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DEMOCRATS GO OUT IN IDAHO

ORGANIZATION OF BOTH HOUSES COMPLETED MONDAY

Brilliant Reception and Inaugural Ball Held With Officials-Elect Guests of City

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 8.—The joint inauguration of the new officials forming the Republican administration and members-elect to the 15th Idaho legislature took place at noon Monday. Immediately thereafter the Democrats took over their offices. The House of Representatives organized with the election of M. I. Kiger of Kootenai county, speaker, and the senate with Senator E. W. Whitcomb of Lemhi county, president pro tem. Both houses adjourned for the day out of respect to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt.

Simplicity featured the inaugural ceremony, but in the evening one of the most brilliant receptions and inaugural balls was held, with officials-elect as guests of this city.

The reception was held in the rotunda of the new state capitol building, with Governor and Mrs. Davis presiding at the head of the reception line. Other state officials and their wives also received. Governor and Mrs. Davis also led the grand march at the ball, which was held in the Elks Temple. The marble walls of the capitol were festooned in flags, including and vintage articles.

Including Governor E. W. Davis, Lieutenant-Governor C. W. Sawyer, Secretary of State, C. C. Johnson, Auditor, E. H. Galloway, Treasurer, John W. Edwards, Attorney-General, Earl E. Hill, Supervisor and Chief of Public Instruction, Frank E. Bennett, State Engineer, Robert N. Hill.

Outgoing—Governor, C. M. Alexander; Lieutenant-Governor, C. T. L. Smith; Secretary of State, W. T. Doherty; Auditor, Clarence Van Dusen; Attorney-General, T. C. ...

WIDE EFFECT ON POLITICS

ROOSEVELT'S DEATH CAUSED GREAT DISCUSSION.

Ex-President Was Possible Presidential Candidate for 1920—Opinion Effect Recorded

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Even members of congress and other political leaders, who were most distressed over Col. Roosevelt's death Monday, would not help being drawn into the inevitable discussion of its effect upon American political life, and particularly the presidential campaign of 1920. Everyone agreed that the effect would be tremendous.

There had been reports that Col. Roosevelt would issue a statement soon formally announcing his intention not to seek the nomination for president next year. Nevertheless, Democratic leaders and many republicans still regarded him as the prospective Republican nominee for president in 1920. His death it is reported, must cause a radical change in campaign plans of both parties.

Republicans in congress said the effect upon the party as a whole would be varied. Some expressed the belief that one result would be to shift the party by breaking factional differences.

Democratic leaders took the view that Col. Roosevelt's loss left the Republican party without a leader of national presidential caliber. In the capital today discussion of the name of George H. Dyer, some mentioned Roosevelt as a possible Republican candidate for 1920.

Some Republican leaders, however, declared emphatically that General Pershing could not be seriously considered. The Republican caucus generally seemed to be that there was plenty of time in which to select a candidate and plenty of material for the campaign.

REPUBLICANS LOOKING AHEAD

EXPECT TO ELECT U. S. PRESIDENT IN 1920.

Statement from Headquarters Regarding Standard Bearer in Presidential Contest

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Republican Publicity Association, through its president, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington headquarters:

"That the next president of the United States will be a republican is indicated by all the signs of the times. There rests upon the rank and file of the Republican party, therefore, the responsibility of selecting the man who shall be their nominee, and, as a consequence, the chief executive of the nation. We say that the responsibility rests upon the rank and file for, under present systems of nomination, the voters exercise a very direct influence upon the choice. In fact, nearly a third of the states have presidential primaries.

"In discussion of the nomination of candidates and the election of a president in 1920 it will be fortunate for the country and for the Republican party if discussion of types of men shall precede discussion of individuals. It will be well if we get away from the notion that a candidate should be chosen chiefly upon the theory that he is a good 'vote getter,' with minor consideration of the sort of record he will make when elected. The duty resting upon Republicans is to select as their nominee the man who will probably serve the nation best, if elected, and then if their candidate will not be elected, the responsibility will not be theirs. It will also be well to get away from the fallacious and mischievous notion that a candidate must be selected because of geographical location. It is a wicked perversion of popular government to assume that a man is barred from the presidency either because he occupies an office in New York or has his habitat among the growing industries of far off Arizona.

