

TAFT AND UNITY, CRY REPUBLICAN LEADERS

Harmony Plans in Washington to Insure Taft's Nomination on the First Ballot, Squeech Third-Termers—Fairbanks for Vice-President.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Republican leaders in congress are now working earnestly on a plan to prevent any break at the Chicago convention that might disrupt party harmony and endanger success at the polls in November. In fact meetings of small groups of the leaders have been of almost daily occurrence for more than a week. They have been directed to one end—a nomination on the first ballot, by which they mean William H. Taft.

Most of the men figuring prominently in this movement were numbered against Mr. Taft early in the campaign, but party policy and the necessity for harmony, which have been manifest in the republican ranks since the disastrous results of the Blaine-Cooking feud, have awakened a demand that personal desires be subordinated to the will of the majority. That the efforts of the group of leaders back of the harmony movement have not been barren of results is indicated by the fact that to a number of conferences have been called men who are backing the candidacies of Vice-President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon, Senator Knox or Governor Hughes.

No attempt is made to disguise the fact that the real impetus to such a concerted movement in the interest of Mr. Taft is his refusal of the Roosevelt sentiment to be snuffed out and the danger of such sentiment spreading to an extent as might be difficult of control at Chicago. At the same time it is said that the move is not hostile to President Roosevelt, who admittedly occupies the position of command in the Taft forces. He has made it perfectly plain that nothing can come of the renewed calls for his renomination which have been made in Texas, Utah and California, as he has prepared to reject any proffer of support, no matter how extended.

The uttermost limit of endeavor of republican leaders who are striving to harmonize party differences is to eliminate candidates for the nomination except Mr. Taft, but it is not anticipated that all the candidates readily will give to this proposition. Supporters of Mr. Knox particularly are said to oppose the plan and one of the other candidates is holding out so strongly that there is no immediate prospect of agreement.

Republican leaders concede that their majority in the house is likely to be materially reduced at the fall election, and they fear that unless all factions are brought together before the Chicago convention they may lose their party altogether.

One of the side plans being discussed warily is the renomination of Mr. Fairbanks as vice-president on the ticket with Mr. Taft, which, they assert, will remove Indiana from the doubtful man and make it safely republican. It is believed also that with the republican forces solidly aligned, Mr. Taft will easily carry Illinois, the harmonious being willing to concede Mr. Cannon's re-election as speaker by a republican house. There is a movement already to bring about the renomination of Mr. Hughes as governor of New York and an effort will be made to get Mr. Taft and Senator Forsaker together, which it is thought would make safe.

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ISH CAMPAIGN USE OF CORPORATION MONEY

McCall bill, requiring a statement of all contributions made to committees for the election of representatives or presidential electors, reported by such committees to the clerk of the house of representatives is good in principle, and should be a law. It virtually requires that object prior to the date of election for which contributions are made, if not already so worded, need of a law of this sort has been shown by certain admissions of Mr. Ryan, the transit multimillionaire of New York, in testimony given to the grand jury of that city. He pledged the donation of several thousand dollars to the republican campaign fund in 1907.

and four associates—Dolan, Widener and Elkins—and admitted that the money was to be used to defeat Bryan in the primaries to the presidential election of 1908.

At a time afterward the contributions were repaid to the fund of the Metropolitan Street Railway company of New York interest, a plain theft and a trust on the part of the five financiers mentioned. Donors in the Metropolitan Street Railway company of New York must have a very definite opinion of Ryan and the other listed gentlemen who thus received their contributions to the campaign.

clerk of the corporation stolen if its money to help Bryan had been more of a crime committed by Ryan and his associates in control of the Metropolitan Street Railway company.

COMMISSION FAVORS BUSINESS OF EXPRESS COMPANIES

WASHINGTON, May 13.—An important report was transmitted to the senate by the interstate commerce commission on the results of inquiry made by the commission as to whether the express companies of the country were engaged in the business of buying, selling or handling consignments of fruit, vegetables and oysters entering into interstate commerce.

The commission finds that for the handling of perishable commodities the express companies have established order and commission departments. The agents of the companies undertake to find a market for producers and to handle the products offered. The products are marketed and the proceeds, less the express charges, are turned over to the producers. The commission says that this system affords "principally the only means by which the grower of fruit in small and isolated communities can market his produce to advantage in distant localities."

The commission reports that express companies do not buy or sell commodities transported by them to their own account. Agents of the companies who have done so have been prohibited from continuing it by the companies. From the evidence it has taken from growers and producers as well as local dealers in communities served only by the express companies and in the interest of increased production in undeveloped regions, the operation of the order and commission departments of express companies should be allowed to continue.

Accordingly it recommends that all express companies and their agents be prohibited from buying or selling on their own account commodities transported by express, but that express companies be permitted to continue their present methods of conducting interstate business through order and commission departments, subject to the prohibitions of law against unjust discrimination.

FRENCH WINES MUST BE TRUTHFULLY LABELED

A law that was passed in France on September 3 last came into operation the first week in March and is creating much interest in that country, according to newspaper dispatches and letters. It concerns the sale of wine and spirits, and practically causes a revolution in the French liquor trade.

