

TAFT IS NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT

Vice-President Sherman is Renominated; Roosevelt Men Refuse to Vote.

Chicago.—The fifteenth republican national convention passed into history late Saturday night leaving in its trail a split in the party unparalleled since the break in the democratic party just prior to the civil war in 1860. After a long, tumultuous closing session, marked by a bitter display of feeling between the Taft and Roosevelt followers President Taft and Vice-president Sherman were renominated.

Falling in their efforts to overturn the work of the national committee in seating practically all the contested Taft delegates, the Roosevelt people, upon the advice of Colonel Roosevelt, took only a passive part in the proceedings of the closing session. Roosevelt's name was not presented to the convention and many of his delegates refused to vote.

Taft's Majority 21.

President Taft was renominated on the first ballot, receiving 561 of the 1078 votes in the convention, or 21 more than a majority. The result of the ballot was: Taft 561, Roosevelt 107, La Follette 41, Cummins 17, Hughes 2, absent 6, present but not voting, 344.

When it became absolutely certain early that Mr. Taft would be nominated without great difficulty, the lead-

er to make him the compromise candidate for president.

When quiet had been restored and after Governor Hadley made a brief statement, Mr. Watson, Taft's floor leader, waved to refer to the credentials committee the motion to seat the 92 Roosevelt delegates. Governor Deen moved to amend so as to provide that no contested delegates should vote on the membership of the committee on credentials or on its report. Mr. Watson moved to table the motion of Governor Deen.

When it was announced that the motion to table had been carried by a vote of 564 to 510, the Taft folk broke into a cheer.

Thursday Session Short.

Owing to the fact that the credentials committee could not make a report five minutes was the entire duration of the two sessions Thursday, with a recess of four hours between. The first session convened at noon, lasted four minutes; the second, one minute.

At Friday's session the Taft forces further demonstrated their control. The convention took up piecemeal the contests from many states and in each instance the Taft delegates were declared entitled to their seats by majorities ranging from a high-water Taft vote of 605 to 464 to a narrow margin of 542 to 529.

The convention was a good-humored assemblage Saturday. The desire of the delegates to leave before Sunday was ushered in, the reaction from the strain of the week, the determination of the Roosevelt leaders upon a passive program, all contributed to the general effect.

Report Confirms National Committee.
The report of the credentials committee confirmed in every instance the delegates placed on the temporary roll by the national committee.

There was no interruption when the majority and minority reports on Washington were read. The committee held that the Taft convention was regular.

Permanent organization was then effected by the adoption of the organizational report confirming the temporary organization.

"My first act as permanent chairman of this convention," said Sherman

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM ADOPTED AT CHICAGO

Declares Against Recall; Says Party Is One of Progress, Not Reaction.

The platform adopted by the convention which renominated President Taft, a synopsis of the vital planks of which follows, declares its unchanging faith in government of the people, by the people, for the people. Allegiance is renewed to the principles of the republican party and to the cause of republican institutions. It proclaims that the party has always been genuinely a party of progress, has never been either stationary or reactionary, but has gone from the fulfillment of one great pledge to the fulfillment of another in response to the public need and the popular will, and that the party believes in a self-controlled representative democracy, which is a government of laws, not of men, and in which order is the prerequisite of progress. While the recall of judges is declared unnecessary and unwise, such action as may be necessary to simplify the process by which any judge who is found to be derelict in his duty may be removed from office is favored.

Unchanging faith in government by the people declared.

Authority and integrity of courts upheld; legislation against tedious and costly appeals and long delays urged.

Monopoly and special privileges opposed.

Federal trade commission commended.

Belief in protective tariff reaffirmed, with duties high enough to protect American industries.

Declares some import duties now too high and must go down.

Democratic party condemned for not providing funds for continuance of tariff board work.

Democratic tariff bills passed by 62d congress condemned.

Declares high cost of living not attributable to protective tariff.

Scientific inquiry into high cost of living recommended.

Revision of banking laws and currency system advised; also better facilities for farmers' credit urged.

Investigation into agricultural credit societies recommended, with state and federal laws for future control.

Civil service law approved; extension of competitive service favored.

Equitable retirement of disabled and superannuated civil service members recommended.

Laws prohibiting corporation contributions to campaigns, directly or indirectly, of president, vice-president, senators or representatives in congress.

Campaign publicity approved.

Established policy of republican party on conservation of natural resources to be continued.

