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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IS CALLED TO ORDER

COUNSELS BANKS TO ORGANIZE

A. L. Mills Advises Formation of National Clearing House Association in Oregon Under New Law.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 16.—That the national banks in Oregon should get together without delay and organize a national clearing-house association in accordance with the provisions of the Aldrich law is the suggestion of A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank. He believes that the latitude allowed national banks to form such an organization and take advantage of the opportunity to issue emergency currency whenever necessary should not be overlooked, for he believes it is best to be prepared for any contingency.

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF LOST SLOOP

Guiding Star and Occupants Supposed to Have Been Lost at Mouth of Columbia River.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 16.—Grave fears are entertained for the safety of Captain Leopold A. Bernis, son, A. E. Bernis, of the Portland Seamen's Institute, Mate B. Hancock and Seaman J. Wilson, who were last seen on the sloop Guiding Star by Captain Stuart of the Cape Disappointment life-saving station.

LAFOLLETTE AND HUGHES REMAIN TO OPPOSE TAFT AND PREVENT UNANIMITY

OPPONENTS OF BIG BILL COURAGEOUS

Though Completely Defeated, Allies Refuse to Concede It—All Names of Opponents Withdrawn Except Two.

By John E. Nevins. After a lengthy conference the "allies" today are defiant, declaring they have gained a strategical advantage. Mysterious whisperings continue and there is much mystery but they refuse to give the least hint of what their plan is.

NO CHEERING FOR DEPEW AT CHICAGO

Convention Called to Order at 12:15—Burrows Temporary Chairman—Immense Crowd Watches Opening Hours.

CHICAGO, June 16.—At 2 o'clock the convention adjourned until Wednesday morning. COLISEUM, Chicago, Ill., June 16.—The republic national convention was called to order at 12:15 p. m. Secretary J. G. Burrows of Michigan was made temporary chairman.

TAFT SURE OF SECURING NOMINATION

Both Secretary and Roosevelt Consider Things Cinched so They Can't Get Away At Convention at Chicago.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Secretary Taft called on President Roosevelt at the White House today and they were in conference for some time. The big presidential candidate came out smiling and in good humor.

AUTHORSHIP SPURNED BY ROOSEVELT

President Issues Denial of Having Prepared Republican National Platform or Having Seen it Before

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Now comes a characteristically vigorous denial from the White House that President Roosevelt dictated the provisions of the platform which is to be submitted to the republican national convention on resolution by Wade H. Ellis, attorney general of Ohio. It goes so far as to say that Secretary Taft played no very important part in drafting the document, which is spoken of in Chicago as if it had been dictated by the president to the secretary of war, acting as a stenographer.

ASKS BRYAN TO QUIT FOR FOUR YEARS

Virginian Requests Nebraska to Approve Nomination of Gov. Johnson and Douglas, of Mass.

RICHMOND, Va., June 16.—George McDuffee Blake, a close personal friend of William J. Bryan, announced today that he had written to the Nebraskan asking him to approve the nomination of Governor Johnson as the democratic presidential candidate. Blake promised Bryan that he would receive the nomination by acclamation if he would step aside now and permit the nomination of Johnson. He named former Governor W. L. Douglass of Massachusetts as Johnson's running mate and said: "With this ticket—Johnson and Douglas—the democrats would sweep the country."

ROSEBURG BREWERY TO MAKE NEAR BEER. ROSEBURG, Ore., June 16.—Notwithstanding the county went dry at the recent election, the Roseburg brewery will continue business. At a meeting of its stockholders it was decided to follow the plan adopted by other brewing concerns supplying dry communities by manufacturing "prohibition" or "near beer," which contains such a small percentage of alcohol as to place the product outside the pale of the prohibition law.

EASTERN BUYERS NOT SEEKING OREGON PRUNES. Salem prune packers have thus far had no inquiry from the east for prices on the 1908 crop and they are making no offers. Neither are the packers trying to make contracts with growers.