"What this nation needs, first of all, is a president who believes in the American system of government—a government divided into three branches, legislative, executive and judicial, each performing faithfully and efficiently its own duties and not attempting to dictate the acts or policies of the others. Experience has shown that waste and inefficiency result from neglect of administrative duties by an executive who tries to run the legislative branch of the government.

"This nation needs a president who has had broad training and experience in the practical affairs of the world and of government. We have suffered irreparable injury from the halting and vacillating eccentricities of theorists whose chief skill is in making fine phrases that mean anything or nothing as subsequent events may make expedient. We need a president whose associations and sympathies have been with the producers of the country, for upon the prosperity of the producers the future greatness of this nation must rest. We use the word 'producers' in its broadest sense. Some consideration, but of a secondary sort, may be given to people who class themselves only as consumers.

"There are three classes of men whose training and habits of thought unfit them for the presidency. These are school masters, professional military men, and men who have served long on the bench. Men of these classes have been removed from close relation with the world of affairs. They have become accustomed to receive unquestioning obedience. They have formed the mental habits of dictator—habits that are accentuated rather than overcome by election to the presidency. This country needs a servant, not a master, in the White House. Under our form of government, the people, through their representatives in congress, make the laws, and the president is charged with the duty of executing them.

"There are plenty of men in the Republican party who have the qualifications for successful administration of the office of chief executive. Full, friendly and frank discussion will bring them to public attention."

CHANGES RULES

Persons Exempted From Conversation Order Must Wear Masks.

PENDLETON, Jan. 8.—Some slight amendments have been made to the influenza quarantine ordinance under which barbers, shoe shiners, dentists, waiters, garment fitters and cutters are exempted from the four-foot conversation limit, but they must wear influenza masks. Children, too, are exempted.

A special police, principally women and returned soldiers, stand guard at the doors of the business houses and keep count of the number of persons within, an order that the regulation within an order that the regulation limiting visitors to one for each 100 square feet of floor space shall be observed. Thirty-one houses now are quarantined.

Four new cases have been reported.

RECORD-BREAKING AVIATOR IS ARRESTED FOR TALKING

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Capt. Lang, the aviator, who on Thursday last established a new airplane altitude record of 39,500 feet, has been placed under arrest by the British army authorities, according to the Evening News Monday. The captain was arrested, it is stated, because of his disclosing without authorization the details of his climb.

BUTTE SUCCEEDS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLUENZA

A travelling man who arrived in La Grande today from Butte, Mont., states that the flu has been practically eliminated from that city. Credit for the suppressing of the epidemic there is attributed to the very strict quarantine regulations imposed and to the use of the serum prepared by Dr. Rosenow, which La Grande physicians have also received lately.

PRAISES WORK OF THE 42ND.

GEN. MENOHER'S TRIBUTE TO FAMOUS DIVISION.

Farewell Address of the Commander of the "Rainbow" Troops to His Men.

Mrs. W. M. Furman of Imbler, whose son Arthur has seen service in France with the famous Rainbow division, received from him a copy of Major General Menoher's address to his troops on the occasion of his leaving them. Mrs. Furman has sent the address to The Observer. It is as follows:

Headquarters 42nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, France, November 11, 1918.

To the Officers and Men of the 42nd Division: On the 13th of August I addressed to you a letter summarizing the record of your achievements in Lorraine, before Chulons and on the Ourcq. On the occasion of my leaving the division I wish to recall to you your services since that time and to express to you my appreciation of the unflinching spirit of courage and cheerfulness with which you have met and overcome the difficult tasks which have confronted you.

