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## HARDING OF OHIO MADE THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

### BOTH FACTIONS OF REPUBLICAN FOLD PACIFIED

UNANIMOUS CHOICE MAY BE CONCILIATION TO THE ROOSEVELT CROWD.

### TEDDY'S NAME NOT UP DURING THE MEETING

Ohio Man Selected Temporary Chairman for Republican Convention and Long Stride Toward Harmony is Attained, Is Belief—Will Make Keynote Speech to Convention.

Chicago, April 7.—The committee on arrangements for the Republican National convention in Chicago, today selected Senator Harding of Ohio as temporary chairman of the national convention in June. It is believed that Harding is acceptable to conservatives and the progressive elements.

Many consider Harding as a conciliator for Roosevelt. He will deliver the keynote speech.

Roosevelt Not Mentioned. Chairman Hillis said Roosevelt's announcement of candidacy was not mentioned during the short committee meeting preceding Harding's selection. He wouldn't comment on Roosevelt's candidacy.

Committee man Williams of Oregon said his only surprise in connection with Roosevelt's announcement was the mildness of it.

HAS RESPONSIBLE POSITION. "Jimmy" Robertson, Formerly of La Grande, Manager of Big Concern.

J. E. Robertson, well known in La Grande and formerly with the Grande Lumber company and also in the lumber business at Elgin, has been elected as manager of the re-organized Stanley-Smith Lumber company of Hood River. He is a brother of Fred Robertson, of Perry.

In reference to the re-organization of the Hood River Lumber company, "The officers of the re-organized lumber company are: Robert Schmeer, of the United States National bank of Portland, president; J. E. Robertson, of this city, vice president, treasurer and general manager. The members of the board of directors are: Mr. Schmeer, Mr. Robertson, E. G. Crawford, of the Lumberman's National bank; O. L. Price, of the Northwestern National bank, and W. D. Wheelwright, of the Pacific Export Lumber company.

"The mill will open for the season's run as soon as the snow has cleared away. A daily capacity of 100,000 feet will be cut, and 200 men will be employed."

INDIAN GIRL OWNS AUTO. Wish to Drive Machine Gratified by Wealthy Pater.

Pendleton, April 7.—Isabelle Craig, eighteen year old daughter of Joe Craig, prominent Indian of the Umatilla reservation, today became the first Indian girl in this part of the country if not in the whole west to own an automobile. During the noon hour today she became the possessor of a beautiful new D-45 Buick little six and this afternoon is driving it herself.

Miss Craig, who is an educated Indian girl, has been longing for a car for two years and more. Being intelligent she has been putting her money in the bank and her father promised that her wish would be granted. That promise was fulfilled today when he permitted her to select any car she wanted. A check for the full purchase price was given to the Oregon Motor Garage in payment by the girl.

Miss Craig received a good education in English at the Catholic school on the reservation and she is now studying music at St. Joseph's academy in this city. She owns a piano and is very accomplished upon it. Her father and mother are among the best known Indians on the reservation and own valuable farm land, said to be worth close to \$50,000.

### PREACHER SEES CANNING NEEDS

UNIQUE CHARACTER OCCUPIES PULPIT.

Moody Co-Worker, Cherokee Indian Missionary and Preacher, Yet Studies New Farm Problems.

Versed in the fine arts of modern day canning, soloist with Moody and Alexander, in 1895-96, with long service in the slums of Chicago, missionary to the Cherokee Indian belt, organizer and soloist of choral unions, and now Methodist pastor at Elgin and Imbler is a terse life story of L. S. Chapman. A few months ago Mr. Chapman was called to the Elgin-Imbler circuit from McMinnville to take charge of the churches there. He has taken hold, and the hold is a firm one.

District Superintendent Winters, returning this morning from points east, met Rev. Chapman who is spending the day here awaiting arrival of his family from McMinnville tonight, and found time to heap praise upon the work done by the new pastor at Elgin. Although there are but a few weeks, he has a choral society at Elgin of 90 voices and one at Imbler of over 50 and the field is proving itself interesting to both general and co-workers.

Rev. Chapman takes off time from preaching and singing to promote and develop interest in canning factories. He has a soup factory scheme in addition to the usual canning plant. This plan has worked out elsewhere. Celery, carrots, potatoes and other vegetables form the ingredients and Alaska, the Orient and other remote places are sales fields. Rev. Chapman thinks there ought to be a big factory of that sort here and stands willing at any time to give his experiences and assist in developing interest for such an institution.

