

SENATORIAL RIGIDITY TO BE KEPT OUT

Harmony to Govern State Republican Convention at Spokane.

PILES MEN IN CONTROL

Will Dominate All Acts of Convention Possible, Including Instructions for Taft-McGraw to Be Permanent Chairman.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—When the Republican convention of Washington, which meets tomorrow to name 10 delegates and 10 alternates to the National convention and five Presidential electors, is called to order in the spacious annex, more than 600 delegates will be seated. John H. McGraw, of King County, will be permanent chairman after J. M. Ashton, of Pierce county, who is to be temporarily chairman, yields the move. That was decided by the steering committee this afternoon and tonight.

Piles Men in the Saddle.

The steering committee, prominent among whom were John H. McGraw, of King County; Charles L. Taylor, of T. Harrison, of Spokane County; J. M. Ashton, W. H. Paulhamus, E. N. Parker, J. M. Shackelford and Ralph Metcalf, of Pierce County; Thomas S. Preece, of Snohomish, and Emerson Hammer, of Skagit County, met in Mr. McGraw's rooms soon after the arrival of the King County delegation. It was apparent from the start that the McGraw people, that is to say the adherents of Senator Piles and Henry McBride (candidate for Governor) were in the saddle and that they will dominate all the acts of the convention they dare to dominate.

This includes the platform resolution instructing the delegates and McGraw to work for the nomination of Taft first, last and all the time, and it probably will cut a wide swath when the cutting down of candidates for minor state offices, who will later on make the race in the primaries. The programme is for two presidential electors, Preece and the southwest, two from the East Side and one from King and the northwest. R. L. McCormick, of Tacoma, is to be National committeeman. The slate follows:

Slate Decided Upon.

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STUDENTS MUST STAY HOME

Tacoma High School May Have No More Excursions.

TACOMA, May 13.—(Special.)—No more moonlight steamer excursions for the students of the Tacoma High School, no more class picnics and dances at Three Point, no more little jaunts out of the city, especially when such trips lead out of the county. The Board of Education at its meeting today emphatically put the " kibosh " on such social functions, when the same are to be given under the auspices of the High School.

SEISLESS ON THE PAVEMENT

Young Tacoma Girl Thrown From Horse and Badly Hurt.

TACOMA, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—While riding on a horse, a young girl, Mildred Morton, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Morton, was thrown to the brick pavement and rendered unconscious. John S. Baker's big automobile was in the garage and the injured girl was carried to her home at a breakneck speed. Tonight a young rider was still unconscious. The extent of her injuries is not known.

STUDENTS ELECT OFFICERS

University's Annual Election Is Close and Exciting Contest.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—The annual election of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon took place today, the polls being open from 11 to 3 o'clock. The following officers were chosen: President, Tom Townsend; vice-president, J. Leroy Woods; secretary, Nieta Harding; executive committee, Ormond Howard, Howard Moore, Fred M. Reed, Fred Moulton, William Wood and Paul W. Reid; editor Oregon Weekly, Earl Kilpatrick; assistant editors, weekly, Harry Lane and Oliver Huston; business manager weekly, Dean Goodman; assistant, Charles F. Dean; editor Monthly, Ruth Hansen; assistants, Jennie Lilley, Neta Bartlett, Marion Stewart and Fred Powers; business manager Monthly, William Calk; assistant, Cecil J. Eppy.

Bore for Oil in Coos.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—R. F. Crittenden, who is interested in the hunt for oil on Coos Bay, has arrived here and announced that he will soon begin boring for oil. He is now awaiting the arrival of some machinery.

HUGE CIGAR-SHAPED OCEAN-GOING RAFT

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STATES' RULERS IN CONFERENCE

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In the mines already developed had been wasted in mining, and a much greater percentage in use. Without such waste, which he believed might be overcome, the supply of coal would last 2000, instead of 200 years, as predicted.

Take Issue With Carnegie.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, made a lively talk, in which he took issue with Mr. Carnegie's statement that wasteful methods prevailed in iron mining in the Lake Superior region, and cheerfully assured that gentleman that Mr. Hill will be glad to take issue with him on some things.

John Hays Hammond, who has the reputation of being the highest-paid mining engineer in the country, read a paper on engineering methods, in which he drew the conclusion that, while there was no way to revolutionize mining methods, they might be improved gradually.

The status of all delegates, whether Governors or their special assistants, was settled by the adoption of a motion by Governor Hoch of Kansas, that all persons invited to the conference have equal floor privileges. The resolutions committee, which was appointed at the suggestion of the President at the morning session which will meet tomorrow, consists of Governors Blanchard, Louisiana; Fort, New Jersey; Cutler, Utah; Davidson, Wisconsin; and Ansel, South Carolina.

Professor W. J. McGinnis and Edward R. Ship of the Inland Waterways Commission, were designated recording secretary and general secretary respectively.

