesterday on Special.

More than 300 members of the local Moose lodge went to Elgin yesterday on an excursion train attending the Fourth of July celebration there. Some remained in the city and today the La Grande Moose team went to Elgin in the new auto truck owned by Charles McCrary and the Elgin Moose team meets them this afternoon.

Seven members of the La Grande band also went to Elgin today to assist in the music features for the second of a three-day celebration.

NEWSPAPER STRIKE SERIOUS.

Erstwhile Newspaper Employee Shot by Strikebreaker at Chicago.

Chicago, July 5.—Argument over the newspaper strike here has resulted in probably fatal wounds of John Moran, a former newspaper employe, who, since the strike began, had been working as a bartender. The police were informed that John Gould, a strikebreaker, shot Moran twice.

FUNK CASE HALTED.

Court Denies Request to Re-Open Damage Suit Again Funk.

Chicago, July 5.—In the municipal court Judge Slusser today denied a motion of attorneys for J. C. Henning, to re-open the case for \$25,000 damages against Clarence Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company. Henning alleges that Funk alienated the affections of Mrs. Henning. It was understood that evidence bearing on perjury charges growing out of the damage suit was being presented to the grand jury.

NATION-WIDE PRIMARY AIM OF BILL DRAFTED BY NORRIS

House Hears New Primary Law Explained—Roosevelt Opposes Wilson

Washington, July 5.—A nation-wide presidential primary plan was proposed to the house today by Representative Norris of Nebraska. The measure seeks to avoid a conflict with the constitution by requiring that the state legislatures must adopt the provisions as state laws. The plan is to be annulled unless ratified by 20 states and the plan provides that the primaries be held the first Tuesday in May of the election years and the national convention on the fourth Monday in June. At the primaries the voters will be called on to express first and second choice.

"I think the recent events," Norris

said, "have clearly demonstrated that it is possible for a well-regulated political machine to trample under foot the wishes of the rank and file of any political party and there is no way possible for us to control them. The law would enable the voters to nominate their candidates by direct vote or at least as near such nominations as is possible under the constitutional limitations and conventions provided for."

Hadley Not a New Party Man.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 5.—That the republican party has ceased to be

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BRIEFLY STATED

Oregon stands before the nation today with her head bowed in grief. Her reputation for mothering reforms of merit is not questioned, but her citizenship is scoffed at by millions.

I witnessed the whole proceedings at Chicago. This state had R. E. Williams for national committeeman who assisted in the nefarious work of handling the steam roller and seating delegations that had no right to seats in that convention. Then came a delegation half of which repudiated the expressed will of the voters of Oregon by voting for every convention measure that would handicap and prevent the nomination of the man whom Oregon had chosen for president. No, they did not have the nerve to vote against Roosevelt when the roll was called for nomination but they had already assisted in putting in the poison that killed before that time arrived.

The action of the national committeeman and a portion of the delegation was a crime against this state. A worse act of treason to the rank and file of the voters is hard to imagine. There is no justification for such work; the people have been deceived, and the state stands before the world besmeared with political filth and unkept pledges.

Some say the republican party was killed at Chicago. I say, No. The republican party composed of the splendid manhood of Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maine, South Dakota, Kansas, Oregon, California and other states does not purpose letting a national committee composed of Penrose, Crane, Williams and others prostitute it and turn it into a handy tool for their own purposes. The republican party is very much alive. It is the same grand old party, able to cleanse itself and get rid of an element that would wreak ruin to state and nation if that ruin would benefit selfish interests.

I would like to call attention to one thing that has been apparent in Oregon for some time, and that is the necessity of selecting men who are men to places of trust. We have been too free to take up men of the Thomas McCusker type because they yelled reform. All have seen how McCusker failed to make good when given a trust, therefore it is of great importance that the alleged reformers be watched with a vigilant eye in the future.

We want more men like Arthur Swift and Daniel Boyd, the two Eastern Oregon delegates, who never betrayed their constituents by word or action. They will return to their people in the full knowledge of having done right. Much like the writer of this article, these men were not rip-roaring Roosevelt men, but they believe in right prevailing. Roosevelt had a majority of the legally elected delegates of the national convention. He was ruthlessly robbed of the nomination by Williams, Crane and Penrose, and others on the national committee. Swift and Boyd, like many more of us, refused to endorse such methods. They not only voted for Roosevelt but they "supported" him throughout as their oath of office intended they should. Federal patronage offers would not turn them from their course of honor, neither would strong talks from Williams and other members of the committee. They were there to do the right thing and they did it.

Now, briefly stated, the editor of this paper wishes to say that he cannot see how an honest man could be present at Chicago and not raise his voice against the rotten work that went on there. President Taft ceased early in the game to be a factor—it was a question of right and wrong—whether the national committee should be upheld or repudiated. Roosevelt could have been nominated from the roll as made up by the committee. This he positively refused, for the personality of Roosevelt was not important as compared with the purging of that roll and the unseating of illegally chosen delegates. I say no one can afford to endorse the work of the national committee for the effect that it would have on the rising generation, if nothing else. Such high handed crime would in a very short time teach the youth that the courts were children of the corrupt convention; that the president was a mere pigny in the hands of designing politicians. As a result confidence would soon be lost and, in the language of the lamented McKinley, "destroy confidence and you have destroyed it all."

As a man who was born on the John Brown battlefield; who was nursed in a republican cradle; whose parental home was destroyed by the civil war; whose every breath has been loyal to the republican party since old enough to know its meaning, I feel deeply the crime at Chicago. Personally I refuse to agree that the national committee should destroy the party. Republicanism has ever been the force that saved and made this republic. Republicanism has been outraged almost beyond endurance, but I maintain that because a man does not endorse crime is no sufficient reason why he should denounce the party.

