

"Covering" a Convention is a Titanic Task For Newspapers

OBSERVER'S PLANS READY

READERS TO GET NEWS POST HASTE

Even Photographs To Come Fresh From Coliseum Next Week

When a big story is being covered by the United Press, no expense or pains is spared to get the news. An example of this is seen in the preparation being made to handle the national conventions this month. Especial stress is laid on the Chicago affair for there is where the most excitement will take place.

For the benefit of United Press readers, which embrace those who read the Observer, a small army of reporters, wire chiefs, telegraphers and what not will be on the job.

Even Pictures Featured
The Observer will be in the most direct connection with the two conventions via the picture route. Pictures from the convention cities will be rushed direct to La Grande, meaning spicy stories via the picture route. The Observer's cut supplying connections in the east will establish temporary headquarters in the two convention halls, making their mats on the spot and getting them away to the far west by the next train. System? Abandon disregard for expense? Yes, but it is part of the life that makes a newspaper. Almost on the eve of the two conventions, the Observer doesn't mind giving its clientele an insight in advance, a peep as it were, behind the screens, as to how this big convention will be reported and put upon the reader's home table by 4 or 5 o'clock on the evening the big conventions take place.

How La Grande Will Get the News
New York, May 29. (U. P.)—In covering the national conventions next month at Chicago and St. Louis the United Press will pursue the same course it has followed throughout the great war in Europe and in covering other extraordinary news events. The United Press theory is that its own staff correspondents are best equipped to meet the demands of convention reporting. The Observer readers will realize the benefit of all this preparation.

At both the Chicago and St. Louis conventions the United Press will depend entirely upon a specially chosen staff of its best men for convention service. These will be under the general charge of Roy W. Howard, president of the United States Press, assisted by Fred S. Ferguson, acting news manager. They will include Perry Arnold, Lowell Mellett, George Martin, Karl A. Bickel, Carl D. Groat, J. P. Yoder, N. C. Parke, A. J. Eldred, Robert J. Bender and H. L. Rennick.

Special wires will be run direct to the United Press reservation next to the speaker's platform in the Chicago and St. Louis convention halls. In both cities a special work room will be fitted up under the speaker's rostrum.

William F. Lynch, superintendent of telegraph of the United Press, will be in general charge of the wire arrangements. It is probable that the actual sending from the convention hall will be done by Roscoe Johnson, chief operator of the Chicago division, rated as one of the star keymen of the country.

The United Press headquarters at Chicago will be in the Congress Hotel and in St. Louis at the Jefferson.

Ohio Democrats Meet.

Columbus, O., June 1.—Ohio Democrats in convention here today were to choose district presidential electors. Interest centered in the row which threatened between adherents of former Gov. James M. Cox and those of former Gov. Judson Harmon—both gubernatorial possibilities. Cox has announced himself as a "receptive candidate" for the Democratic nomination for governor. Harmon until now has remained silent, leaving to his friends all efforts in his behalf. Indications this morning were the convention, if it endorses either, might lean toward Cox. This belief was based upon the slating of War Secretary Newton D. Baker for temporary chairman and U. S. Senator Atlee Pomerene for permanent chairman. Both Pomerene and Baker are close to President Wilson and administration Democrats. It was W. L. Finley, Democratic state chairman and sponsor for Cox, who, after a hot fight in the state central committee, succeeded in swinging the temporary chairmanship for Baker—and thus assuring a "keynote speech favorable to Cox." Owing to the fact that the Democratic national convention is yet to come, little platform drafting was expected here today. Uncertainty of national issues has forced Ohio Democrats to use caution in suggesting any state issues. Finley and his henchmen were hopeful that today no action will be taken that might embarrass Democrats later on in the campaign.