When the President had taken his place on the right of the platform, with the Vice-President on his left, Rev. Ed. Ward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate, read a portion of the Scriptures descriptive of the promised land and then pronounced a feeling invocation, in which he asked every man's help in the deliberations to be had. At the conclusion of the invocation the President, without preliminary ceremony, gave his address to the Governor.

Introducing his subject the President referred to the fact that the matters under consideration are so vital that for the first time in the history of the Nation the chief executive officers of the states had met together to consider them with the aid of heads of all National departments.

He referred to the fact that the Nation met to draft the Declaration of Independence and adopt a constitution, the conditions of which were the result of the deliberations of those who had preceded them.

Water was practically the only source of power and wood the only fuel in general use. Washington and his contemporaries knew anthracite only as a useless black stone.

The rapid growth of the Nation since that time had been due to the marvelous development, and so to say, the rapid destruction of the country's natural resources. Continuing, he said:

Our position in the world has been attained by the control we have achieved over nature; but we are more, and not less, dependent upon the resources of the earth than at any previous time of history since the days of primitive man.

Yet our fathers, though they knew so little of the resources of the country, exercised the wisest and most far-sighted policy. Washington clearly saw that the perpetuity of the states could only be secured by union, and that the basis of union was an economic one; in other words that it must be based on the development and use of their natural resources.

He helped to outline a scheme of commercial development, and by his influence an interstate waterways commission was appointed by Virginia and Maryland.

At a meeting of the commission, in Alexandria, he advised to Mount Vernon, and took up the consideration of interstate commerce by the only means then available that of water. Further conferences were arranged, first at Annapolis and then at Philadelphia. It was in Philadelphia that the representatives of all the states met for what was in its original conception merely a waterways conference; but when they had closed their deliberations the outcome was the Constitution which made the states into a Nation.

Calls for United Effort. The Constitution of the United States that grew in large part out of the necessity for united action in the wise use of one of our natural resources, the use of one of our natural resources, which are our National resources as well, is the great masterpiece of our fathers.

Any right thinking father earnestly desires that the next generation shall see the same unsharpened axe and a reasonable equipment for the struggle of life. So this Nation as a whole should earnestly desire to strive to leave to the next generation the National honor unsharpened and the National resources unsharpened. There are signs that both the Nation and the states are making

COOS BAY WOMAN OF MYSTERY

Mrs. Bertha Etta Gordon Succumbs to Bullet Wound.

HUSBAND NOT AT DEATHBED

Out for Walk When End Comes. "Coos Bay Woman of Mystery" Maintains Innocence of Counterfeiting Schemes.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Death has closed the notorious and eventful career of Mrs. Bertha Etta Gordon, the "Coos Bay Woman of Mystery," adventures and alleged counterfeiter of Portland. The bullet wound which was inflicted at midnight Saturday by "Mazooko" Anderson, a Marshfield bartender, caused her death at 11:30 A. M. today at the general hospital, where she has been cared for since the shooting. Inflammation of the parts penetrated by the bullet was the immediate cause of death.

Mrs. Gordon made a hard fight for her life, but gradually grew weaker, and lay last night lost consciousness. The one wish of the woman since she was shot was that she might see E. S. Gordon before she died, and this was gratified.

Long Talks With Husband.

Together, but what passed between them is not known. Several depositions were taken from the woman by Assistant District Attorney Lilliquist for the benefit of the grand jury. E. S. Gordon visited the woman this morning, but she was unresponsive. He went for a walk and while he was gone she expired.

Dr. Minus, one of the attending physicians, and hospital nurses were the only ones at her death-bed. Gordon refuses to talk at all about the matter, but she has indicated her arrangements for the burial have been made.

Disclaims Knowledge Counterfeiters.

Coroner Minus, immediately after her death, notified District Attorney Brown of Roseburg, who is at Coquille attending the Circuit Court. Mr. Brown said it would not be necessary to hold an inquest over the death of Mrs. Gordon, and it is expected that an indictment will be returned tomorrow charging Anderson with murder. It is not known what the case will be tried at this time.

INVOLVES ENTIRE QUESTION

Illinois Case Raises Vital Issue in Rail Rate Campaign.

CHICAGO, May 13.—Upon the decision of Judge Kohlsaat, of the Federal Circuit in the case of the Beatrice and Blue Valley Creamery Companies against the Pere Marquette, Grand Trunk and Michigan Central Railroads, may hinge the entire campaign against the general advance in freight rates. Buried in a comparatively unimportant injunction suit in which the final argument is heard today is the whole issue, which will serve as a precedent in the coming great contest.

Judge Kohlsaat's decision will determine whether a Federal Court has power to enjoin the railroads from advancing rates pending a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission, which alone is granted power to determine questions of unreasonableness and discrimination, or whether it can sit only as a court of review after the opinion of the commission has been given.

The case in which Judge Kohlsaat's decision will decide this question is the application of the Beatrice and Blue Valley Creamery Companies against the Michigan Central, Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette from advancing their freight rates on cream, pending a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission as to the reasonableness of the advance.

