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HARD KNOCKS FOR STATEMENT NO. 1

Virtually Repudiated in Convention.

RESOLUTION A COMPROMISE

Republican Factions Struggle Throughout Day.

STRENGTH NEARLY EQUAL

Hodson-Beach Men Finally Wrest Control from Idlemans Followers and Secure Organization—Fireworks From Start to Finish.

STAND OF MULTIMAN REPUBLICANS ON STATEMENT NO. 1.

Be It Resolved, That we, as Republicans, are firmly of the belief that our representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Oregon should not take a pledge that would require them to support a Democrat, Socialist or Populist for the United States Senate from this state, and that the members of the legislative assembly be instructed to vote for the Republican voters' choice for United States Senator.

Central Committee had taken means to oppose by organizing its strength for election of chairman and appointment of committees. When Griffin jumped the track there were groans, and Idlemans exclaimed: "Now what do you think of that?" and settled down in his chair full of disgust. Through the hall, his followers were wondering how the Hodson-Bailey crowd had gotten control of the temporary chairman.

Platform Is Idlemans. Idlemans and Beach carried to the convention the respective platforms of the rival elements. The Idlemans platform was adopted. It contains 14 planks, not including the Beach-Stapleton resolution as to Statement No. 1. The most significant plank is the fourth, which calls for the nomination of candidates for office by the direct vote of the people, independent of the primary law and a pledge for its hearty support. The sixth plank favors the re-enactment by Congress of the employers' liability law, and it re-



M. G. Griffin, Temporary Chairman of Multimans County Republican Convention.

ommends the next Legislature enact an employers' liability law for Oregon. The platform favors enactment of a law declaring the telephone, telegraph and street railway corporations to be common carriers, and subject to the regulation and control of the Railway Commission. A high bridge across the Willamette River is urged, and liberal appropriation for educational institutions. The tenth plank favors division of Multimans County into legislative districts and exclusion of Asiatic labor. Convict labor, when it comes into contact with free labor, is strongly condemned.

Favors Direct Election. Plank 12 favors the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, and it is recommended that the representatives to Congress be urged to advocate an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. One plank calls for more stringent banking laws and another for improvements of rivers and harbors. While Senator Beach did not get a chance to introduce the platform, he had prepared, he did make use of one of its planks—that opposing Statement No. 1. Had Freeman been elected chairman and had the Hodson-Bailey followers controlled the convention, the delegates would have slipped a knife into all of U'Ren's pet measures, for besides dealing the statement a knockout blow, the platform opposed proportional representation, because it is contrary to the very principles of government determined by majority. U'Ren's recall measure also got a jolt and the wording of the platform in rejecting the recall said:

"An officer chosen by the people in a representative form of government must be permitted to conduct the office in accordance with his oath. If his conduct as an official is wrong, or if he is guilty of malfeasance in office, he may be removed by due process of law as now provided."

Statement No. 1 was twice objected to in the platform, both because the framers of the platform were opposed to the obligatory subscribing to the statement. In the closing paragraph it says: "We believe it is unconstitutional, and it is certainly unwarranted and destructive of all policy or principle of government in the selection of Senators."

The platform favored the improvement of the water-ways, an amendment to the state bank law to prevent wildcat speculation by bankers and the administration of the National Republican Administration was highly commended. Mr. Idlemans, as chairman of the committee on platform, read the declaration

REPORT AGAINST FULTON RATE BILL

Elkins Quotes Knapp in His Defense.

FULTON CALLS FOR SHOWDOWN

Fears Interstate Board Would Be Swamped.