After leaving the region of Chateau Thierry you had scarcely been assembled in your new area when you were ordered to advance by hard night marches to participate in the attack of the St. Mihiel salient. In the first great operation of the American army you were instructed to attack in the center of the Fourth army corps and to deliver the main blow in the direction of the heights overlooking the Madine river. In the battle that followed you took every objective in accordance with the plan of the army commander. You advanced fourteen kilometers in twenty-eight hours. You pushed forward advance elements five kilometers further, or nineteen kilometers beyond your original starting point. You took more than one thousand prisoners from nine enemy divisions. You captured seven villages and forty-two square kilometers of territory. You seized large supplies of food, clothing, ammunition, guns and engineering material.

Worn though you were by ceaseless campaigning since February, you then moved to the Verdun region to participate in the great blow which your country's armies have struck west of the Meuse. You took Hill 288, La Tuilerie Farm and the Cote de Chantillon and broke squarely across the powerful Kriemhilde Stellung, clearing the way for the advance beyond St. Georges and Landres-et-St. Georges. Marching and fighting day and night you thrust through the advancing lines of the forward troops of the First army. You drove the enemy across the Meuse. You captured the heights dominating the river before Sedan and reached in the enemy lines the farthest point attained by any American troops.

Since September 12th you have taken over twelve hundred prisoners; you have freed twenty-five French villages; you have recovered over one hundred and fifty square kilometers of French territory and you have captured great supplies of enemy munitions and material. Whatever may come in the future, the men of this division will have the proud consciousness that they have thus far fought wherever the American flag has flown most gloriously in this war. In the determining battle before Chalon, in the bloody drive from Chateau Thierry to the Vesle, in the blating out of the St. Mihiel salient, and in the advance to Sedan you have played a splendid and leading part.

I know you will give the same unflinching support to whomsoever may succeed me as your commander, and that you will continue to bear forward without faltering the colors of the Rainbow division. I leave you with deep and affectionate regard, and I thank you again for your loyalty, courage and your services to your country. You have struck a vital blow in the greatest war in history. You have proved to the world in no mean measure that our country can defend its honor.

CHARLES T. MENOHER, Major General, U. S. A.

LEADERS WILL OUTLINE PLAN

STATE TO BE WIDELY REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION.

Reconstruction Program Will Be Established and Status of War Industries Outlined.

Oregon, represented by delegates from every section of the state, will make definite plans to provide employment for its men who have served their nation, and will work out a general development program which will also insure the state against unemployment at the state reconstruction convention at Portland, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The status of war industries in Oregon will be outlined by leaders in the various industries, the position that labor is taking in connection with the reconstruction period will be told by labor leaders and when these two factors are known the delegates will be called upon to work out a feasible and comprehensive program which will provide employment for all and also place Oregon in the forefront in the handling of its post war problems.

Able men representing various governmental departments have been assigned to attend the convention and tell Oregon's delegates what the nation is planning to do in the way of caring for returned soldiers. Employers of labor will outline what they are prepared to do during the reconstruction period and state, county and city officials will be on hand to enlighten the delegates on what these bodies can do in the way of aiding in the solution of the problem.

No meeting has ever been called which is of the tremendous importance of Oregon's reconstruction convention in Portland this week.

MORE DIVORCES

1918 Brings More Separations and Fewer Marriages Than 1917.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 8.—Lewis county shows an increased record in divorces granted during 1918, as compared with the previous year, according to the annual report of Mrs. Cora Black, county clerk. Marriage receipts show a decrease. However, this latter condition may be accounted for in a measure by the enforced absence on military duty in the army of several hundred young men. The 1918 divorces numbered 76, and for 1917 a total of 52. In 1918 there were 379 marriage licenses granted by the auditor. Receipts from these aggregating \$477, compared to \$457 in 1917.

An increased number of civil suits was filed, 369 against 348 in 1917.

TO HONOR COLONEL

Trees to Stand as Monument to the Memory of Ex-President.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—In order to give permanent expression to "all Colonel Roosevelt stood for for the boys of the nation," 16,000 troops of the Boy Scouts of America, comprising 440,000 members, today were instructed to plant one or more trees with suitable inscription and ceremony in memory of the former president.

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\$15.50	\$ 9.00
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\$ 5.50	\$ 3.50

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REGULAR PRICE	SALE PRICE
\$33.50	\$16.50

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\$16.50	\$14.50

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