

WAR IS DECLARED ON CONVENTION EVE

Taft and Roosevelt Factions Break Wide at Aberdeen. Wild Scenes Enacted.

BARRICADES ARE ERECTED

Guards Are Placed About Convention Hall and Preparations Made for Bitter Struggle—Debate Waxing Warm and Long.

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Roosevelt caucus that a majority of the committee favored Governor Hay and was paying too much attention to state interests in his peace proposals. A motion made by O. C. Moore, of Spokane, that the committee's authority be limited to the making of arrangements for officiating tomorrow's convention prevailed almost unanimously. Then the Roosevelt forces, safeguarding their committee by adding J. A. Falconer, of Everett, and Ed Brown, of Clatsop, both members of the State Senate and both strong insurgent leaders.

Taft leaders had no knowledge of this action of the Roosevelt caucus when the state committee reassembled shortly before 8 o'clock. But that the Roosevelt forces were anxious for a show of strength was made apparent almost immediately when they forced the question of a King County delegation to a vote.

A motion to seat the Roosevelt or Murphy delegation was lost, 10 to 23. Then a compromise proposed by Senator W. S. Paulhamus that both delegations be seated with half a vote apiece was voted down 13 to 23. Skamania, Klickitat and Lincoln switching to vote with the Roosevelt forces. When the vote was announced the Roosevelt forces at the last delegation which was selected by the Republican County Committee was put and carried. Roosevelt leaders in the committee and in the lobby, which was packed from the railing that separated the seats of the committee from the main body of the room to the steps that lead to the Council chamber, had extreme difficulty in maintaining a semblance of order when the votes were announced.

Aberdeen authorities had taken the precautions to station two policemen in the hall and the threat of an outbreak was averted. While the committee was meeting preparations had been going on for a parade of Roosevelt forces down town. An invitation to Roosevelt men to join this parade took a part of the crowd from the hall, but most of the Roosevelt following stayed in the hope that the Pierce County contest would be taken up next.

Roosevelt Men Parade Streets. Roosevelt men then began a parade of downtown streets, a band attracting a growing crowd that halted at intervals to give some enthusiastic a chance to speak. In front of the Fairmont Hotel, where the Roosevelt headquarters were located, Sidney Norman, Spokane hotelman, made an incendiary speech denouncing State Chairman R. W. Colner and ex-Senator S. H. Piles, the latter being a King County delegate. The crowd was lacking in demonstrative qualities at that time. In fact at 10 o'clock the parade of Roosevelt men was far more quiet than the crowd that packed the hall in which the state committee was trying to hear the pending contest cases.

All day long Roosevelt and Taft leaders fought before a meeting of the Republican caucus. The two swarms of delegates drifted idly about town, a score of Republican candidates for state offices drifted in and out, trying to dodge dangerous Presidential topics, and the two gubernatorial candidates on the ground, Governor Hay and John C. Lawrence, strove with county leaders to effect a compromise. Hay appeared before the Republican state committee to plead for harmony when it was convened in the morning, but Lawrence did politics from his headquarters in the Fairmont Hotel.

With three special and five regular trains suspended in the lobby, Aberdeen the town has been choked full of Republicans of all degrees and the delegates who are striving for seats far outnumbering those whose credentials to the convention read clear. Yet the situation with the state committee determined to make up a temporary rollcall was so complicated that political leaders were helpless throughout the day.

At a late caucus last night the Roosevelt faction named Gordon C. Corbaley, of Spokane; W. H. Paulhamus, of Sumner; George W. Billing and T. P. Murphy, of Seattle; and E. D. Gibson, of Riparian, as a steering committee. Inspired by Governor Hay this committee sought to open peace negotiations with the Taft forces shortly before noon and succeeded in getting a brief but fruitless conference. The state committee meeting was adjourned to allow a Taft committee, composed of R. W. Colner, of Tacoma; Scott Calhoun, of Seattle; William Jones, Tacoma; George Dyrast, of Centralia, and T. P. Fisk, of Shelton, to meet the Roosevelt conferees. The conference was brief and unsatisfactory. Colner suggested an even division of delegates would be the only satisfactory compromise, but the Roosevelt leaders would not consider it. In turn they suggested a willingness to concede Taft the Second District, they taking the Third and dividing the First.

This would work out to give the Roosevelt forces control of the convention and, as afterward explained by their committee, would permit them to elect 12 of the 14 delegates. The Taft forces refused to entertain the offer and it was mutually agreed to abandon all peace negotiations until the state committee had fought out the question of contests.