ALLIES TO FIGHT ALABAMA. The "allies" will make their hard-fought fight on the Alabama contests. Major F. C. Bryan, who has charge of their case, said today that he had submitted to the credentials committee, but would not say what it was.

NO ENTHUSIASM FOR TAFT. Julius Fleischman, former mayor of Cincinnati, entered the hall bearing a big blue banner on which was a picture of Taft. The banner aroused little enthusiasm in the hall and the reception was quiet and blue as the banner itself.

AGED WOMAN VICTIM OF DESIGNING SPIRITUALISTS. BELLINGHAM, Wash., June 16.—Bellingham persons, palming themselves off as spirit mediums, have got Miss Josephine Hicks, aged woman, living in Los Angeles, Cal., completely under their influence and are seeking by this means to take her property, some of which is in this place away from her.

OREGON DELEGATION OUT FOR FAIRBANKS. CHICAGO, June 16.—State delegations have announced the following sections for committees: Oregon—For credentials committee: Senator C. W. Fulton; for the resolutions committee, A. N. Gilbert; for national committee, W. Williams.

CONGRESS OF RELIGIONS OPENED IN LONDON. LONDON, June 16.—Over 1000 clergymen and laymen of the Church of England from all parts of the world are here today to take part in the pan-Anglican congress, which opens today and is to last until June 21.

BEARS TREE MEN FOR MANY HOURS. SEATTLE, Wash., June 16.—R. G. Schrader, an enthusiastic sportsman, has recovered his bravery and is telling his friends how it feels to be freed by a bear.

END OF BIG FLOOD IS AT LAST IN SIGHT. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 16.—The end of the big flood which did so much damage in the past few days is in sight. The Missouri river and its tributaries have reached the highest stage and are now slowly falling.

DUTCH SLOOPS FIRED UPON BY VENEZUELAN. WILLEMSTAD, June 16.—International complications are likely to follow the seizure of two Dutch sloops, the Marion and Carmel, by a Venezuelan coast guard vessel, which fired upon boats before detaining them.

VIRGINIA TUBERCULOSIS IS TUBERCULOSIS VICTIM. CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 16.—Governor O. W. Dawson of West Virginia is a victim of tuberculosis. As soon as his physician notified him that he had contracted the dreadful disease he immediately left for Asheville, N. C., where he will remain for several weeks in the hope of being cured.

GRANGER BILL HOLDS EXPRESS COMPANIES. SALEM, Ore., June 16.—The grangers had a long head on them when they drafted the gross earnings tax bill, which the Railroad Commissioner Oswald West, when he saw the report of taxes paid by express companies in Oregon, they provided for a 3 percent tax on gross earnings.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON ROAD TO RECOVERY. PORTLAND, Ore., June 16.—Chester C. Hallway, the aged Los Angeles man who opened an agency in his wrist some time ago because his young wife had reportedly refused to return to him, is reported on the road to recovery at St. Vincent's hospital.

RINGLEADER OF ROBBERS HIDING NEAR PORTLAND. PORTLAND, Ore., June 15.—That the ringleader of the gang that recently stole a mail pouch containing \$50,000 from a train at Kansas City is hiding in Oregon near Portland is the belief of the authorities as evidenced by the presence of several government secret-service men in the Rose city.

JAPANESE SECRETARY SAILS FOR AMERICA. TOKYO, June 16.—Hayashi, chief secretary of the house of commons, sailed today for America on the steamer Teiko. He will spend one month in the United States investigating the system of naming representatives in congress and the general system of government.

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F. J. Swanning leaves Medford with in a few days for several months' trip to Crater Lake park on a geological survey.

C. R. Stout of Jacksonville, the expert mechanic, is employed on the new Stevens academy in Medford. So is Lewis LaRue.

H. D. Norton, the Grants Pass lawyer and state senator-elect from Josephine county, did some legal business at Jacksonville Monday.

A. R. Hobbs, the Ashland merchant, was up from Ashland Monday morning.

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