

WILLIAMS IS SURE OF TAFT VICTORY

Clark Will Be Democratic Choice, Says National Committeeman.

T. R. GENERALLY ASSAILED

Battleground in West and Middle West Where President Has More Than Even Break, He Says—Wilson Untried.

Declaring that President Taft and Champ Clark, Speaker of the Democratic House of Representatives, will be the opposing candidates for the Presidency in the November election, R. E. Williams, Republican National Committeeman for Oregon, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, returned yesterday from a three months' visit in the East and South. Returning home, Mr. and Mrs. Williams passed some time at Los Angeles and San Francisco, where Mr. Williams found a strong Taft sentiment.

"There is no question in my mind but that President Taft will receive the nomination at the Chicago convention and be elected in November," said Mr. Williams.

"This is accepted as a foregone conclusion in the East. The President will have an almost solid delegation from the National Convention from the South, and 90 per cent of the delegates from the states in the East will be pledged to him. The West and Middle West are regarded as the fighting ground in this campaign, and Taft's friends are confident of having better than an even break in the selection of delegates from that territory.

Even Supporters Criticize.

"The general feeling in the East against Roosevelt is reliably reflected in the newspapers which are very generally censuring the ex-President and actively supporting President Taft. Both Republicans and Democrats are criticizing Roosevelt for the course he has taken. Although the East never was very strong for the ex-President, many who demanded that he accept a second elective term four years ago have deserted him, and as a result of this election are giving their support to Taft. Those Republicans who are supporting Roosevelt confess he has made a serious mistake and exercised very poor judgment in becoming a candidate at this time.

"La Follette has the sympathy of the people of the East because of the treatment he received from Roosevelt. The progressives feel that if a progressive is to be nominated at the Chicago convention it should be La Follette, whom they regard as the original progressive.

Clark Strong in East.

"The Democrats will nominate Champ Clark as their candidate for President. This is almost an assured fact. Eastern Democrats feel that Clark comes nearer representing the conservative Democracy than any other man in the party. They are supporting the Speaker as the logical compromise candidate.

"These same Democrats have no faith in Wilson. This is even true of the progressive members of the party, who consider the New Jersey Governor as a decidedly uncertain quantity. Harmon has no chance for the nomination. Underwood has a large following throughout the East, but he will not be able to land the nomination.

"Each of the seven Governors responsible for the resignation of Roosevelt out as a candidate appears to be nominated as the ex-President's running mate on the National ticket. If he should be nominated, Taft would be the Vice-President. The candidates are: Johnson of California, Bradley of Missouri, Glasscock of West Virginia, Carey of Wyoming, Stubbs of Kansas, Osborn of Michigan, and Odell of Nevada.

Taft's Running Mate Unnamed.

"I did not hear any talk in the East of the probable Republican who will be nominated as Vice-President with Taft for the Presidency. President Taft is taking absolutely no hand in the selection of this candidate, which will be left by him entirely to the convention. The situation among the Democrats as to their candidate for the Vice-Presidency is much the same. It will depend largely on whom the Baltimore convention names for President."

Mr. Williams' business conditions throughout the East and South are exceptionally good, considering this is Presidential year. Business statistics, he said, are generally expecting a continuation of the existing satisfactory conditions throughout the year. As a member of the committee appointed to arrange the preliminaries for the Chicago convention, June 18, it will be necessary for Mr. Williams to proceed to the convention city about May 29 and remain until the Republican delegates have nominated their National ticket.

SELLING FAVORS BIG BRIDGE

Interstate Span Across Columbia Is Heartily Indorsed.

Residents of St. Johns and the Peninsula are waiting upon the selling. Republican candidate for United States Senator, to ascertain his position with reference to the proposed interstate bridge across the Columbia River between Portland and Vancouver. The delegation was given the assurance by Mr. Selling that he favored the project and would give every possible assistance, either as a private citizen or a public official.

The people of the Peninsula district are much interested in the proposed bridge across the Columbia connecting the two cities. Mr. Selling already had indicated his good faith and support of the project by contributing to the fund with which to meet preliminary survey and other engineering investigations.

"I am heartily in favor of the proposed bridge and all other measures which will bring the people of the two states into closer relations," Mr. Selling assured the delegation. "The construction of such a bridge would be a benefit alike to the people of Portland and the people of Southwestern Washington. Besides providing improved facilities for crossing the river, the bridge will do a great deal towards bringing the people of the two states into closer touch in both business and a social way."

