

ROOSEVELT'S LEAD POINTS TO CONTROL

Former President Claims 206 Now: Taft 125 Delegates in Washington.

355 ARE REQUIRED TO WIN

Race in Second District Is Close, With Executive Leading by Small Margin; Contests Hardly Satisficient for Nation's Chief.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 10.—(Special.)—With only four counties in the state yet to select delegates to the Republican state convention and with primaries having already been held in these four counties indicating the probable result there, a "little doubt" but that the Roosevelt forces will control a good majority of the uncommitted delegates in the state convention, which meets at Aberdeen next Wednesday.

Of the delegates actually selected the result for the state follows: Roosevelt 206, Taft 125, La Follette 5, doubtful 19.

All but eight of the doubtful delegates are contested. The eight are from Douglas County, which probably stand a majority for Taft.

Close Contest in Skagit. The four counties that have not selected delegates are Lewis, Pierce, Skagit and Snohomish. Pierce and Snohomish are practically assured to go to Taft, while in Skagit the contest is so close that no safe forecast can be made.

Roosevelt Strong in Third. Taken by districts, the Third is the only one that has elected delegates, most of the delegates having been elected to Roosevelt.

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girl, Conley had been supporting her several weeks in La Grande, having met her in a restaurant, where she was employed as a waitress. When she lost her position, he proposed the clandestine trip. He had been living here a week with her, she said, after leaving La Grande. The indictment charges him with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Mr. Cameron said last night he understands that the girl has since been married.

U'REN WOULD CURE EVILS

Amendment of People's Power League Declared to Be Remedy.

Admitting that the Oregon system was not without defects, W. S. U'ren, addressing an audience of Socialists at their hall, 228 Second street, Thursday night, said the amendment, proposed by the People's Power League, and suggesting a general revision of the state constitution, would correct the evils complained of.

As the present system, Mr. U'ren mentioned the method by which members of the Legislature and other state officials are elected, the ballot and the manner of administering the affairs of the state was indorsed for overcoming the objections to the present plan. All of these innovations are included in the amendment proposed by the People's Power League and to which Mr. U'ren last night directed his remarks.

"There was not a man in Oregon who, in the recent primary election voted intelligently when he undertook to mark his ballot," said Mr. U'ren, discussing the blanket-like ballot used in the primary. "There were too many candidates and it was impossible for him to know every man and his qualifications. This condition would be relieved entirely by the short ballot, which is provided in the suggested amendment to the constitution."

Mr. U'ren quoted Governor West to the effect that if the proposed amendment were adopted it would bring about an annual saving to the state of \$300,000. The speaker said Governor West had indorsed the measure even though, should it be adopted, it would cut off one year of the term for which the present Executive was elected.

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Mr. U'ren declared that this condition was due to the incompetency of the State Legislature. Under the new order of things, as contemplated in the amendment, Mr. U'ren made the prediction that the necessity for employing the initiative and referendum would be greatly minimized in the present system.

Explained Mr. U'ren, "it is impossible for the Socialists and the Prohibitionists to gain representation in the State Legislature. The Republicans, with a little better than one-half of the votes in the state, elect as many as 85 of the 68 members of the House of Representatives. The Republicans, with a little better than one-half of the votes in the state, elect as many as 85 of the 68 members of the House of Representatives."

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HILL PLANS SHARE AS TRAIN SPEEDS

Retiring Chief to Devote Time to Colonization, So He Announces.

VAST WORK MAPPED OUT

Portland Men Plan Farewell to Mr. Gray; Reception to Mr. Young. L. W. Hill and Associates Start on Tour of Inspection.

On the Great Northern private car "A 22," attached to the fast North Bank train running between Spokane and Portland, plans for the future conduct of the Hill railroad in the Northwest were worked out Thursday by Louis W. Hill, the retiring president of the Great Northern; Carl R. Gray, retiring president of the North Bank and future president of the Great Northern, and Joseph H. Young, future president of the North Bank. H. A. Jackson, assistant traffic manager of the Great Northern, accompanied them.

The party arrived in Portland late last night, Mr. Young leaving a few hours later for Seattle. Mr. Gray passed immediately to the hotel where he was to spend the night. Mr. Hill, president of the North Bank, and Mr. Jackson, assistant traffic manager of the Great Northern, accompanied them.