Hay Pleads for Harmony. When the state committee met this

morning Governor Hay appeared before the convention to urge harmony. In the course of a speech to the committee he said: "Gentlemen and Fellow Republicans: I feel that a critical stage has been reached in the annals of the Republican party of the State of Washington and the movements of this committee are of vital importance in influencing either for good or bad the Republican party of the entire state. I wish to impress the seriousness of the situation which now confronts you. This is the most critical situation which has ever arisen in the Republican party of the state. I have sat in every convention of the party since 1894 with two exceptions, and never before have I seen a movement so determined or a feeling so bitter and so dominated by the situation, and which rivals in bitterness the feeling which often crops out in the ranks of our old enemies, the Democrats.

"The people demand fairness and justice and an expression of their wish in your duty. It is your duty to look after these views impartially and correctly. I will be a candidate, probably, to succeed myself, but if I can't carry the banner, I can at least march in the ranks, and I will do so with the wish and determination to see fair play and square dealing.

Taft Is Personal Choice. "Personally, I am for Taft, but if the majority of the people feel that they prefer another man, it is our duty as a committee to carry out the wishes of the people and see that it is recorded, and if I can be of any service to this end I hope that you will call on me.

"There has been talk of bloodshed and battle at the state convention. I do not believe that any of you have any such intention, but that you have come here fully determined to do your duty fairly and squarely to all concerned.

The proposal for peace was loudly applauded by spectators, but was not received with enthusiasm by the committee members. But before a credentials committee that had been named to pass on the proxies presented by 14 committeemen could report, overtures were received from the Roosevelt leaders and an adjournment was taken for a conference. This failed.

In the afternoon meeting of the committee the proxies were approved, the contest of W. H. Kirkman for C. C. Gose's seat as committeeman from Walla Walla was disallowed and Linn Hadley was elected to a Whatcom County vacancy caused by the death of W. L. Brisbane. Hadley, however, was skeptical regarding the authority of the committee to elect, and did not take his seat.

Taft Forces Win on Rules. George Dyrast presented a set of rules for the government of the state committee, which precipitated the first test of strength in that body. On a motion to refer the matter to a committee, the Taft forces won, 25 to 11. Later, on the adoption of the rules, the Taft forces won, 27 to 9.

The rules gave the chairman authority to name officers and vest authority for deciding contests on temporary organization of a convention with the state committee. The committee also is given sole jurisdiction over convention halls and the policies of them, together with issuance of tickets of admittance up to the time the convention is organized. These rules, intended to pave the way for the committee action in making up a temporary rollcall, were bitterly opposed by Roosevelt leaders.

Saruman Is Hurlled. W. H. Paulhamus, of Sumner, was especially sarcastic in his treatment of the committee proposal. Addressing the Taft forces, he said: "I like your nerve, gentlemen, and also the nerve of your committee. It is surprising that at a meeting of the Republicans of this state that such a set of iron-bound rules should be laid down. We are Republicans, and should be treated as such, not as I. W. W.'s. There is one clause that you have omitted, which you should adopt, and that is, 'The chief of police of Aberdeen, member of your committee of the...'

C. C. Moore and Gordon C. Corbaley, of Spokane, also were very clamorous. C. C. Gose made a vigorous defense of them, claiming that they afforded the only means of protection to the committee in a contest. This was the first time that the fact that in 20 years there had been but one Republican state convention which had been called upon to make up a temporary rollcall in Jefferson County in the convention of 1894. Fisk maintained that with from 12 to 15 contests before the present convention, action by the committee was necessary. On this showing the committee adopted the rules.

Committee Secretary Ousted. The rules of procedure which authorized the chairman to name the secretary of the committee ousted Edgar C. Snyder, of Seattle, manager of Mayor George F. Costello's Mayoralty campaign. The Mayor's attorney, in the pending election contest case, and a La Pollette leader, Committeeman T. P. Fisk called attention to the fact that a vacancy in the position had been created and Chairman Colner filled it by appointing George Breslin, of Skamania, to succeed him.

SPENCE SEES NEED OF ALTERED LAWS

Master of State Grange Explores Condition Where He Says Rich Control.

EVASIVE TACTICS SCORED

Official in Report Made at Roseburg Urges Amendment So as to Limit Absolutely Expenses of Candidates.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Urging a more strict interpretation and enforcement of the law limiting the amount that may be spent by any candidate for office to 15 per cent of the salary for one year, and advocating a change in the system of assessment, C. E. Spence, master of the State Grange, today made his annual report to the State Grange in session here.

