

## FOOTBALL RUSH OLIVER CONVENTION

### Battle Between Tennessee Factions.

### OLIVER MEN CAPTURE HALL

### State Chairman Comes Out Much Disheveled.

### MANY FIGHTS WITH FISTS

### Republicans Decide Contest by Brute Strength and Ring Tactics—The Winners Offer to Submit Contest to Primaries.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 25.—Republicans of Tennessee assembled this morning for a state convention. Tonight black eyes, skinned heads and bruised faces testified to the riot that marked the gathering in the hall of the House of Representatives at the Capitol. In the list of casualties Chairman Newell Sanders, of the state executive committee, figures prominently. He emerged from the veritable battle which occurred between the two factions, one supporting the interests of Congressman W. P. Brownlow, the other those of ex-Commissioner of Penitentiaries H. Clay Evans. The Brownlow forces wanted W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville, for National committeeman, the Evans men favored the candidacy of Congressman N. W. Hale. Incidentally Richard Austin was a candidate for Congress against Mr. Hale. By sheer force of numbers and fighting powers, the Brownlow-Oliver-Austin crowd took and held the hall.

### Call Primary for Governor.

The convention adopted a motion that delegates to the National Convention go unrepresented. President Roosevelt is endorsed in the resolutions adopted. The state committee was reorganized and the secretary of the convention instructed to communicate with the Evans people and submit a proposition to place the claims of the rival factions before the people in a Republican primary, the expenses of which W. J. Oliver offered to pay.

### Oliver Men Are Early Birds.

Early this morning the Brownlow-Oliver forces proceeded to the Capitol, entering the convention hall shortly after 6 o'clock. They found a few guards present, placed there by the state committee, but ejected them without trouble. They held the field until what they claimed to be the assembly hour, and then, Chairman Newell Sanders, an Evans man, not being present, they organized without him. Hardly had the chairman, W. L. Davis, of Clatsop, rapped for order, however, before the Evans-Sanders-Hale charge was on. With regular football tactics they started for the rostrum. Before the Oliver squad could pull itself together, Sanders had reached the platform and was proceeding to call the convention to order again.

### Football Rush Prevails.

But he did not get far before the Oliver forces came. Then backward and forward the struggling mass surged, Sanders being the rock around which the storm raged most furiously. His guards could not stem the tide, however, and he was literally torn from their grasp, his coat and hat gone, his shirt split and ragged, and even his trousers badly disarranged. At length he was bodily lifted from his feet and carried behind the speaker's stand out on a veranda. It looked as if he might be thrown from this high elevation, but better counsel prevailed and he was released. While all this was going on, fights innumerable were in progress and the hall was a bedlam. Then came the police, and something resembling order was restored.

### Tries to Break Negro's Head.

In the course of the riot, R. T. Cameron, of Chattanooga, a Brownlow man, is said to have broken four folding chairs over the head of a negro delegate who had given him some "back talk." Several revolvers were drawn and one man wounded a hatchet, but it was intercepted.

With the police looking on, the Brownlow-Oliver men went into convention, the Evans crowd offering no further interference than yells and jeers at the speakers.

### INDIANA SOLID FOR BRYAN

### Taggart Controls Convention, but Has Contest for Two Delegates.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—Delegates to the state Democratic convention this afternoon selected by districts 28 delegates to the National convention at Denver, and the committee on rules selected four delegates-at-large. All of the 30 National delegates will vote for William J. Bryan for President and a majority of them will vote for the re-election of National Chairman Thomas Taggart as the Indiana member of the National

committee. This will be done at Denver. The convention held a brief session at noon and adjourned until tonight to allow the delegates to meet this afternoon by districts and select members of the committee, which reported tonight with the exception of the resolutions committee, which went into session to draft a platform to be reported tomorrow morning. After the adoption of the platform tomorrow, a state ticket will be nominated.

### Contest for Two Delegates.

A majority of the state district meetings were controlled by Mr. Taggart. He secured not only a majority of the National delegates, but also a majority of the committee on rules, which selected the delegates-at-large, and the credentials committee, which decided the contest over delegates in Indianapolis and Marion counties.

The Seventh (Indianapolis) district meeting this afternoon was warmly contested, and the Taggart delegation withdrew and held a rump convention and selected two National delegates. County Chairman Fogarty, who led the opposition, stated that he would carry the contest to the National convention probably.

At the primaries in this district last night Mr. Taggart won a decisive victory. Credentials were today given by Mr. Fogarty to delegates representing 64% votes for the Taggart faction and 36% votes for the opposition delegates.

### Will Indorse Bryan.

It is generally believed that Mr. Taggart's choice for the gubernatorial nomination is Samuel L. Ralston, of Lebanon. While all the district meetings this afternoon did not instruct, there was no division of sentiment as to the Presidential choice of the state delegates or of those selected to the National convention. All are for Bryan. The convention tomorrow will indorse him.

Robert W. Miera, of Bloomington, ex-Congressman from the Second district, chosen for chairman, addressed the convention tonight.

## PREDICTS CANNON WILL WIN

### ILLINOIS MAN'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER TALKS.

### Asserts That His Candidate Will Have 146 Votes on First Ballot at Chicago.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 25.—Congressman William B. McKinley, manager of the Cannon forces, today gave out a statement of his estimate of the strength of Speaker Cannon at the Chicago convention. Mr. McKinley said: "The campaign has progressed far enough so that we are warranted in asserting that Speaker Cannon will have not less than 146 votes on the first ballot at Chicago. He carries the entire 54 delegates from Illinois, we will make it, he will have 48 from the South, 12 from New England, eight scattering from the Eastern states. Cannon has the West and eight in the Southwest. No candidate can be nominated on the first or second ballot."