Mr. Hill passed the evening in conference with W. P. Davidson, president of the Oregon and Western Colonization Company, in which he also is heavily interested and in the development of which he is expected to devote a great portion of his time after retiring from the presidency of the Great Northern on his 60th birthday, May 19.

Change Effective May 15. Although Mr. Young will not become president of the North Bank until next Wednesday, May 15, Mr. Gray virtually has relinquished his official connection with that road. He will pass the greater portion of the night of the evening with Mr. Hill in Portland, but the subject of their discussion will be relative to Great Northern business rather than that of the North Bank.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Gray will leave tonight for a week's inspection trip of the Great Northern lines in Washington and probably will return next Friday. Their itinerary on this trip has not been determined.

"We have been busy all day going over routine affairs," said Mr. Hill last night. "We did not take up questions that must be disposed of first. It was decided, though, that Mr. Young will be here next Wednesday. He will be here by that time to take up his work and will remain permanently in Portland."

ELDER HILL MAY NOT RETIRE

Mr. Hill was in his usual pleasant mood when he arrived in town last night. He seemed to forget the cares of the railroad and immediately sought Mr. Davidson at the Multnomah Club.

Mr. Hill said that the contemplated changes do not mean, necessarily, the retirement of his father, James J. Hill, from the presidency of the system of railroads that bear his name. Although the younger Mr. Hill has not expressed his intentions for the future, it is more certain that much of his time will be devoted to the development of Central Oregon, in which he takes a deep, personal interest.

His connection with the Oregon and Western Colonization Company alone would give him ample opportunity to exercise his seeming insatiable desire for work.

The company owns 800,000 acres of land between the Cascades and the Idaho line and much of this can be developed into valuable agricultural property. Mr. Hill is chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern or whether he relinquishes his title of office entirely, it is probable that he will devote much of his time to development work in the territory tributary to the Hill lines.

"I will be glad to go just as much attention to Oregon from my office in St. Paul as I could were I to locate right here in Portland," said Mr. Hill. "The work of developing the Northwest will be of great benefit to all the territory that we serve."

Mr. Hill has not determined whether he will return to Portland with Mr. Gray next week. He will be asked by members of the Commercial Club to come here and be a guest at a banquet that is to be given in honor of Mr. Gray and Mr. Young. A call has been issued for a farewell banquet to Mr. Gray in honor of the valuable development work that he has accomplished for the city and state in the year that he has been here. It will serve also to introduce Mr. Young to the people of Portland. Mr. Young said last night that he will resign as early as convenient the presidency of the Alaska Steamship Company, the Northern Commercial Company and the offices that he holds in the various other concerns of the Moran-Guggenheim syndicate. He will move his family from Seattle to Portland in the next few weeks.

James T. Middleman, who has been Mr. Gray's secretary for the last six years and who served with him when he was senior vice-president of the Frisco system before coming to Portland, will remain here as secretary to Mr. Young. He expects eventually to join Mr. Gray at St. Paul, however.

VIGOROUS DEVELOPMENT EXPECTED

A vigorous policy of development and exploitation will be pursued by the Great Northern, as well as the North Bank and the lines in Oregon, as soon as the new organization is established. This was the impression given by utterances of Mr. Hill, Mr. Gray and Mr. Young at various places yesterday and after their arrival in Portland last night.

The East Side invasion which has been planned in detail by Mr. Gray will be given into the hands of Mr. Young for further prosecution. As the Great Northern is vitally interested in this project Mr. Gray will remain in close touch with the situation and will give Mr. Young all the assistance possible in getting the necessary franchises through the Council and in carrying on the construction work. Petitions urging the Council to hasten action in granting the franchises sought by the Hill interests now are being circulated among the people of the East Side and are being filled with signatures rapidly. This task, probably, is the most stupendous that confronts Mr. Young in his new position, but he will have other details to demand his attention for a time at least. The electric lines in his jurisdiction now are being extended

throughout the territory adjacent to Portland, the expenditure incidental thereto aggregating \$6,000,000.

Mr. Young was highly pleased last night over the prospects of becoming Mr. Gray's successor and of becoming a resident of Portland.

