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4 MENTIONED AS BEING POSSIBLE G.O.P. CHAIRMAN

ROOT, BORAH, M'CALL AND OSBORNE DISCUSSED AS CONVENTION HEADS.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS DECLARE T. R. ONLY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

Mr. Hilles Expresses View of All in Saying No One Knows Who Will Be Nominee, who May Be "Born in Convention."

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Preliminary plans for the Republican National convention, to be held in Chicago at the Coliseum June 7, were approved today by members of the sub-committee on arrangements of the national committee after a series of conferences with Fred W. Upham, chairman of the local committee.

Under the seating plan prepared by Julius Foto, an architect, seats for 11,595 will be provided in the convention hall. Seven hundred more seats than were available four years ago will be provided by the erection of a mezzanine floor around two walls of the building.

The sub-committee adjourned without discussing the selection of a temporary chairman for the convention, although four names were mentioned as possible candidates. They were Elihu Root, of New York; Senator Borah, of Idaho; Governor McCall, of Massachusetts, and Chase Osborne, ex-governor of Michigan. It is believed that the selection of the temporary chairman may be deferred as a matter of political expediency until April or May, although the sub-committee adjourned to meet again in Chicago March 15, when the subject may be taken up.

Republican national leaders who attended the meeting expressed the opinion that the convention would be open-minded and deliberative in the matter of naming a candidate for president. They indicated that the would favor any available compromise candidate excepting Colonel Roosevelt, and said they believed the delegates would be able to select a leader who would be satisfactory to every element of the party.

Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National committee, expressed the sentiment of the party leaders when he said nobody knew who would be nominated, but that the candidate would be "born in the convention."

At noon the committee was entertained by the Hamilton club at a luncheon at which Chairman Hilles delivered an address in which he criticized the administration of President Wilson, outlined features and issues of the Republican National campaign and predicted victory for the party next November.

WILSON DEFINES HERO.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Here is President Wilson's idea of a hero, expressed in a letter from his to Secretary Lane.

"The rescuer of the bureau of mines who broves the poisonous gases and saves a miner from death; the coast guard who at the peril of his own life saves passengers of a helpless vessel from death; the surgeon of the public health service, who stops a dreaded scourge in its incipency; the engineer who succeeds in reducing the hazards of industry to its men, and the man who brings about better conditions of living among people."

4 CANDIDATES FILE FOR COUNTY OFFICES

MUCH INTEREST CENTERS ABOUT POLITICS ALTHOUGH PRIMARIES MONTHS AWAY

WAR ON BROWN ROT IN VALLEY IS PLANNED

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COUNTY JUDGE HUNTS LEGAL OPINIONS IN FAIR GROUND MIXUP

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING CHARTER FORFEITED ADDS TO PUZZLE.

The exact condition of affairs in regard to the proposed purchase of the Canby fair grounds by the county, following the proclamation of the governor declaring the charter of the Clackamas County Fair association forfeited, is a matter which at present is puzzling County Judge Anderson.

Last fall the association, offered to turn the Canby property over to the county, providing that the county would take up the \$7500 in outstanding mortgages against the land. The item was put in the budget and approved by the taxpayers at the budget meeting.

But now comes the proclamation of the governor declaring that the association no longer exists because of the failure of the officials of the association to file annual reports with the commissioner of corporations. One question is "Who really controls the property, the creditors of the association or its stockholders?" Another asks whether the county could take over the property from an organization which no longer exists.

One attorney suggested Monday that the association could pay its corporation tax, which is delinquent, and meet the other demands of the state laws, and regain its title, and then transfer the property.

But this is only one of the matters concerning the fair grounds sale which is puzzling the county judge. Since the budget meeting the Eastern Clackamas County Taxpayers' association has been formed and already two communications have been sent him declaring that members of that organization are forever opposed to the purchase of the Canby property. They ask that the matter be put on the ballot.

Now Judge Anderson is trying to find whether it is within the power of a county court to put the proposition before the people. "I would be in favor of putting it on the ballot," he declared Monday. Even if a petition is necessary, however, the matter may be informally placed before the people merely to learn their views, so that the court could follow their wishes.