TOWN PROSPERS MUCH

Since Golden Spike Was Driven Vancouver Has Grown.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—The golden spike of the

North Bank Railroad was driven four years ago Monday at Sheridan's Point, opposite Cascade Locks. A special train of 14 cars, 12 coaches and two baggage cars left Vancouver at 3 o'clock in the morning. At 9:15 o'clock the golden spike had been duly put in place and the special train, under the auspices of the Commercial Club of Vancouver, went to Lele, where lunch was served.

The past four years have been the most prosperous in the 40-year history of the city. During that time several miles of streets have been paved with hard surface pavement; many two and three-story buildings, costing from \$10,000 to \$50,000, have been built; the water system has been enlarged and improved; gas lights have been added; the Clark County Fair Association has organized and bought 20 acres of land, putting up suitable buildings and making a half-mile standard race track; a daily newspaper has been established; the Commercial Club of Vancouver has built a \$100,000 high school building; a \$20,000 school building has been built; the largest steel draw-bridge, double tracked in the world, has been completed at a cost of nearly \$2,000,000; a \$25,000 ferry to cross the Columbia



\$500 Loving-Cup Won in Contest by Drill Team of Vancouver Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

River has replaced the old one; the population has more than doubled; hundreds of residences have been built; business has increased many fold; an interurban electric line running six miles into the country to fifteen, has been built; the present streetcar system with about 10 miles of track in the city limits has been built; and the number of automobiles has increased from one small gasoline machine to 125 good-sized machines.

VANCOUVER LODGE WINS

PYTHIAN TEAM AWARDED \$500 SILVER LOVING CUP.

Camas, Washougal, Castle Rock, Kelso and Kalama Defeated in All-Night Contest.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—The drill team of Vancouver Lodge, Knights of Pythias, won the \$500 silver loving cup offered for the best work in a contest which was won at the 12th annual district convention here last night and ended at 1 o'clock this morning. The cup, given annually, but it must be won three times before it becomes the property of a lodge.

The principal members of the team winning the prize this morning were W. J. Higgins, captain; E. E. Walte, W. E. Lee, P. M. Elwell, H. S. Goddard, Fred Bowman, G. A. Riggs, Victor H. Lumber, J. G. Edwards, J. P. Stahl, M. Richardson, Harry Sparks and C. E. McCall. These were supplemented by guards to make the total number in the drill team 25.

Teams representing lodges in Camas, Washougal, Castle Rock, Kelso and Kalama competed for the prize. Knights of Pythias shield, and Camas third, a Knights of Pythias shield. Individual prizes were awarded to R. A. Parshall, of Castle Rock, and George Thayer, of Kalama. Many Knights, high in the order, were present. Seven candidates were initiated during the session.

At midnight an hour was devoted to a banquet, served by the Pythian Sisters of Vancouver.

The crowd was so large and so many drill teams contested that the competition was not completed until 4 o'clock this morning.

The 12th annual district convention will be held in Kalama in March, 1913.

Girl Loses Nerve; Wrecks Auto.

PENDLETON, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Miss Mamie Vey, 17 years old, driving a six-cylinder automobile, yesterday lost her head at the crossing of Main and West Alta streets as an auto truck belonging to the Pendleton Auto Company passed. She drove her machine right into the truck and almost demolished it. Charlie McMillen, an occupant of the truck, was injured internally. Mrs. Vey, who accompanied her daughter, has a cut lip, while both Miss Vey and the truck driver escaped injury. The touring car was wrecked.

FOX TERRIER AT TIGARD BECOMES MOTHER OF ORPHANED KITTENS.



UNUSUAL DOMESTIC GROUP AT HOME OF MRS. C. L. WAUCH.

An instance of canine loneliness has come to light at Tigard on the line of the Oregon Electric Railway Company, where a fox terrier is nursing three kittens whose mother was poisoned before their eyes were open.

The dog and mother cat were raised together and were on the best of terms. The dog had a litter of pups about the time the kittens were born, and the pups had been gotten rid of by the old cat. At the death of the old cat, the melancholy fox terrier voluntarily adopted the kittens, and has been nursing them for ten weeks.

Mrs. C. L. Wauch, sister of Mrs. William Kruger, of Tigard, owns the peculiar animal family.

FARMERS MAKE WAR

Efforts of O.-W. P. to Cross Property to Be Contested.

MULTNOMAH FOLK BUSY

High Voltage System Wires From Sycamore to Barton, Six Miles, May Not Be Erected If Plans Outlined Pan Out.