FINE CLOTHES HER FAULT

Modern Young Woman Dresses Too Extravagantly, Is Verdict.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 10.—(Special.)—"Apparel show in their exhibits of attractive and high-priced goods, among the things encouraging extravagance among young women, that we have to combat for their welfare," said Miss Frances Gage, Northwest Field secretary, at the Y. W. C. A. today.

"The opportunity to buy clothing on the weekly credit basis is perilous, because of coaches' certificates that we're going to Seattle now to close up my affairs there," he said. "I think I'll like my new job, although I have a hard task ahead of me to maintain the record set by my illustrious predecessor."

When Mr. Gray leaves Portland tonight he will be the president of the North Bank. When he returns next week Mr. Young will be in his place.

OREGON HISTORY IS TOPIC

Hines Tells Where State Got Nick-name of Webfoot.

George H. Hines, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, was the only speaker at the regular luncheon of the Progressive Business Men's Club, held in the Multnomah Hotel Thursday. Instead of the usual roll call cards were left at each plate to be filled out.

In his speech Mr. Hines stated that he had kept a diary since 1858 without missing a day and therefore was well prepared to speak on Oregon and Portland.

He advocated calling Oregon the River State and that Californians had given this state the name of Web-foot 40 years ago. In return Oregonians called the Californians Tar Heeds. Mr. Hines told of the early introduction of fruit into the state and of the first timber that was cut. He said that the man who discovered gold in California was from Oregon and that the first man who introduced the English language into Japan was an Oregonian.

LEWIS ASKS LENIENCY

Patrolman Fined for Theft Knowledge Says Parents Need Help.

On the plea that he must support not only himself but his mother and mother as well, and that he draws but \$80 a month salary, Policeman Lewis yesterday asked and was granted permission to pay a fine of \$150 in installments.

Lewis was fined for having guilty knowledge of the theft of a revolver from a Chinese girl, in the election of a Patrolman Peterson was dismissed from the service for taking it, as declared by the committee.

Lewis said that he would have to go back to stone cutting if his request were denied and that the doctors said he would not live more than two years if he did, as the dust troubled his lungs.

BERGS DRIFT FAR SOUTH

Wireless Messages Tell of Ice 130 Miles From Scene of Disaster.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Wireless messages received late last night from the four icebergs given by the Amerika line, due here today, reported that she sighted four icebergs farther south than in many years. The position of the four icebergs given by the Amerika was one in latitude 39.02 N, longitude 47 W, two others were seen in latitude 39.12 N, and longitude 47 W, a fourth was sighted in latitude 39.03 N, and longitude 47.18 W.

LEVEE GROWING WEAKER

Warning Issued by Rescue Corps to Flee From Town at Once.

NEW ROADS, La., May 10.—A sand boll developed yesterday in the Irwinville levee, on the Mississippi, six miles from this place. The Torres water is rising against the hastily constructed protection levee about the town. Lieutenant Weeks, in charge of the rescue corps here, has warned the people that they must get out at once.

There are approximately 15,000 persons in what is known as the New Roads district. Lieutenant Weeks took command of the rescue corps at the time of the sand boll's development. A short distance south, as the point of concentration in the event of trouble and a fleet of steamers and barges has been ordered to report there early tomorrow.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY FACE RECALL

the advisability of initiating a recall against Mr. Crawford. Precipitate action was discouraged as a result of this conference, although it was decided to address a letter to the Attorney-General and request from him a legal construction of the law and the extent to which the delegates elected to support Roosevelt in the convention, there is more than a probability that steps will be taken towards invoking the recall on that official. Such a ruling as he has made is entirely inconsistent with the meaning and intent of the law, and is vigorously repudiated by the great majority of the Republican voters of the state, regardless of their personal choice for President.

HONESTY REWARD 25 CENTS

Boy Gets Quarter for Return of Stock Valued at \$510,000.

NEW YORK, May 10.—As a reward for his honesty in returning stock certificates valued at \$510,000, which he found yesterday in Exchange Place, James Dowd, a messenger boy, 15 years old, who is employed by a Wall-street news agency, was given 25 cents.

The certificates were the property of a Broad-street brokerage firm.

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