Neither of these questions have been referred as yet to District Attorney Hedges.

JITNEYS CUT INTO P. R. L. & P. TRAFFIC

COMPANY'S RECORDS SHOW BIG REDUCTION IN 1915—RECORD YEAR WAS 1912.

Figures compiled by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's statistical bureau show that in the nine years up to the end of 1915 there had been carried on the company's lines 738,759,755 passengers. The minimum number was 60,093,139 for the year 1907, increasing to 94,125,464 passengers in 1912. Since then the number declined to 93,908,891 for 1913; 89,800,788 for 1914 and 78,704,913 for 1915. The decrease is attributed to the greater number of automobiles in use and to the operation of jitney buses in 1915.

Another interesting fact brought out in statistics recently compiled by the bureau is that during every day of the past year an average of 126,689 safety car stops were made, whether passengers were to be taken on or discharged or not. Safety stops are made at all crossings of intersecting lines and of steam railways, on heavy grades and before passing fire stations and school buildings, or wherever sound judgment, prompts the elimination of a possible source of hazard to passengers, pedestrians or occupants of other vehicles.

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WILLAMETTE GIRL IS DEAD.

Ester, the 4-months-old daughter of J. A. Miller, at Willamette, is dead. The funeral will be held Tuesday and the interment will be in Stafford cemetery.

MOUNT PARTY IN CALIFORNIA AT TIME OF FLOODS

LETTER IS RECEIVED HERE FROM OREGON CITY PHYSICIAN, WHO IS SERIOUSLY DELAYED.

DEPARTURE FROM LOS ANGELES DELAYED UNTIL ROADS ARE DRY

Dr. Mount Says Mud Almost as Deep in Some Places as on Average Clackamas County Road During Winter Months.

An Oregon City automobile party, composed of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Mount, their son Hugh Mount and Miss Lorna Ganong, was caught in the Southern California floods, and managed to reach Los Angeles only after fording streams far out of their banks, and making a long drive through the driving rain. They are now in Los Angeles, and will remain there until the roads are dry.

Dr. Guy Mount received a letter from the party Friday which described the severe storms in the southern part of California early this week.

Dr. H. S. Mount and party left Oregon City early this month in his new automobile for a tour of southern California. He arrived in the southern part of the state just in time to get the full effect of the storm. Bridges were washed out and long stretches of the state highway almost destroyed. Before he reached Los Angeles, he was compelled to ford streams, which were far out of their banks, and drive over the flooded roads.

He declares in his letter received here that he found mud in some parts of Southern California almost as deep as on the average Willamette valley road in the winter time.

The party now is in Los Angeles and will remain there until the weather clears up and the roads dry out. He expects to be back in Oregon City in about two weeks.

CHANGE IN MOLALLA MAIL ROUTE MADE

SERVICE TO FARMERS CUT AND REPRESENTATIVE HAWLEY PUTS IN KICK.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Under the guise of extending the rural free delivery service, the postoffice department is actually curtailing the mail service of residents of the rural districts. Representative Hawley has made this discovery, and is endeavoring to prevent the substitution of tri-weekly service for a six-times-a-week service in his district.

Recently the postoffice department announced the establishment of a rural free delivery route at Molalla, in Clackamas county. Mr. Hawley notified residents along this route of the action of the department, and assumed that the route was a full-fledged one, such have been established under previous administrations. He learned, however, that service on this route is to be three times a week, and he further learned that this route is made by readjusting other routes which had been operating on a daily basis. Therefore, many farmers served by this new route are now getting their mail only three times a week, where heretofore, before the readjustment, they were receiving mail daily, except Sunday.

Mr. Hawley protested to the department against this curtailment of service, and was told that it is now the rule of the department to establish routes on a three-times-a-week basis and to so maintain it for at least six months.

Forty additional street lights will soon be placed on dark streets in Ashland.

VOTERS' GUIDE FOR 1916 IS PUBLISHED

DATES OF TWO ELECTIONS, REGISTRATION AND FILING IS FIGURED OUT.