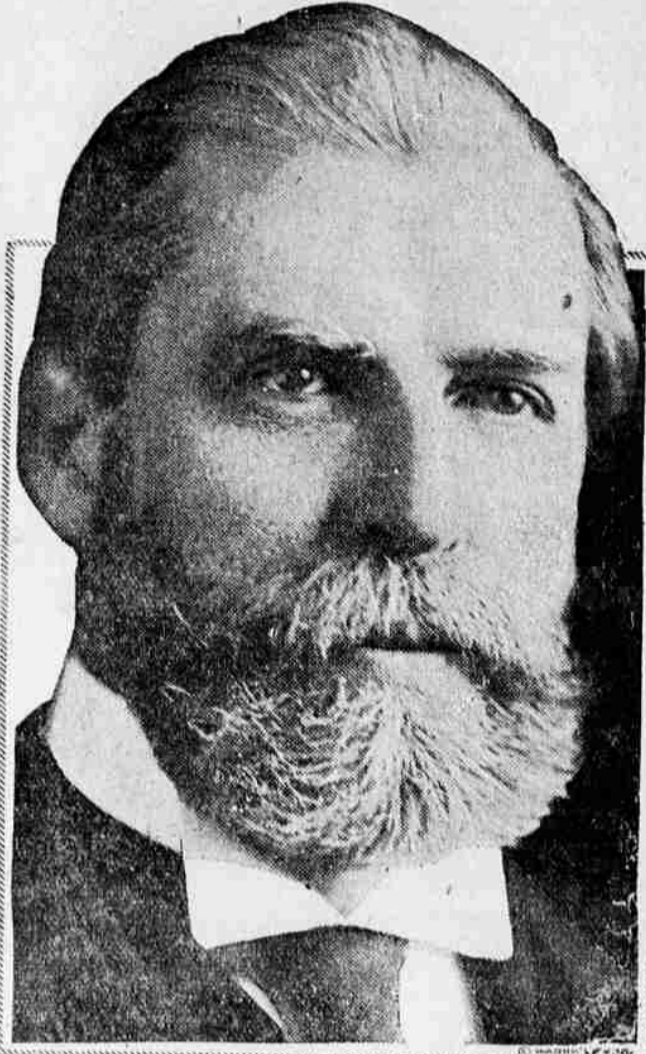
Commencement Program for Students

Monmouth, Or., June 1.—Commencement exercises will be held June 9 at the Oregon Normal school, according to announcements. The baccalaureate services will be held next Sunday. Only Normal students are to be admitted to the exercises, for the first time, owing to the lack of room in the assembly hall. Architects say that the room cannot be enlarged without building an addition on, as the age of the building renders it unstable.

WHO WILL BE THE PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION? HERE ARE LIKENESSES OF POSSIBILITIES—THE LARGER PICTURES "PRESIDENTIAL" AND THE SMALLER, "VICE-PRESIDENTIAL" TIMBER.



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Indian War Veteran Dies.

Nyack, N. Y., May 31.—Colonel William F. Blauvelt, U. S. A., retired, a veteran of the early Indian wars and the Spanish-American war, died at his home at Piermont, aged 95. At his retirement in May, 1915, he was in command of the 10th regiment of infantry, stationed at Panama. Colonel Blauvelt took part in several battles against Sitting Bull, the Sioux chief, and served as a captain in the

Spanish-American war. He became a colonel in 1905.

Washington, May 31.—Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, comes out strongly in support of the Columbia river naval base, in a letter received today by P. C. Harley, chairman of the naval base committee. "You may at all times count upon me for the fullest possible support,"

says the governor in acknowledging Harley's letter transmitting a brief filed with the naval committee.

"At the National Governors' conference, to be held in Salt Lake City the latter part of June, the governor adds: 'I shall discuss in some detail the needs and opportunities of the Northwest in connection with its unpreparedness and if the Columbia river naval base bill has not been favorably acted upon by that time, I shall dwell upon it strongly.'

Send to Have Box Factory.

Bend, Or., June 1.—With the arrival within the next few days of the motor, the box factory, the last of the departments of the Shevlin-Hixon company's plant at Bend, will be ready to begin work. This department, to be operated by the Knapp-Cheney company, with sales offices in Portland, will have an annual capacity of 40,000,000 feet. The factory already has demands for its products.

Life Term for MacNeil.

Dublin, via London, May 31.—Professor John MacNeil, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, who last week was found guilty of complicity in the Irish revolt, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. The sentence has been confirmed.