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DEMOCRATS CONVENE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Homer S. Cummings Delivers The
Keynote Speech To The
Convention

San Francisco.—The Democratic national convention was called to order at noon Monday by J. Bruce Kremer of Butte, Mont., vice-chairman of the Democratic national committee.

Right Rev. P. L. Ryan, vicar general of the diocese of San Francisco offered the opening prayer and Chairman Kremer introduced Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee as temporary chairman.

With the exception of a patriotic touch by the presentation of the colors by a detachment of marines, the opening preliminaries were much similar to those of prior conventions. The outstanding feature of the program was the keynote speech of Chairman Cummings, which was a complete, unqualified endorsement of everything which has been accomplished under President Wilson's seven years in the White House.

Candidates Strength Uncertain.

As the rival forces at the democratic national convention move into position for the opening of its convention there was apparently no more definite alignment of strength for various candidates than there has been since the delegates began to assemble.

The closing hours of the pre-convention period are much the same as characterized the last-minute proceedings of the republican convention at Chicago. There is a marked similarity in many respects.

756 Delegates Uninstructed.

Seven hundred and fifty-six of the 1092 delegates are uninstructed. There were ten candidates, avowed, unwilling or receptive.

No democratic candidate came to San Francisco with any such showing of pledged strength as was brought to Chicago by Wood, Lowden or Johnson. But as at Chicago, the situation at the opening revolved about a rivalry on issues rather than for the moment on candidates.

Bonedry prohibition, profiteering, industrial relations, the league of nations and the Irish question promised to be the headlines in the fight over planks in the democratic platform.

In this category the prohibition question was easily foremost in the minds of leaders and delegates as the bone-dry and the anti began the actual counting of noses. A convention floor fight seemed almost certain, both sides insisting that they wanted a verdict by separate vote of the delegates.

Palmer Delegates Seated.

Administration leaders won a sweeping victory in the democratic national committee when that body recognized the Palmer group of delegates in the Georgia contest and refused to give Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, bitter opponent of the league of nations, a seat in the convention.

The committee decided to seat R. R. Turner as a delegate-at-large from Oregon, who had been named by the state committee to fill a vacancy caused by death. John L. Schuylerman had protested against the seating of Turner. Schuylerman appeared before the committee and argued that he should fill the vacancy on the ground that he received the fifth highest vote in the race for the four places as delegates-at-large.

ONTARIO HAS ANOTHER THRIVING INDUSTRY

Bottling Works Moved From Payette
And Is Enjoying Good
Patronage.

W. R. Higinbotham & Son, who for the past twelve years have been operating a bottling works establishment at Payette, have decided to cast their lot with us and last week moved their plant to this place and are now located in the Moore building north of the Ontario Furniture Store and are already enjoying a splendid patronage.

Mr. Higinbotham says he likes Payette very well, but he believes Ontario is by far the best business town—hence the move. We welcome them into our little business world.

The News while it is News—Read The Ontario Argus.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ATTENDS CHAUTAUQUA

Last Wednesday evening was the date set for the regular monthly luncheon and meeting of the Ontario Commercial Club, but in order to properly show their appreciation of the big strawberry feast tendered them by the Fruitland's the week before and to demonstrate their friendly feeling for the people of that community, the members of the Club, at the conclusion of the luncheon, went in a body to Fruitland and attended the chautauqua. They report a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

HORSE ELECTROCUTED BY TRANSMISSION LINE

On the latter part of last week Mr. Thayer, who resides on the Brosnan ranch on the Malheur river, had the misfortune to have one of his valuable horses electrocuted. He had a team hitched to a large hay derrick and not thinking about the transmission line of the Idaho Power Company overhead drove under it, the derrick coming into contact with the wires which carry a very heavy voltage current following down the machinery to the horse with the above result.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS NOTICED IN ONTARIO

Several New Buildings Under Erection
And Pavement Nearing
Completion.