This is to be a year of politics, so remember these dates:

April 13—Last day to register for primary election;
April 19—Last day to file petitions or declarations for nominations for county offices, district and justice of the peace.

May 19—Primary election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.
May 20—Reopening of registration.

June 4—Last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures of primaries.

September 28—Last day to file certificate of nomination by political party or assembly for county and district.
October 7—Last day to register for general election.

October 13—Last day to file certificate of nomination by individual electors for county, district and precincts.

November 7—General election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

November 22—Last day for candidates to file statement of expenditures.

All candidates desiring nomination by petition must file their declarations with the county clerk before circulating their petitions, and all candidates desiring nomination without circulating petitions may do so by filing their declarations for party nomination by paying the required filing fee which is as follows: For all offices to be voted for in the state at large, excepting national committee men, delegates to national party conventions and presidential electors, \$100; for representatives in congress, \$100; for all other district offices embracing more than one county, excepting senators and representatives in the legislature, \$50; for all candidates for county offices, including district attorney and excepting district offices within the county, \$20; for all candidates for senator and representative in the legislature, \$10; for national committee men, delegates to national party conventions and presidential electors, \$15; for all district offices within the county, \$5; for precinct committee men, no fee. All candidates elected must file their acceptance with certificate of nomination. There is no United States senator to elect this year but the fee for entering this race is \$150, if the candidate does not want to circulate a petition.

BROWNELL'S FINE REDUCED.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 26.—The Oregon supreme court yesterday decided that it is not within the power of the state circuit court to inflict a greater punishment than a \$100 fine for contempt of court. The decision was made in the case of Howard M. Brownell, a Eugene attorney, who was fined \$250 and sentenced for persuading a witness to leave the state.

W. A. STONE OUT FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY SEAT LAWYER FIRST TO FORMALLY ENTER FACE IN THIS COUNTY.

The honor of being the first candidate to formally enter the race for an office in this county can be claimed by William A. Stone, Oregon City attorney, and candidate for district attorney, who has sent the necessary papers to the secretary of state.

Under an amendment to the state law a candidate is not now compelled to circulate a petition, but may by sending a filing fee, have his name placed on the ballot. Mr. Stone took advantage of this clause.

The race for district attorney in Clackamas county is expected to be one of the closest both at the May primaries and at the November election. Mr. Stone is out for the Republican nomination and will probably be opposed by John N. Slevers, justice of the peace. O. W. Eastham is a likely candidate and District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges is expected to enter the race.

BIG BASKET FULL OF LETTERS SENT EAST FROM HERE

CAMPAIGN TO BRING TOURISTS TO OREGON BROUGHT TO END SATURDAY.

NUMBER OF PERSONAL INVITATIONS IS ESTIMATED ABOUT THOUSAND

E. R. Brown, of Live Wire Committee, Looks at Big Pile of Letters and Gives Up Task of Counting Them—Picture Taken.

One thousand letters, personal appeals to easterners to come to Oregon, were mailed from the Oregon City postoffice yesterday afternoon to almost every state east of the Rockies in the union.

The number of letters is estimated by E. R. Brown, a member of the Live Wire committee that conducted the campaign. He looked at the pile of letters that accumulated in his office Saturday, and gave up the task of counting them.

"There was at least a thousand letters in the pile," he said Saturday night. "In fact, I would consider that figure a conservative estimate. They filled a clothes basket."

The basket full of letters were photographed. The committee which conducted the local campaign, was composed of E. E. Brodie, Thomas A. Burke and Mr. Brown.

Besides the thousand letters mailed at once time Saturday afternoon, hundreds were mailed by residents of Oregon City during the week. High school students were interested in the campaign by a talk made by Rev. J. K. Hawkins at an assembly Friday afternoon, and their response to his appeals is said to have been liberal.

Saturday was the last day of the state-wide letter week, the aim of which was to attract tourists to Oregon next summer.

MORE REGISTRARS ARE NAMED BY COUNTY CLERK

PRACTICALLY EVERY SECTION OF COUNTY COVERED BY LIST NOW APPOINTED.