GRESHAM, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Opposing something which they deem an infringement on their rights, have caused a number of farmers to get together and raise a fund to contest the efforts of the O.-W. P. Railway Company to cross their property with its high-voltage system from Sycamore to Barton. The distance is about six miles and the supporting towers would be about 200 feet apart. As the company has not secured a right of way yet and the farmers are resisting the erection of the towers, there properly will be a change in the company's plans.

The present lines are carried on poles along the country roads, for which privilege the company has paid the owners of the land. The proposed line would save a distance of several miles and it is a problem which plan to adopt, that of buying a right of way or paying for several miles more of towers and wires.

Material for the remaining towers is lying at Sycamore, ready to be distributed. The towers are built in sections of galvanized iron, and are 12 feet square at the base and 8 feet high. Those needed along the right of way and in use, but the gap that would save so much in distance is not filled yet, nor will it be until the matter is settled.

CHALLENGE RIGHTS GO

BOTH STATE AND DEFENSE IN HICKS TRIAL NEAR END.

Attorneys Clash Over Baden-Powell Incident and Are Threatened With Fine for Contempt.

Attorneys for the state yesterday in the Hicks murder trial repeated their performance of Monday by refusing to exercise a peremptory challenge and the court was compelled to excuse peremptorily William Palmer, an employee of the city street cleaning department. This reduces the number of peremptories to four on each side, but the state may challenge only new men who are passed for cause, while the defense has the run of the whole 12 veniremen passed for cause. Originally the defense had a dozen peremptories and the state half that number.

Palmer's place in the box was taken by H. Eckhart, a contracting carpenter residing at 667 Rodney avenue. He was passed for cause by both sides. C. J. Schafer, a carpenter under examination by the defense, was called to an adjournment last night, will be questioned by attorneys for the state this morning. He said he considers it mostly for a workman to take the place of a striker.

Judge Gatens yesterday threatened to fine for contempt both Dan J. Markey, chief of counsel for the defendant, and Special Prosecutor Davis, after a bitter altercation between them, which ensued as a result of references by the defense to the defendant's alleged labor union connections. In examining W. S. Halvor, an insurance man, to the action of L. W. W. men and Socialists in breaking up the Baden-Powell meeting at the City South auditorium Saturday, Mr. Davis protested that the question was prejudicial and designedly so and declared that labor people of Portland deplored the incident as much as others. He demanded to know why Mr. Markey did not refer to the alleged clubbing of women and children in the Lawrence strike.

"The galled jade witness," said Mr. Markey, shaking his finger in the face of Mr. Davis.

"I'll make you wince before I am through," said Special Prosecutor Davis, leaping to his feet.

Bailiff Halvor interfered and prevented a physical clash and Judge Gatens then proceeded to read the attorneys a lecture from the bench. Another such incident, he declared, would lead to heavy fines for contempt of court. He refused to listen to offered explanations, saying that Mr. Davis and Mr. Markey were equally at fault.

BOY DEFEATS UNIVERSITY

J. F. Hill, Aged 4, Wins Appeal to Supreme Court in Damage Suit.

SALEM, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Tuslatin Academy and Pacific University, lost in a case in the Supreme Court today when, in an opinion by Justice Moore, the lower court of Washington County was reversed and the action of John F. Hill, a minor, against the academy and university, was sent back for retrial. The suit is to recover damages for a personal injury.

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cover \$10,000 as damages for alleged personal injury. Four-year-old John Hill is plaintiff through Mr. F. Hill, his guardian, claiming that on a part of the academy and university grounds a gopher gun had been planted and that the gun exploded, injuring the lad. In the lower court a verdict was brought in for the defendants.

Other cases decided today were: Perinelli Sash & Door Company vs. K. E. Parker, appealed from Multnomah County; Robert G. Morrow, judge; reversed on an appeal by Justice Burnett. This was a suit to foreclose a mechanic's lien.

Henry Sebade, et al. vs. C. Alton and George Rader et al., appealed from Multnomah County; Robert G. Morrow, judge; reversed on an appeal by Chief Justice Eakin. This was a suit to foreclose a mechanic's lien.

Frank Koeber vs. P. Stuart and A. and Mattie Winans, appealed from Multnomah County; J. V. Gausman, judge; motion to dismiss, appeal denied in an opinion by Chief Justice Eakin.

C. T. Wright vs. Richard Chilcote and J. E. Anderson, appealed from Yamhill County; William Callaway, judge; affirmed in an opinion by Justice McBride. This was a suit to have a trust in lands declared in favor of the plaintiff.