### WORKERS WILL GATHER.

Walla Walla and Seattle Salvation Army Men to Gather.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock an open-air service will be conducted by the Salvation Army. Adjutant Oldenburg and Lieut. Rogers the officers in charge of the Salvation Army at Walla Walla will conduct meetings in the Army hall Saturday night and also Col. Scott of Seattle in the services all day Sunday. The week-end and next Sunday will be big days for the Salvation Army centers here.

## WEST WOULD USE SAVINGS

TELLS REALTY BOARD OF NEW RURAL CREDITS.

Forty Million in Time Deposits Used as Basis for Plan.

Portland, April 7.—Before the Portland Realty Board today ex-Governor Oswald West outlined what in his belief is a good rural credit system for Oregon. He said:

"The State Bank Commissioner's last combined bank statement showed the banks of this state to be carrying about \$125,000,000.00 in deposits, of which about \$40,000,000.00 are time and savings deposits. If a way could be found to divert the flow of at least a part of this latter sum into channels which would lead to the rural districts and to the farmer at low rates of interest our rural credit problems would be largely solved.

This result could be easily accomplished through the medium of the state and in the following manner:

First amend the constitution of the state so as to permit its engaging in a limited way in the banking business. Next let the legislature or the people provide for the establishment of a State Rural Credit Bank, with a capital of say \$1,000,000.00 to be located in the City of Portland. The affairs of the bank to be under the control of a Board of Directors, consisting of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, who shall select a manager who, in turn, shall select his office force; this bank to become the depository of all state funds which would serve to supplement its working capital.

The bank should not be permitted to accept demand deposits nor engage in general commercial banking business, but should be limited to accepting time and savings deposits upon which four per cent interest would be paid. These deposits would in turn be loaned direct to the farmers at six per

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### PRESIDENT'S FRIEND DEAD



Tom Pence.

"Tom" Pence, otherwise Thomas J. Pence, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, who had much to do with the election of President Wilson in 1912, is dead. He became a strong friend of the President, and during the course of his illness at Washington there were constant inquiries from the White House. "Tom" Pence was perhaps one of the most popular men Washington has known.

## BETHINCOURT DOOMED TO BE GERMAN PRIZE

Amsterdam, April 7.—Mademoiselle Petit of Belgium has been executed by order of the German court martial, the Echo Belgium has declared. She aroused suspicion.

London, April 7.—The surrender of Haucourt yesterday morning has imperiled the French positions at Bethincourt which Germans heavily bombarded last night. Germans are apparently preparing for a terrific smash on Bethincourt.

French Defenses Brilliant. Brilliant defenses saved the city Thursday. Though increasingly probable that French will be forced to withdraw toward Esnes, no alarm is felt regarding Verdun itself.

Germans last night captured a section of French trenches at Bethincourt and Châtinecourt highway, Paris has admitted. Counter attacks ejected them partly. The French made small gains southwest of Douaumont. Severe fighting is reported from

MEXICAN WHO MAY RULE NATION AND HIS BRIDE.



General Obregon and Senora Obregon

General Obregon has just been named war minister by Carranza, and it has been reported that he was on his way to Juarez to look personally into the entrance into Mexico of the American soldiers under General John

## VILLA WITH 2000 MEN MAY MAKE FINAL STAND

### DIRIGIBLE HAS ESCAPED.

Pensacola, April 7.—A huge cigar-shaped dirigible escaped from the naval aeronautic station today. A light breeze carried it inland and it was lost from sight.

It will float indefinitely at a 1000 foot altitude. On account of limited traveling radius, the aeroplanes cannot pursue to tow it back.

### DOWER RIGHT DISPUTED.

Mrs. Elias Kuhn, of Summerville, Brings Suit Against Major Heirs.

A suit in equity is on trial before Judge Knowles today in which Mrs. Kuhn, widow of Elias Kuhn, is the plaintiff and the heirs of Elias Kuhn by a former marriage are the defendants. The suit is to establish the dower right of the plaintiff in the estate of her deceased husband.

Elias Kuhn was married twice and there are two sets of heirs. The major heirs—children of the first marriage—dispute the rights of dower in the second marriage, claiming that an advancement had been made in lieu of a dower.

The estate consists of considerable property, mostly real estate in the vicinity of Summerville. The death of Elias Kuhn occurred about a year or more ago.

## THIRD BATTLE FOUGHT; BROWN'S MEN PENNILESS

El Paso, April 7.—Villa has gathered about 4000 men at Parral and determined stand against Americans and Mexicans will be brought about soon, if information received by General Bell is correct. Col. Dodd's column is reported to be nearing Parral. The size of Villista's forces surprised the officials here. Villistas are believed to be poorly mounted however, and frequently halt to rest.