### Indorse Cannon Today.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 25.—Tomorrow the Republicans will hold one of the shortest conventions ever held in the state. It is planned to begin the proceedings at noon and adjourn within two hours at the outside.

### LIKENES THEM TO ANARCHISTS

Jenkins Raps State Officials as to the Railroads.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—That there is no difference between the anarchists

## BOURNE'S VIEWS REFLECTED

### Prize Essay on Third-Term Question Has No New Argument.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The prize essay by Judge Norcross in the second election contest, is published today in the Washington Herald, a newspaper reported to be financed by Senator Bourne, which is also running a series of anti-Taft cartoons supplied from Senator Bourne's literature bureau.

## NORTH DAKOTA FOR BRYAN

### Johnson Men Fail to Produce Second Choice Resolution.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., March 25.—After almost three hours of oratory this afternoon the committee on resolutions of the North Dakota Democratic convention reported resolutions, the chief purpose of which was the indorsement of William J. Bryan as the nominee of the National Democratic convention at Denver. The resolutions instructed the delegates of the North Dakota convention to vote for Mr. Bryan.

### CALL FOR UNITY, THEN FIGHT

OHIO DEMOCRATS GIVE CHARACTERISTIC ILLUSTRATION OF HARMONY.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—More than 200 leading Ohio Democrats assembled here tonight by invitation of a committee named by General E. B. Finley, and unanimously adopted a resolution com-

## COMMISSION MAY BE KNOCKED OUT

### Power to Be Passed On By Federal Courts.

### O. R. & N. MUST REDUCE RATES

### Decision to Be Given Soon on Previous Hearing.

### HIGHER THAN OTHER ROADS

### Testimony Shows Rates Much Greater Than on Same Classes of Goods in Other States—Review in State Courts First.

SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—In all probability the Federal courts will soon have an opportunity to grant an injunction in favor of the O. R. & N. Company and against the Oregon Railroad Commission, in accordance with the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Minnesota and North Carolina rate cases.

Several months ago the Railroad Commission conducted an extended hearing, upon complaint of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, concerning distributive class tariffs between Portland and Eastern Oregon points on the O. R. & N. A great mass of testimony was taken and much documentary evidence was submitted.

### Reduction in Rates to Be Ordered.

A decision from the Commission on this hearing is expected within a few days, and there is little doubt that some very marked reductions in freight rates will be ordered.

While the members of the Commission have not intimated what conclusion they may have reached, it is known that there is in their hands evidence showing that rates on the O. R. & N. are materially higher than rates on corresponding classes of goods on roads in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Texas. The Commission has taken great pains to make accurate comparisons of rates under practically similar conditions.

### Decision Against Road Expected.

The decision is almost certain to be adverse to the O. R. & N. Company is also indicated by the enormous profits the company has been making in recent years. When the rates are so high as to yield a net profit equal to 16 per cent on the capital stock, it is thought there is little danger that a moderate reduction will cut the income to such an extent as to amount to confiscation of property.

The Oregon Railroad Commission law provides for review in the state courts and this may delay the appeal to the Federal courts, but it is very probable that eventually the case will get into the Federal courts, where not only this decision, but the legality of the Oregon Railroad Commission will be tested.

## HIS OPPORTUNITY



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## CERTAIN LAWS MUST BE PASSED

### Roosevelt Names Them To Congress.

### MUST GIVE RELIEF TO LABOR

### Allow Traffic Agreements Among Railroads.

### AMEND ANTI-TRUST LAW

### President Points Out Glaring Defects in Sherman's Work—Legalize Unions, but Forbid Both the Blacklist and Boycott.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Insisting that certain important measures should be passed by the present Congress, President Roosevelt sent a special message to both houses today. The Democrats in the lower House applauded the recommendation of earlier revision, removal of the penalty on wild pulp and reduction of the duty on paper. The Republicans remained silent to the end and then applauded the message as a whole. The Senate received the message in silence.

## LAW ROOSEVELT RECOMMENDS.

Forbid child labor in Nation—at least in District of Columbia. Enforce liability to conform to Supreme Court decision. No injunction without notice and hearing. Trial for contempt or injunction by Judge other than the Judge who issued injunction, unless contempt committed in Judge's presence. Allow railroads to make traffic agreements subject to approval of Interstate Commerce Commission and to publicity. Give Interstate Commission power to pass on railroad securities. Allow Attorney-General to name receivers when courts appoint receivers for common carriers and other public-utility corporations. Amend Sherman anti-trust law to provide: That business agreements contrary to its provisions may be exempt when filed with Bureau of Corporations and approved and published thereof within 60 days. After such period contracts should be voidable, but not void, notice and hearing with right of review in court. Labor organizations and farm-ers organizations not for profit to become subject to same provisions. Neither blacklist nor boycott to be legal. Pass currency bill this session. Establish postal savings banks. Use joint custody of child, as provided by Department experts, collect material for revision of tariff by next Congress. Immediately put pulp wood on free list and corresponding increase duty on paper made from woodpulp coming from country which does not impose export duty. Establish Waterway Commission and grant no more free water-power privileges. Unless such franchise are limited as to time and provide compensation the President will veto them.

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