Dealers, including restaurants and hotels, are forbidden to sell wines and spirits the labels on which bear the name of any brand or seat of production unless absolutely authentic. If blended with the production of any other region or vintage, they will come under the application of the law. If such a name is used, it must be accompanied with the word "fantaisie" (artificial) in letters of the same size and in full, as Champagne fantaisie, if grown outside the districts specified as forming the former province of Champagne. If produced elsewhere, the place or origin must be indicated, as Champagne Saumur, Champagne Vouvray, etc., or be simply described as sparkling wine.

With regard to the great vintages or brands, the names of which figure on the wine lists of every hotel or restaurant of any importance, although it is well known that the production is extremely limited, sometimes only a few hundred casks, the greater part of which do not come on the market, those names will have to disappear from the wine list. Dealers, wholesale or retail, must have their casks ticketed with the name of the place of origin if any indication is given. Even the words "Bordeaux" or "Burgundy" cannot be used if the wine is blended with that of any other region. The word "cognac" can not be used for brandy distilled outside the departments of the Charente and Charente Inferieure, which have an exclusive right to the title.

EGGS ARE LIVESTOCK, SAYS CUSTOM HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 13.—If frogs' legs are poultry, then what kind of livestock are eggs?

When Leslie M. Shaw was secretary of the treasury and imposition of duty, he held that frogs' legs were poultry. Today the treasury department faces an even more complex problem, and there is no Leslie M. Shaw to cut the Gordian knot. Breathless, official Washington waits to see the giant intellect develop to effect a solution. The question is:

"Is an egg livestock?"

It has been raised by G. F. Statter of Sioux City.

Being something of a poultry fancier, Statter sent to England for two dozen eggs of the Black Orpington, an especially aristocratic "general purpose" hen.

The cheerful joker who billed the eggs out of England, valued them at \$100. When they got to the custom house at Sioux City duties of \$25 were assessed against them. Statter talked some about the tariff and finally decided to pay. But he did it under protest and had his case appealed to the department.

The department by some process of rationation which Statter has not yet figured out decided against him, and he finds that he has been "touched" for the \$25 beyond all hope of recovery. His understanding is that the department reasoned this way:

Hens lay eggs; roosters don't. Roosters are only useful to eat and grow. The admission of eggs free of duty for hatching would be, in fact, a discrimination in favor of the hen as against the rooster, because roosters don't set. As approximately half the poultry population is composed of roosters, it would be manifest discrimination against the half to permit a special favor to the hens. Therefore, on the ground that it would be class discrimination, the hens can't get free eggs.

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SENSATION IN CASE REGARDING LAND SALES

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The feature of the alleged land fraud case against Hyde, Diamond, Benson and Schneider was the conclusion of the long direct examination of W. K. Stack, one of the principal witnesses for the government, who has been on the stand a number of times since the trial began. A wild sensation was created when Stack admitted that many of the Oregon lands alleged to have been acquired by fraudulent means, were to have been entered on the books in Hyde's office, where he was employed, in the joint account of Hyde and Benson.

Statements were made, however, by attorneys on both sides, that Justice Stafford said there was no charge in the indictment that Benson, acting as the agent for selling Hyde's lands, carried out the transactions with any knowledge of the source of the titles which considerably modified Stack's testimony. It was said that this admission of the government will very materially shorten the case so far as Benson is concerned.

SMITH DENIED NEW TRIAL; LARKIN GOES TO THE PEN

PRINEVILLE, Or., May 13.—Counsel in the C. Sam Smith case, wherein the defendant was convicted of burning J. N. Williamson's shearing plant, this morning moved for a new trial. The motion was denied by Judge Bradshaw, who shortly thereafter pronounced sentence, imposing a penalty of four years in the penitentiary. Counsel then served notice of appeal. Smith's bond was advanced from \$2000 to \$3000, which sum was furnished, and he is at liberty.

The state witness, Larkin Elliott, was soon afterward given a like sentence and will be taken to Salem today. He seemed cheerful and satisfied with his punishment.

REPUBLICAN TICKET. Election June 1, 1908.

- For United States Senator—H. M. Calk.
- For Representative in Congress—Willis C. Hawley.
- For Food and Dairy Commissioner—J. W. Bailey.
- For Supreme Judge—Robert S. Bean.
- For Railroad Commissioner—T. K. Campbell.
- For Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson and Josephine Counties—B. F. Mulkey.
- For Joint Representative, Jackson and Douglas Counties—J. A. Buchanan.
- For Representatives—J. L. Hammersley, H. D. Kubli.
- For County Judge—G. W. Dana.
- For County Commissioner—James Owens.
- For County Sheriff—D. H. Jackson.
- For County Clerk—W. R. Coleman.
- For County Recorder—R. T. Bennett.
- For County Assessor—W. T. Grievy.
- For County Treasurer—J. M. Cronmiller.
- For County School Superintendent—J. Percy Wells.
- For County Coroner—A. E. Kellogg.
- For County Surveyor—F. A. Grieg.

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