More laws to aid bona fide home-seekers and settlers.

Adequate parcels post favored.

Protection of American citizens abroad regardless of religion, race or previous political allegiance.

Condemns action of democratic house in refusing to provide for additions to navy.

Merchant marine cited as one of country's most urgent needs.

Federal government urged to aid Mississippi flood district in providing permanent protection.

Reclamation policy continuance recommended.

Liberal system of improving rivers and harbors.

Liberal Alaska policy to insure development.

Favors opening of coal lands in Alaska on proper leasing basis, which will aid development and supply fuel for navy and commerce of the Pacific ocean, while retaining title in the United States to prevent monopoly.

Philippine policy should remain free from politics.

Undesirable immigration should be bridled by appropriate laws; party pledged to enact such.

More and better safeguards for life and property at sea.

Republican accomplishments set forth and approved include: Panama Canal, Bureau of Mines, postal savings bank; provision for aged and infirm sailors and for their widows; administration of pure food law.

Greater economy and increased efficiency of government affairs commended.

Extravagant appropriations and creation of unnecessary offices condemned as injustice and bad example to people.

People called upon to quicken their interest in public affairs; lynching and other lawlessness condemned.

Bringing of Arizona and New Mexico into Union approved.

Challenges successful criticism of republican administration of last 16 years under McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and indorses platform of each as carried out.

Constructive accomplishments of President Taft set forth as "unexcelled" and to which any administration could point with confidence.

TAFT NOMINATED BY W. G. HARDING

Chicago.—When Chairman Root ordered a call of the states for nominations, there was silence until Ohio was reached. A cheer went up when Warren G. Harding rose to nominate Taft, but it was suddenly discovered that Iowa had omitted to nominate Senator Cummins. Iowa was called again, but silence was the answer, for Iowa had decided not to nominate Cummins, but to vote for him.

Then Ohio was called again and Harding took the platform. When finally he reached the name of William Howard Taft, the floor and galleries burst into life. The demonstration for the president lasted 16 minutes.

When Harding resumed, there was silence until he named Taft "the greatest progressive of his time." At that a wave of groans swept through the progressive states, splashing into a fist fight among a knot of Maine, Oregon, North Dakota and Florida delegates.

The Roosevelt supporters "heckled" Harding throughout most of his speech, hurling taunting questions at him during pauses meant to be effective parts of his peroration. A delegate in the back of the hall tooted vigorously on a "steam roller" whistle whenever Harding made reference to Taft's strength.

John Wanamaker of Philadelphia seconded Taft's nomination, and Nicholas Butler of New York, president of Columbia university, followed Wanamaker in seconding the nomination of Taft.

Michael Olbrich, of Wisconsin, then placed Senator La Follette in nomination. When he concluded, there was a demonstration for La Follette, carried on by the Wisconsin and North Dakota delegates on the floor and by many in the galleries.

Robert M. Pollock, of Fargo, N. D., seconded the La Follette nomination in a brief speech of tribute.

PLATFORM PRESENTED BY EX-VICE-PRESIDENT

Chicago.—Ex-Vice-President Fairbanks presented the platform. He was forced to suspend his reading of the platform while volleys of cheering for William Jennings Bryan, who attended the convention as a reporter, rattled from the gallery, as the democratic leader made his way from the hall to leave for Baltimore.

"We have been greatly honored," resumed Fairbanks, "with the presence of some of our friends in political opposition, some of whom now have business in Baltimore."

Delegate Cowen, of Wisconsin, offered the La Follette platform as a complete substitute. This was voted down.

The final vote on platform gave Taft 666 ayes, Roosevelt a silent strength of 343, 53 noes and 16 absences.

On the roll call on adoption of the platform, the Oregon delegation cast four affirmative votes, namely: Smith, Bynon, Carey and Campbell. McCusker and Hall voted no. Boyd and Swift were absent, while Coe and Ackerson, though present, refused to vote.

Washington voted 14 solid for the platform. The Idaho delegation went on record as opposed to the Roosevelt bolt program. Idaho cast eight votes for the platform.

OREGON DELEGATES SPLIT

Delegation Votes Once as Unit on California Case.

Chicago.—Both on the ballot for president and vice president eight members of the Oregon delegation cast ballots in accordance with the preferential primary vote of Oregon, and two, following the request of Theodore Roosevelt, declined to vote. The two recorded as "present, not voting," were Dr. Henry Waldo Coe and Charles W. Ackerson.