Not only will the spirit of '76 be manifested in Ontario on the Fourth, but our visitors will also notice that we have the vim and pep of the present day, and are not wanting in public improvement. Besides the many blocks of paved streets which have been completed within the past few weeks, they will notice that several new and substantial buildings have been erected or are under course of construction, among them is the new Majestic Theatre which opened its doors to the public today. Then as they go from place to place they will notice many alterations and improvements in many of the old business houses. The Ontario Pharmacy has just recently had a balcony erected in their store and made many other substantial improvements and it is now one of the most attractive and up-to-date drug stores in the state.

Geo. W. Wayt, the implement dealer, has also made some improvements by erecting bins and adding other fixtures in his place of business in order to facilitate the handling of his rapidly increasing business.

Boyer Brothers are busy excavating in the rear and under their buildings formerly occupied by the McDowell Furniture Company and the Argus preparatory to extending these buildings to the alley and fixing a roomy basement thereunder.

Besides these, there are several new residences being built among them a fine home for E. C. Van Petten, which, when completed, will be one of the handsomest and most modern in the state. Earl Blackaby and Albert McAfee are also building fine new residences.

F. L. BODY DEPARTED FOR THE EAST SUNDAY

On the latter part of last week F. L. Body, former Secretary of the Ontario Commercial Club, turned over the reins of his office to his temporary successor, Mayor Jones, and left Sunday for Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where he has accepted a more lucrative position with the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

In Mr. Body's departure Ontario loses a good citizen and a wide-awake and efficient official. He came here from Portland in June of last year and immediately upon assuming his duties as Secretary of the Commercial Club, went in with a vim to make the club at this place second to none in the state. How well he has succeeded we leave it for you to say. We understood that there was, at the time he arrived here 65 members in the club and less than \$10 in the treasury, while today it is the largest and strongest in proportion to the population of any in the United States, with a good live membership of 122 and something like \$2000 in the treasury.

Besides working to build up the club, Mr. Body took an active part in everything which tended to the betterment of Ontario and vicinity, among them being the relieving of the housing problem and other important matters. A few months ago he started the publication of a bright new little booster paper, "The Optimist," which had its influence in boosting Ontario and her resources. Besides being Secretary of the Commercial Club he also held the position of Secretary of the Malheur County Fair Association last year. Mr. Body was a good progressive and efficient official and we regret his departure.

Good-bye, Mr. Body, may success attend your efforts in your new field of labor!

The Spirit of Patriotism



EVERYTHING IS READY FOR ONTARIO'S BIG CELEBRATION

Business Houses in Holiday Attire---Big
Carnival Company Here And a
Great Time Anticipated

Ontario is all ready to receive and entertain her guests for the three big day celebration according to the reports of the various committees at a meeting held last evening.

The store windows are all arrayed in holiday attire appropriate to the occasion.

The Big Carnival Company is here with amusements of all kinds for both old and young. Among the features of attraction of this great show will be the "master mind", seventh daughter of the "seven daughters" born with a veil, just returned from 15 years consultation with the wise men of India, besides which there will be many other mystifying and amusing features as well as ferris wheels and the like.

J. D. Rose, an experienced man in this line, will have charge of the pavement dancing and will see that they are properly waxed besides having a splendid 6 piece orchestra to furnish first class music, and refreshments will be served in the dancing pavilion.

The program for the three big days as announced by H. L. Peterson, chairman of the Fourth of July Committee, is as follows:

On Saturday, the 3rd, there will be a big time at the fair grounds, among which will be tight fast races, etc. In the afternoon, and in the evening there will be a jolly time up town with the Carnival Company and dancing on the pavements until midnight.

On Sunday, the 4th, besides the many other attractions, there will be a big double header ball game at the fair grounds at 2 o'clock in the afternoon between Parma and Payette and Ontario and the winner.

Monday, the 5th, will be the day of days at which time there will be a big street parade at 10:30 in the forenoon, followed by an address by the Hon. Jesse Hawley of Boise. In the parade will be many beautiful

floats and instructive and amusing features, among which will be several comedy features.

In the afternoon there will be all kinds of field and track events at the Fair Grounds, in which the greased pig will play an important and amusing part.

At the conclusion of the events at the Fair Grounds there will be a big water fight up town by two sides of the fire department, following which there will be a band concert at 7 o'clock in the city park. The remainder of the evening will be devoted to a big free dance on well waxed pavements with first class music until 9 o'clock when there will be a magnificent display of fireworks together with the carnival features.