With the sole exception of West Linn, a registrar, empowered to register voters, has been appointed by County Clerk Harrington for all the more important precincts. The list of registrars named to date follows:

Molalla precincts No. 1 and No. 2, Dickey Prairie, Soda Springs and Liberal, George J. Cole; Parkplace and Abernathy, Myrtle B. Holmes; Logan, A. J. Johnston; Ladd Hill, Pleasant Hill, Wilsonville, Union and Tualatin, Charles Thompson; Sunnyside, Frank Ott; Gladstone precincts No. 1 and No. 2, R. M. McGetchic; Ardenwald, David F. LeFevre; Viola, Thomas C. Jubb; Milwaukie, precincts No. 1 and No. 2, Maggie A. Johnson; Willamette, precincts No. 1 and No. 2, Jess W. Hyatt; Evergreen, George C. Armstrong; Clackamas, M. A. Mather; Oswego precincts No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, J. C. Haines, Sr.; Jennings Lodge, P. D. Newell; Barlow, Anna Mary White; Oak Grove precincts No. 1 and No. 2, Concord and Milwaukie Heights, Myrtle L. Williams; Mulino, E. J. Maple; Beaver Creek precincts No. 1 and No. 2, G. A. Schuebel; Canby precincts No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, William Knight; Dover, Cherryville, Sandy precincts No. 1 and 2 and Cottrell, J. E. Pomerooy; Clarks, C. N. Larkins; Estacada precincts No. 1 and No. 2, Claude W. Devore; Harmony precincts No. 1 and No. 2, Wallace F. Miller; Springfield, Floyd Spurlin, and Highland, M. E. Kandle.

U. S. SUPREME COURT HOLDS INCOME TAX IS CONSTITUTIONAL

COLLECTIONS AT SOURCE AND EXTRA DIVIDEND TAX ARE APPROVED BY TRIBUNAL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The supreme court today upheld the validity of the section of the income tax law dealing with collections at the source and extra dividend taxes accruing to corporation owned stock in other corporations.

The sections in question were attacked by Frank R. Brushaber, a stockholder of the Union Pacific railroad. The ruling held that the sixteenth amendment to the constitution in no way invalidated any part of the income tax law.

The decision was rendered by Chief Justice White, who pointed out the great powers of legislative bodies to levy taxes.

"Of course," he said, "it is superfluous to say that argument about the expediency of such taxes or the economic mistake or wrong involved in their imposition is beyond judicial cognizance."

In answer to the objections that the law violates the constitutional provision for proportioning taxes among the states, according to population, he said: "Their want of legal merit is apparent, since it is settled that the clause exactly only geographical uniformity, and there is not a semblance of ground for assuming that violation of such uniformity is complained of."

"As far as the due process of law clause of the fifth amendment to the constitution is relied upon, it suffices to say that there is no basis for such reliance," he continued, "since it is equally settled that such clause is not a limitation upon the taxing power conferred upon congress by the constitution."

"It is not true, as insisted on, that although there is no express legislative provision prohibiting it, the progressive feature of the tax causes it to transcend the conception of all taxation and become a mere arbitrary abuse of power which must be treated as wanting in due process of law."

After hearing of the income tax decision, congressional leaders said that revenues from this form of taxation will be used to furnish most of the money needed for the preparedness program. They intend to raise several times the present \$50,000,000 from such taxes.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY RECEIVES \$1,978

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS FROM FOREST RESERVES IN STATE IS MADE.

Clackamas county will receive \$1,978.52 from the federal government, this county's share of the money raised from forest reserve rentals, sale of timber and other forest reserve sources for the year ending June 30, 1915. The total amount, \$49,675.83, was apportioned among the counties of the state in proportion to the forest area within each county.

The money is to be divided equally between the school and road funds. Practically every county in the state benefits by this division of forest reserves money. Clackamas county contains 528,127 acres of forest reserve.

In transmitting the schedule of National forest areas the acting forester says that the schedule has been computed on a different basis from those previously furnished, since it includes only actual national forest lands exclusive of alienated lands. The former schedules were based on gross areas.