HAND VALUED AT \$10,000

Former Employee of Lumber Company Files Action.

ASTORIA, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—The suit of Clifford J. Hogan against the Hammond Lumber Company, an action to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged personal injuries, has been set for trial before a jury in the Circuit Court on next Monday.

The complaint asserts that the plaintiff was employed as timekeeper at the defendant's logging camp in Clatsop county, and that he was injured by a log skidding machine while on duty. The complaint asserts that the plaintiff was injured by a log skidding machine while on duty. The complaint asserts that the plaintiff was injured by a log skidding machine while on duty.

Continuing, the complaint asserts that on September 25, 1910, as the plaintiff was attempting to couple two cars, his left hand and wrist were caught between the bumpers and so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate the hand and the wrist. Negligence on the part of the defendant company in not having the cars properly loaded is alleged as the cause of the accident.

The defendant in its reply asserts that the plaintiff was employed by it as a timekeeper, not to operate the logging train, that he was not asked to do that work and it was not at the direction of the company or any of its agents that he was engaged in coupling cars when the accident occurred.

MOTHER SEEKS LOST SON

John R. Reynolds Fails to Meet Parent and She Begins Search.

SEASIDE, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—A letter was received today by Daniel J. Moore, president of the Seaside Commercial Club, from Mrs. M. J. Powers, of Weston, Or., asking for information concerning the whereabouts of John R. Reynolds, of that city. Mrs. Powers wrote that she is the mother of Reynolds by a former marriage. She says that she received a letter from him on which was the stamp of the Seaside postoffice dated January 22, but had since heard nothing of his movements and supposed he faced adversity, as he was to meet her at Woodburn, Or., two weeks ago. Before he left Weston he said that he was coming to Seaside.

Postmaster Abbott said today that a letter was received at the office about a week ago addressed, "John R. Reynolds," but as it was uncanceled for, he returned it to the post office where it appeared on the envelope.

CHANCE TO APPOINT SLIM

Republican State Central Committee's Query Answered.

SALEM, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—In response to a request from C. W. Nottingham, of the Republican state central committee, as to whether in event there are vacancies caused by failure to nominate Presidential electors the committee can name candidates for such electors, Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle will call his attention to the fact that the possibility

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PASTOR STANDS ON HEAD

Colville Minister Performs Daring Feat to Increase Attendance.

COLVILLE, Wash., March 12.—Rev. G. A. Wells, of the local Methodist Church, secured a new attendant at his services today by standing on his head. In reply to the minister's urgings that he become a regular church attendant, County Clerk W. L. Johnson announced that he would attend if the pastor would stand on his head on one of the high office stools.

The Rev. Wells immediately made the attempt and succeeded, after a severe fall.

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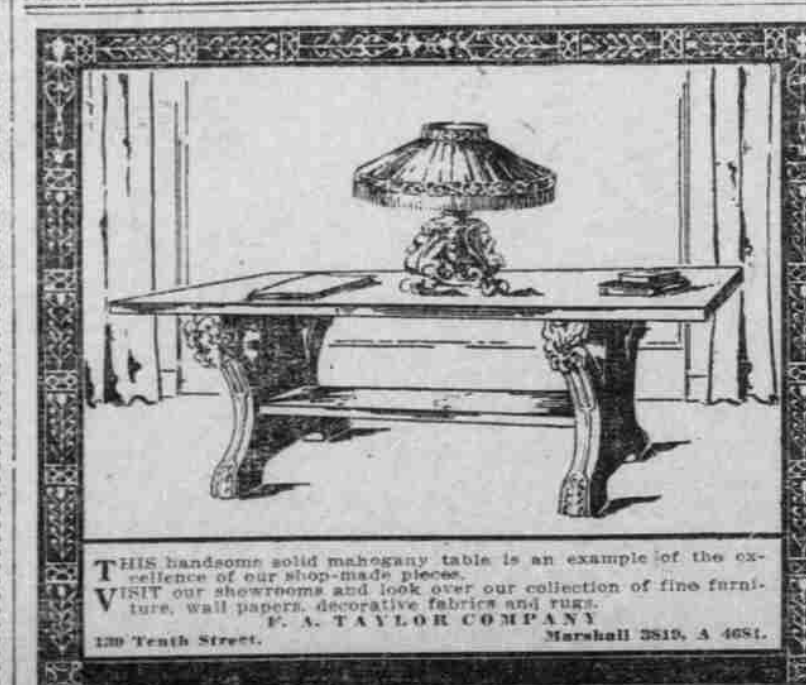
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