The list of events and prizes as announced by the committee for Monday is as follows:

For the parade the prizes will be:
\$45.00 for Merchants Floats
\$45.00 for best decorated Individual Float.

\$45.00 for best Fraternal or Sunday School Float.

\$10.00 most comical or ridiculous individual make-up of any kind.

\$15.00 for American Legion or Competitive Float.

The prizes for the events so far announced are:

\$25.00 for water fight.

\$10.00 for Amusement Races—100 yard dash.

\$20.00 for Free-for-all Backward Race.

\$5.00 for Fat Man's Race.

\$2.50 for Sack Race.

\$2.50 for 100 Yard Race for children 14 years and under.

\$10.00 for Tug of War between American Legion boys and Fire Department.

Everybody throughout the county is invited to come and help us celebrate this glorious Day of Independence.

NEGRO CONFESSES TO SHOOTING BRAKEMAN

The Dalles.—After six hours of grilling, Oles Brown, colored, alias "Little Ole," of Pensacola, Fla., confessed that he shot and killed Otis Mayes, O.W. R. & N. brakeman.

Brown and his negro companions, Joseph Freeman and Lloyd Hayden, whom he forced to accompany him at the point of a gun, were captured by Sheriff Levi Chrisman of Wasco county and deputies.

Brown is alleged to have shot Mayes during an altercation when Mayes attempted to make a gang of men who were beating their way on the train get him for the stage.

HARDING URGED TO SPEAK IN THE WEST

Washington. — Plans of Senator Harding, republican presidential candidate, to conduct a "front porch" campaign are opposed by some senators and other republican leaders from the west. These leaders think he should make at least one "swing around the circle" with speeches in the principal cities of the west, so as to come in closer personal touch with the voters there.

Under Senator Harding's present plans, he will spend virtually all his time between now and the election at his home in Marion, O., speaking to delegations from various parts of the country who visit him.

TO ORGANIZE MOOSE IN EASTERN OREGON

Prairie City, near Baker, and Ontario, two live eastern Oregon communities are going to have Moose lodges. Dad Burt, one of the greatest Moose boosters in this region, and who was most largely responsible for the extraordinary success of the recent membership campaign in the local lodge, which increased the total number of members here now to almost 700, will leave Corvallis within a few days to help the Prairie City and Ontario people get their Moose lodge started in good shape. Dad has been "under the weather" the past few days but expects to get away by the end of the week. The Eastern Oregonians may rest assured that the coming of the Moose can mean nothing but good for their communities; the ideals of the order are of the very highest and in Corvallis the membership numbers a large proportion of the most prominent business and professional men of the community, as well as a large number of the substantial farmer-businessmen.—Daily Gazette Times, Corvallis.

MILITARY PROBLEM HAS BEEN SOEVED

Recruits In Marine Corps To Have
Educational Advantages

When the 16th Regiment, U. S. Marines, started for Mexico the other day they were not only equipped with rifles and packs, but also carried their school books.

The problem of anti-military reaction following the war has been solved by the Marine Corps, says Captain E. B. Hammond, Officer in Charge, United States Marine Corps Recruiting Station, 304 Panama Bldg., 3rd and Alder Sts., Portland Oregon, by combining academic and vocational education with military training, the broadening influences of travel, and adventure.

In pre-war days it was a problem to keep Marine's attention concentrated and their minds interested in strictly military routine. There was a growing disposition on the part of young men to regard the spare time spent in the Marine Corps as time wasted. The present-day combining of scholastic work with Marine Corps training has solved the problem.

The Marine Corps Institute, something entirely new in military circles, is a practical school teaching Marines a wide variety of subjects either in the classroom, workshop, or by correspondence. In whatever part of the world a Marine may be stationed, ashore or afloat, he may take advantage of this educational institution, and will be paid for going to school.

Although Quantico, Virginia, is the home of the Marine Corps Institute, there are already numbers of Marines at sea and in our island possessions enrolled for courses by correspondence.

U. S. POPULATION IS PUT AT 105,000,000

Estimate Is Based On The Population
Of Cities Already
Announced.