"We have a corrupt-practice act which goes a long way in promoting honest elections by limiting the amount that can be spent by any candidate to 15 per cent of the salary for one year. The intent of this provision is to minimize the influence of wealth upon our elections and give a poor man an equal chance with the rich in our elections.

"But the wily politician has found a way to avoid the spirit of the law, and in the late primary campaign the rich friends of a candidate donated almost \$10,000 to advance his candidacy. A poor man would not stand as much show as the proverbial snowball in a campaign which was financed in this manner.

Amendment Is Advocated. "The law should be amended so as to leave no doubt as to the 15 per cent limit of all expenditures for a candidate. I believe that the law should be amended to permit the voters to express a first and second choice of candidates and eliminate the minority rule which we have at present.

"Our system of assessment should be changed so as to punish and not reward those who do not give a true picture of their taxable property. If all property that is not listed properly with the Assessor were forfeited to the state and county, there would be no inducement for concealment. While the direct taxes the farmer is required to pay seem unjust to him, how about the dividends he is required to pay on watered stock?

"The farmer must sell his products in a competitive market at a price fixed by others and without regard to the cost of production or transportation. Then he must buy everything at a price arbitrarily fixed by others, with the result that he never gets a chance to five times the cost of production.

Alleged Scheme Pointed Out. Speaking on the subject of direct legislation, Mr. Spence said: "But the enemies of direct legislation never sleep. They are always inventing some scheme to cripple the people's power. Two years ago they proposed the constitutional convention as a convenient means of accomplishing their end. The convention was defeated by a vote of 59,000 against 23,000. These enemies are always inventing some scheme to cripple the people's power. Two years ago they proposed the constitutional convention as a convenient means of accomplishing their end. The convention was defeated by a vote of 59,000 against 23,000. These enemies are always inventing some scheme to cripple the people's power. Two years ago they proposed the constitutional convention as a convenient means of accomplishing their end. The convention was defeated by a vote of 59,000 against 23,000.

Tax Remedy Is Wanted. Mr. Spence declared that too many offices and lack of a united system in the conduct of state business was responsible for increasing expenditures and heavier taxes.

Grange Shows Growth. The secretary's report shows 194 subordinate granges in the state distributed in 29 counties. There was a gain of 11 granges and 519 members, the total membership being now 10,121.

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Delegate Expected to Be Against Renaming Ralph Williams National Committeeman.

SALEM, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Fred S. Bynon, elected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention from Marion County, stands in a rather peculiar situation relative to the other delegates, who are avowed Taft men. Bynon took the stand for Taft, but says he will vote for Roosevelt in the convention.

At the same time when the Taft forces organized in Marion County, the organization took the stand that Marion County Taft men should vote for Dr. J. N. Smith and recommended that the voters of this county refuse to vote for Bynon.

Cleveland Gets Eugene Bonds. EUGENE, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—

KNIGHTS NAME PORTLAND

Baker Man Heads Columbus Order at State Meeting in Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., May 14.—With the selection of Portland as the place of holding the next convention, and with the election of officers for the next year, the annual convention of the Knights of Columbus came to an end here early today.

Officers named are: Charles P. Murphy, Baker, state deputy; Joseph Franzwa, Eugene, state secretary; C. P. Noonan, Astoria, state treasurer; Frank J. Loneragan, Portland, state advocate; Hugh McLain, Portland, state warden; Charles B. Murphy, Baker, and R. B. Sinnott, Portland, National delegates; John M. Casey, Portland, and John H. Peare, La Grande, alternates.

The retiring state deputy, Roger B. Sinnott, of Portland, was presented with a watch fob with fourth degree charm as an evidence of appreciation of his work for the order.

Leg. of Accident Victim Amputated. PORTLAND, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—All night the post surgeon at Fort Stevens has worked over two victims of accidents at Stevens yesterday, D. Grey, a resident of Hammond, was amputated of a leg and the leg was being attempted to make a flying

coupling. His right leg was so badly mangled that the doctor had to amputate it. J. Johnson was struck by a plowdriver, his teeth knocked out and his jaw shattered. He is a resident of Hammond. The accident occurred late in the evening. During the early part of the day two flat cars were reduced to kindling wood, but no one sustained other than minor injuries.

Consult. Carl Bailey, Murat, of Lyon, reports that a new French law supplementing the act of June 14, 1902, has become effective, whereby a check crossed by two parallel lines may be presented for payment in France only by a banker.

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