Carranza's garrison is supposedly at Parral where a number of foreigners remained. Fears for their safety are felt.

Third Battle Fought. Washington, April 7.—Americans and Villistas fought a third engagement Tuesday, the war department has announced. Co-operating with Carranzistas Americans killed 10 and captured two. The battle occurred at Cieneguilla. The message also confirmed reports of a flight at Aguacalientes Saturday.

De Facto Men on Guard. San Antonio, April 7.—Letcher has reported to General Funston that several thousand Carranzistas are congregated at strategic points south of Saveto to intercept Villa. Passing Cieneguilla Tuesday, Villa had 200 men. Guertiz has declared General Calozas has routed 50 Villistas there.

An aeroplane is scouting south of Cusihuirachi where a big American column arrived Wednesday.

Colonel Brown "Broke." Colonel Brown "went broke" at Cusihuirachi. He asked the telegrapher there to send a collect message to San Antonio asking for money.

Courier Gets Money. "Nothing doing" said the operator. A mounted courier went to Litcher, Chihuahua, asking for money to buy meals for the soldiers.

Express Agent Buck Improves. Express Agent Buck, who has been on an enforced layoff the past two weeks on account of illness, is improving and it is expected that he will be able to resume his place at the office within a week or ten days.

HUGHES, TEDDY, TIMBER. Cloakroom Gossip Indicates These Two Men Will Be Real Racers.

Washington, April 7.—Cloakroom talk in the capitol building this afternoon indicate the Republican presidential nomination fight will be between Roosevelt and Hughes.

Senators Warren, Curtis, Nelson and Ballinger are openly for Hughes. Senator Poindexter declared a dozen men, who at heart have no use for Judge Hughes, said they are for him for president.

Seeing the trend of sentiment toward Roosevelt they are willing to do anything to beat him, Penrose is believed to be ready to declare himself for Roosevelt soon.

Mr. Bay Holds His Own. Arlie Bay continues to about hold his own. He has now been in La Grande close to two weeks and most of that time has been in bed with a complication of troubles, with copper poisoning as the original trouble.

Union Merchant Here. Leon Levy, the Union merchant, accompanied Commissioner W. J. Townley to La Grande today. They will return home this evening.

Old Railroader in La Grande. C. A. Norden, for many years section foreman at Kamela and now head man in the Pendleton yards, is a visitor in La Grande and is registered at the Foley hotel.

Riverside Park Attracts. With the advent of warmer weather the Riverside park is becoming an attractive place. On Sundays in particular the park is well filled with visitors.

PLAYERS MAKE TRIP. La Granders to Visit Baker Tomorrow to Play Volley Ball.

J. P. Graham (captain), S. D. Crowe, F. L. Meyers, T. J. Croggin, C. D. Emahiser, A. A. Wenzel, R. J. Clark, Joe Kelly and Samuel Wright will leave tomorrow for Baker where tomorrow night they play the Baker Y. M. C. A. volley ball team.

Several ladies will accompany the team on the trip, and as the roads are good the auto journey should be a pleasant one.

The cavalcade leaves at 2 o'clock. Crook County Lands in Demand.

Prineville, Or., April 8.—A considerable movement in real estate is being felt in this vicinity, due to the fact that 200,000 acres of land held by the Oregon & Western Colonization company is offered for sale now, and of which practically 25,000 acres have been sold. The big stockmen have been the heaviest buyers as these lands adjacent to their present holdings are of great value for grazing purposes.

Bendier to Be Western Terminus. Ontario, April 7.—Bendier is to be the name of the town where will be established the western terminal of the new Oregon & Eastern railroad. Bendier will be in Harney county, 3 1/2 miles beyond Riverton and two miles east of Harriman. There are 17 miles of rail and one bridge to be built before the town is reached by rail.

O. A. C. Defeats Baker. The O. A. C. baseball team defeated the Baker High School nine at Baker yesterday afternoon by a score of 18 to 2.

Fire in Portland Last Night Robs School Girls of Quarters. Irma Martin and Violet Larsen, attending Link's college in Portland, had their home burned from over them last night but both girls escaped in safety and rescued their belongings. A telegram from Miss Irma to her father, A. J. Martin, this morning conveys the news that Anna Lewis hall at 510 Flanders street, burned down, but that she saved her belongings.

The structure was a three-story wooden one and the La Grande girls made their home there while attending school in Portland.

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