Washington.—The population of continental United States is estimated at 105,000,000 by J. A. Hill, chief statistician for the census bureau. His calculation is based on the combined populations of 1406 cities and towns for which statistics have been announced.

The increase over 1910 is placed at about 15,000,000, showing the growth of the country has not kept pace with previous decades. Almost complete cessation of immigration during the war is the chief reason assigned for the falling off in growth. Other suggestions were the two influenza epidemics, return of aliens to their native lands and deaths of soldiers abroad and at home during the war.

The aggregate population of the cities and towns on which the estimate was made is 41,829,354. This is an average gain of 26 per cent, compared with 35 per cent in the previous decade.

The world is old in wisdom and in wickedness, but a little goodness creeps in occasionally.

There is one sweet consolation in being poor. We don't have to worry over how to prevent the government from annexing the most of our income.

NEW MAJESTIC THEATRE WILL OPEN TONIGHT

Is Modern In Every Respect—Will
Have Jazz Orchestra and
Up-to-date Plays

After many weeks of hard labor, and many dollars spent the beautiful Majestic Theatre will open Thursday night July 1st, with a regular jazz orchestra to properly interpret the musical settings for the latest Mary Pickford picture, "Pollyanna" which will be the opening attraction.

The theatre will have a seating capacity of nearly five hundred all modern opera chairs, at the rear of the building there are three Lodge compartments seated with expensive upholstered chairs, the aisles and lobbies all carpeted throughout, just inside the house there is installed a nicely furnished rest room for the ladies, running water in the rest room.

The lighting effects and fixtures are of the latest designs, the cooling is done with a system of north pole fans, the immense electric sign at the front of the building carries nearly five hundred lights, the tickets are dispensed by an automatic ticket machine which prints the prices and date on the tickets all at one time.

The machine room is equipped with two modern machines of the latest type, there is a bright light controller which gives a hundred percent more brilliancy to the pictures. In talking with L. C. Mears, the local manager of the Majestic he says, with this equipment the pictures will be as plain as any of the eastern theatres. Mr. Mears has been in the show business since the beginning of pictures, he has owned 16 theatres in different parts of the east. Mr. Mears is a strong believer in advertising and says with the proper amount of advertising on the many super-specials that are booked that he should have no trouble in filling the playhouse nightly.

The Majestic Theatre is operated by the Majestic Amusement Company, an organization of showmen and businessmen of Boise, whose aim is to have a circuit of twenty-five theatres within the next twelve months, it is further their aim to please as many of the patrons as is physically possible.

A RELIC OF PREHISTORIC TIMES FOUND IN CLIFFS

University of Oregon, Eugene, June 17th. A rare fossil, that of a miocene whale, has been found by Dr. Earl L. Packard, professor of Geology at the University of Oregon. A preliminary scientific paper on the specimen will be presented by Doctor Packard today before the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science which is meeting in Seattle.

The relic of prehistoric times which was found in the cliffs along the beach at Newport, Oregon, is, Dr. Packard believes, the finest specimen of fossil whale which has been found in North America. Such petrified skeletons are very rare and the extreme age of the recent find makes it of particular interest to scientific men.

Only the skull of the creature has been exhumed from its rocky bed and Dr. Packard is now preparing it for addition to the London Geological museum of the University. The bones are rather small, indicating that the creature was young or, which is more probable, that the leviathans of the miocene age were markedly smaller than those of the present day.

THIEVES ROB RANCH HOUSE OF LOCAL MAN

Last week Wes Caviness spent two days at his ranch about 35 miles southwest of Vale, and says that upon arriving there he found that valuables and thieves had paid the place a visit and taken about all that could consistently be carried off. In fact everything but the stove was taken and that would probably be among the missing if it were not rather large and quite heavy.

Locks were ripped off the provision boxes and the contents all taken as was a large mattress and all of the bedding and numerous other articles.

The place is always left open as are most of the remote ranch houses, so that anyone seeking shelter was at liberty to make themselves at home, which is in accordance with the prevailing custom of this section of the country. It may be added that it is just such acts and crimes of this sort that causes the pioneer to adopt policies that are then a hardship on some deserving traveler at a future time. The thief or thieves are being sought.—Vale Enterprise.