According to the figures submitted by the federal officials, Oregon's total forest reserve area is 13,259,292 acres. Grant county, with a forest reserve area of 1,380,457 acres, leads all other counties and thus receives the largest share of the money apportioned, amounting to \$5171.60. Lane county is second with a forest area of 1,361,243 acres and receives \$5099.62.

STATE PRISONER CUTS WAY FROM HIS CELL

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—George Clark committed from Lane county June 5, 1913, for burglary, escaped from the Oregon prison some time last night by cutting through the bars of his cell door and the window and making his way over the roofs of the buildings. He was missed at 12 o'clock and search was at once made for him. Clark is said to be one of the most desperate men recently in the institution.

In escaping Clark used a drill, which had evidently been smuggled to him. According to Warden Minto, the bars of the cell had been sawed for a long time and the work concealed. In getting out of the window Clark tried the bars apart and crawled through.

OF ALL NATIONS U. S. ALONE IS IN ISSUE WITH JAPAN

AID FROM OTHER POWERS IN RESISTING ENCRAGEMENT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY.

ALLIES SYMPATHIZE WITH US, BUT WILL NOT OFFER THEIR AID

American interests in Fukien Province Endangered—Nippon Seeks Complete Control of Oriental Neighbor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Awaiting confirmation from official sources as a necessary preliminary to any action by the United States, state department officials were interested today in a report from London that the Japanese government has revived all of the demands on China included in the famous "group five" of the list of proposals submitted to the Peking government more than a year ago for a permanent settlement of outstanding issues between Japan and China.

There is a conviction in official circles here that any action at this time likely to have results to warding off the new Japanese demands must be taken by the United States practically alone.

With every evidence of sympathetic interest by the European entente allies in the attitude of opposition which the United States took when the proposals on the "group five" originally were submitted, it is believed none of these powers will be inclined to take issue with Japan at a moment when they are leaning heavily on their Oriental ally, not only for munitions of war, but for military and naval protection of their interests in the Orient.

The close study that has been made in Washington of the proposals embodied in "group five" has only confirmed officials in their original belief that if accepted in full by China, without protest from other nations, they would lead not only to material and industrial, but even political domination of China by Japan.

While not prepared to make an issue on that point, however, the state department is convinced the other provisions of "group five" finally would close to American commerce and enterprise the open door in China.

It is gathered from the British newspaper advices that in addition to revising the demands in "group five," as they stood at the close of the negotiations in Peking last January, the Japanese proposals again include a provision aimed at a budding American enterprise in Fukien province, and a proposal to police all of the large Chinese cities with Japanese.

WILSON'S ROUTE ANNOUNCED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—President Wilson's itinerary in behalf of his preparedness program will include Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Des Moines and Davenport, the White House announced today.

The president will leave here January 28, returning a week later. In addition to the above named cities where he will make regular speeches, he plans some extra talks at train stops.

Later, he will make a second stump trip including northern cities, probably going as far as Denver, and returning by way of the important southern cities.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

Mabel Byers and John Wise, of Milwaukie, route No. 1, secured a marriage license here Saturday.

J. E. CALAVAN IS IN RACE FOR SCHOOL HEAD

EFFICIENCY IS ONE-WORD MOTTO OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

J. E. Calavan Tuesday announced he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for county school superintendent. His campaign slogan is one word, "Efficiency."

Mr. Calavan has been county school superintendent for almost three years. He was appointed to that office upon the resignation of T. J. Gary, who left the position to become connected with the Portland schools. Previous to his work as superintendent, Mr. Calavan was principal of the Wichita school in the northern part of the county. He has been a resident of Clackamas county about eight years.

Mr. Calavan has aimed to introduce methods into the schools of the county which would stimulate interest on the part of both pupil and parent. To this end, he has assisted in organization of parent-teacher associations, industrial clubs and like organizations, has conducted county-wide spelling bees and arithmetic matches and successfully worked out other progressive plans.

"ALL EUROPE IS LAUGHING AT US!"