Orms & Smith

Members of N.E.A. Meet

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO MONDAY.

SPEAKERS PROMINENT

Stormy Sessions During Election of Officers Anticipated.

Chicago, July 5.—Thousands of educators from all parts of the United States are already gathered in this city and many thousands more will arrive here before next Monday to attend the 50th annual convention of the National Education association, which will begin tomorrow with three sessions of the educational council. The convention which promises to be of special interest and importance, is scheduled to continue through next week, closing with a general session on Friday evening, July 12.

The Auditorium hotel and the Congress hotel have been selected as the headquarters of the convention and the sessions of the general convention will be held at the Auditorium theatre. In addition to the general sessions there will be daily sessions of nine of the principal departments with round table conferences, addresses and demonstrations by noted experts. Among the departments which will hold special meetings are the departments of kindergarten education; of elementary education, normal schools, business education, child hygiene, science instruction, physical education, special education, school patrons, rural and agricultural education.

Fifty or 60 of the leading churches of the city have arranged special sermons and addresses on educational matters for Sunday and have invited the delegates to attend services. The rest of the day will probably be devoted by most of the visiting members to sight-seeing tours through the city on their own account.

The real work of the convention will begin on Monday. In the morning there will be a number of departmental meetings and in the afternoon the first general session of the convention will be called to order by President Carroll G. Pearce of the association, who will deliver his annual address after the conclusion of the customary welcoming speeches. Immediately following the afternoon session the members from each state will convene in places assigned to them to choose their representatives upon the committee which will nominate officers for the coming year.

When the time comes for the election of officers a stormy session is expected in which the progressives will be arrayed against the conservative or "machine faction." The progressives, led by the members of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers of New York, will probably open the fight and will make every effort to have their candidate for the presidency, Miss Grace E. Steachan, of Brooklyn, elected. There has been considerable dissension among the two factions for the last two or three years and the feeling has become so strong that in the opinion of many members an attempt of the "machine faction" to overrule the progressive element may lead to a split between the warring factions and a complete disruption of the association.

In the course of the sessions many subjects of great educational importance will come up for consideration and discussion. The subject of establishing a university supported by the government will be discussed by four presidents of state colleges, Edmund J. James, of the University of Illinois; Charles R. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin; James H. Baker of the University of Colorado and Wm. O. Thompson, of the University of Ohio.

Among the famous educators who will attend the convention and deliver addresses are Baroness Bertha von Suttner of Vienna, said to have inspired the Nobel peace foundation, whose annual award of \$40,000 she won by her book, "Lay Down Your Arms," Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, noted as the leader of the pure food agitation; Jane Addams, head resident of Hull House,

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SANE FOURTH DELIGHTS ALL PARK PATRONS

NO TIRING FEATURES MARK PROGRAM OF EVENTS

ACCIDENTS MISSING AND ALL ARE WELL PLEASED

Quintet and Band With S. Platt Jones Make up Splendid Entertainment Aside From Mitchell Address—Day Is Spent in a Manner That Highly Pleased These Present.

No suner, or safer, or nicer, or better, or resting Fourth of July entertainment was ever staged in La Grande—and that in the face of the fact that no effort toward a commonly described "celebration" was exerted—that than which hundred participated in at the chautauqua yesterday. With most pleasing weather conditions to aid, the patrons of the chautauqua listened to talent, rested cozily in camping places, listened to touches of patriotic numbers in the program, and witnessed water sports. While the older folks were thus resting mind and body without dreariness or discomfort the little tots utilized the playgrounds and bathed and otherwise made merry far into the night. It was the ideal celebration for the working man and woman and for the office man and society woman. Those who got the best of the day's events will want nothing different hereafter if they have their way of it.

Unmarred by accidents and almost free from obnoxious fire crackers but sprinkled with an occasional show of fireworks last evening, the unprecedented "celebration" came to an auspicious end without a "Fourth" accident of any kind.

QUINTET IS FEATURE.

Throughout the Day Band and Quintet Make Decided Hits.

Two features that went to make the day so pleasing to the hundreds who "rested" on July fourth instead of tiring themselves out on hot streets in aimless pursuit of enjoyment, were the La Grande band and the chautauqua quintet. The quintet was on the grounds all day, being heard numerous times. It consisted of Messrs Ferrin, Stoddard, Davis, Bramwell, Mrs. Geddes, and Miss Bramwell, pianist. They were heard again last night in high class renditions. The band, as near perfection as any organization that ever wore a La Grande band uniform, was applauded freely for its diligently effort to entertain. From early forenoon until after 8 o'clock the band was in almost constant work and its efforts were immensely appreciated.

Jones "Comes Back."

Doing what few entertainers could emulate, S. Platt Jones last night "came back." Only a day or two before he made a tremendous hit with his reading and impersonations and last night was no less able to entertain at a second performance in one week and an audience made up largely of his first audience. Aided by the band and the quintet, Mr. Jones rounded out an evening's entertainment that was well worth the time and money.

WATER SPORTS INTEREST.

Cold Water Keeps Many Contestants Out of Races Yesterday.

Presenting events in water in which girls and boys participated with a fine showing of speed and endurance, the water carnival of sports yesterday afternoon pleased a large audience, notwithstanding that many athletes failed to enter because the water was so unusually cold. The banner races of the day were between a group of girls racing over a course of 65 yards and again over 40. Miss Nell

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