The remaining eight, besides voting for Roosevelt, voted for Senator Borah of Idaho, for vice president.

Throughout the convention, the Oregon delegates voted only once as a unit. This was when they cast a solid vote to seat the Roosevelt delegates from California.

Williams Oregon's Committeeman.

Chicago.—Ralph E. Williams, of Dallas, was re-elected national committeeman for Oregon, after the stormiest session the Oregon delegation has held in Chicago. Williams received six votes, being supported by Campbell, Carey, McCusker, Hall, Bynon and Smith. Coe, Ackerson and Boyd refused to vote, and Swift was absent, being in attendance at a meeting of the credentials committee.

Borah Will Support Taft.

Chicago.—Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, has deserted the standard of Colonel Roosevelt. He will support the nominee of the republican national convention. Although refusing to discuss the matter in detail, Senator Borah made it known that he will stay on the party reservation.



President Taft.

ers in control of the convention decided to give him as a running mate his companion on the ticket in 1908.

All others dropped from the race and Mr. Sherman was the only candidate regularly placed before the convention.

The result of the ballot for vice-president was: Sherman 597, Borah 21, Merrilam 20, Hadley 14, Beveridge 2, Gillett 1, absent 71, present, but not voting, 352.

Factional Fight Bitter.

The convention witnessed the culmination of the most bitter, uncompromising factional fight in the annals of American politics. Preceded for weeks by a fierce fight for delegates between President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt, when the gavel of Victor Rosewater called the convention to order no one could forestall the outcome of the struggle for supremacy.

The battle raged around the contested delegates. The Roosevelt forces demanded that no delegate whose seat was in question should be permitted to vote on the temporary organization, a proposition to which the Taft men flatly refused to agree. During the short debate on this question the scene was the most turbulent ever witnessed in a national convention. The speakers were hooted and hissed and booed, the Taft and Roosevelt partisans taking equal delight in smothering each other speakers.

The Roosevelt leaders were unable to prevent the contested delegates from voting on temporary organization, and the first test of strength came on the vote for temporary chairman. Senator Root, of New York, who was recommended by the national committee and supported by the Taft organization, was elected over Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin, a La Follette delegate, put forward by the Roosevelt forces.

Roosevelt Men Propose Substitute Roll

Defeated in their efforts to prevent the contested delegates going on the temporary roll, the Roosevelt leaders proposed to substitute a roll containing 92 Roosevelt delegates in place of 92 Taft delegates seated by the national committee, before the appointment of the regular committees.

Wednesday's session was consumed in a fruitless effort to oust the 92 contested Taft delegates.

At the close of the debate the first great ovation of the convention was given to Governor Hadley of Missouri, Roosevelt's floor leader. The demonstration for Hadley started a running fire of talk on the convention



Vice-President Sherman.

Root, stepping forward amid a burst of cheering, "is to ask unanimous consent that our republican brother—Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, be permitted to make a statement."

Allen Gives Roosevelt Statement.

Allen announced that he would read a statement just placed in his hands by Colonel Roosevelt.

Mr. Allen read the roll of states in which, he said, majorities given against Mr. Taft, "went down under the mere rulings of a political committee." Wisconsin, Maine, Maryland, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oregon, Minnesota, Kansas, Oklahoma, West Virginia and North Carolina.

"We do not insist," concluded Allen, "we merely insist that you and not we are making the record. And we refuse to be bound by it. We have pleaded with you 10 days. We have fought with you five days. We fight no more. We plead no longer. We shall sit in protest and the people who sent us here shall judge us."

Demonstration for Roosevelt.

A wild demonstration on the floor interrupted him. The Roosevelt men from New Jersey, bearing a standard pulled from the floor, started a procession. California, Minnesota, Nebraska, Indiana, West Virginia, and Oklahoma joined the line. Pennsylvania, Maine and North Carolina took their places. And in a roar of cheering and whistling the march proceeded until it encountered a squad of police in the rear of the hall. It was 21 minutes before order was restored.

After the platform was adopted Senator Root was made chairman of the committee to notify President Taft of his nomination. Thomas H. Devine, national committeeman from Colorado, was named chairman of the committee to notify Vice President Sherman.

The usual resolutions of thanks to the city and the officers of the convention were passed, and on motion of Delegate Estabrook of New Hampshire, the convention at 10:20 p. m. adjourned sine die.



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