MAY BOLT AGAINST JOHNSON

Action of Minnesota Bryan Men Depends on Leader's Course.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 13.—It has become doubtful whether the followers of W. J. Bryan will bolt the Democratic State Convention tomorrow. Two days ago it was tentatively agreed among them that such action should be taken if their contesting delegates were not seated in the convention. Today, however, the sentiment against such a step has largely increased. A conference of the Bryan leaders was held today, and tonight National Committeeman T. T. Hudson, who presided at the meeting, gave out the following statement:

"The course of the Bryan men will depend upon the action of the convention. If the action of the convention does not seem to be right, we will call upon the Bryan men to withdraw from the conference, at which further steps can be determined."

The Johnson men have such an overwhelming majority in the delegates in tomorrow's convention that there is no chance of the Bryan people getting anything beyond what the Johnsons following is disposed to give nothing. Martin Hughes will be temporary chairman of the convention.

KILLED BY HIS OWN GUN

John Page, of Pomeroy, Victim of Accident While Driving.

JOHN DAY, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—John Page, of Pomeroy, Wash., was accidentally shot and killed this morning by his own gun. He was driving in Pomeroy when some companions in a buggy with the gun slipped from his lap, struck the gear of the vehicle and was discharged, the contents passing through his side. District Attorney J. E. Mark began an investigation, but Assessor C. W. Breenham is said to have witnessed the accident and no foul play is suspected.

Body Found After Three Weeks.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—After three weeks of submersion in the Grand Ronde River, the body of a logger who fell from a logging train of the Soddard Lumber Company mill was found late this evening by a crew of log drivers. Through search was made for the body, but no trace was found and hope of ever finding it was given up. Tonight, however, when the logging crew broke a drive jam, they found the body badly decomposed. The man was a middle-aged fellow without a family.

Italy's imports from the country are not over \$20,000,000 a year and our from that country are only \$30,000,000.

DECLARE USUAL DIVIDENDS

Harriman Lines Paying—Harriman Hopeful of Borrowing Money.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Before the meeting of directors of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads today, E. H. Harriman said he would recommend the declaration of regular dividends.

The regular dividends of 2 1/2 per cent quarterly on Union Pacific common stock, the 2 1/2 per cent quarterly on Southern Pacific common, and of 2 1/2 per cent semi-annually on Southern Pacific preferred stock were declared by the directors of those companies today.

Following the meeting of the directors, E. H. Harriman was asked about the plans for leasing part of the \$100,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds authorized by the Union Pacific stockholders. He said: "Everybody is trying to do the Union Pacific financing. It does not need any money."

When he was asked about the \$25,000,000 which he was reported to have said that the company required, Mr. Harriman said: "What is \$25,000,000 to the Union Pacific?"

The time of offering the bonds authorized by the stockholders will depend largely upon market conditions.

MONTANA WILL BE FOR TAFT

Delegates to Be Instructed—Roosevelt Stamped Can't Win.

BUTTE, Mont., May 13.—The state Republican convention, which will meet in this city tomorrow, will probably instruct its six delegates to the National Convention to support the candidacy of William H. Taft for the Presidential nomination despite the efforts of a number who are endeavoring to withdraw from an instructed delegation for President Roosevelt through a stampede of the convention.

State Chairman Fletcher Maddox, of Great Falls, scouts the idea of the convention being stamped for Mr. Roosevelt, and predicts easy sailing for the Taft men, and an untroubled delegation to Chicago for him.

Senators Cortor and Dixon, and Congressman Fray will not be delegates to Chicago.

WILD SCENES IN CONFERENCE

African Methodists Clash Over Election of New Bishops.

NORFOLK, Va., May 13.—The A. M. E. conference today decided to elect five new bishops. A strong minority wanted only three. A recommendation that two of the bishops be stationed in America was also rejected. The conference adjourned during the discussion and many allegations of falsehood.

Callhoun Will Go East.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Patrick Callhoun, president of the United Railroad and Navigation Company, will be in connection with securing an overhead trolley franchise from the Schmitz Board of Supervisors, was today given permission by Michigan Judge Lawlor to take a short business trip to the East. The surety company on his bonds agreed to waive its rights in the matter and Judge Lawlor agreed to a continuance for a few weeks on condition that the prisoner would return within a week after the service of a notice by the prosecution.

In 1906 1 1/2 cents of the Shantung Railroad Company amounted to \$1,010,700 and expenses to \$24,870 and a 4 1/2 per cent dividend was paid to stockholders. The 1907 dividend was \$2,000,000, the 1908 dividend second-class and 4 of a cent gold third-class.



Robert W. Chambers' new novel, 'The Firing Line,' begins in this week's issue of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

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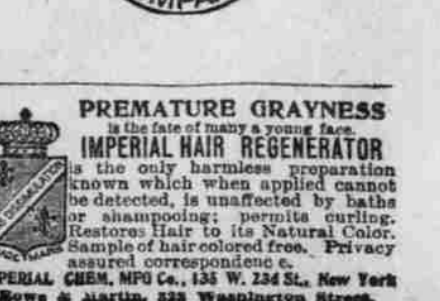
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