INJUSTICE TO RAILROADS

Chairman of Commission Says Shippers Would Block Rate Adjustment, but Did Not Consult All Colleagues.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Feb. 29.—Senator Elkins, chairman of the committee on interstate commerce, said today that his committee would report adversely on Senator Fulton's bill, providing that no interstate freight rate shall be increased until the Interstate Commerce Commission shall hold such increase to be reasonable. Mr. Elkins says this adverse report will be based on a letter which he has received from Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission, saying it is the opinion of that commission that such legislation is inadvisable. According to Mr. Knapp, if the Fulton bill should be passed, a complaint would be filed every time any railroad undertook to advance its rates, and the commission, which is already overburdened, would be completely swamped. The time necessary to pass upon these complaints, he says, would interfere with more important work, and, moreover, would give to any individual shipper, no matter how insignificant his business, a right to block the readjustments of any interstate road. It is Mr. Knapp's opinion that such legislation would work a great hardship on railroads. He believes there is ample remedy under existing law. It is to be noted, however, that Mr. Elkins does not give out the text of his letter from Mr. Knapp, and it is also significant that some members of the commission were not consulted by Mr. Knapp before he wrote it. Mr. Fulton intends to force Mr. Elkins to a showdown.

DEADLOCK ON ATTORNEYSHIP

Delegation Hopes to Break It—Bristol Wants Assistants.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 29.—The District Attorneyship squabble is still occupying the Oregon delegation to a considerable extent. W. C. Bristol's name is not before the Senate, his nomination having formally been withdrawn by the President. The nomination which is pending in the Senate waiting for its advice and consent is that of Christian Schuebel, whose name has not been withdrawn, although the Oregon delegation expressed a desire to have this done when it recommended T. J. Cleaton for the place. Each of these three attorneys apparently has an insurmountable obstacle in his way to prevent either permanent tenure of the office or obtaining it at all. If the present status should continue until the close of the present session and a recess appointment be thus at the disposition of the President, the Department of Justice undoubtedly would make a fight to a finish to prevent the selection of Mr. Bristol, for its officials, from Mr. Bonaparte down, have been expressing a great degree of satisfaction over the withdrawal of his nomination and joy at the prospect of his separation from their branch of the Government service. Should Mr. Schuebel be given a recess appointment, his tenure would be for the recess only, as the Senate judiciary committee would be ready, should his name be sent in at the next session, to reject him should Senator Fulton say the word. Confronting Mr. Cleaton is the dictum of the Attorney-General that he is not the man wanted for the place. Mr. Fulton said last night that he expects the members of the Oregon delegation will get together early next week.

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CONVENT INVADED BY WICKED CUPID

Nun Elopes With Lover and Marries.

SHOTS FIRED AT BRIDEGROOM

Bride Runs Through Snow in Bare Feet to Liberty.

LAW FORCES OPEN DOORS

Sisters Capture Dye, but Exchange Him for Girl—Habeas Corpus Releases Her and Judge Ties the Knot.

COUNCIL BLIFFS, Iowa, Feb. 29—

(Special).—Sister Geneva, of the Sisters of Charity, connected with St. Bernard's Convent and Hospital in this city, has escaped from the institution and yesterday was married in Omaha to O. R. Dye, of St. Joseph, Mo. The escapade has caused a great sensation in Catholic circles in Western Iowa and all sorts of rumors are afloat. The convent authorities are maintaining strict secrecy. Sister Geneva is only 36 years old, although a nun of ten years' standing. Mr. Dye, while working at the institution, fell in love with the sister. It is said he was discharged when the mother superior discovered the love of the young people. Shots Fired at Bridegroom. Arrangements had been made through friends for an elopement and Thursday night just before midnight Dye was at the appointed place under the wall of the convent, when Sister Geneva threw a package of clothes down from her window and then started down the stairs with her shoes in her hand. A window of the convent is said to have been thrown up and two shots fired at Dye. This the convent authorities deny, but Mr. Dye stoutly makes the affirmation. After a scuffle the sister escaped, while Mr. Dye was captured and held a prisoner several hours. He says Sister Geneva made her way in her bare feet through the snow to the Kiel Hotel. Several hours later she was confronted by the convent authorities and exchanged for Mr. Dye, who was given his liberty on condition that the young nun return to the convent. Cupid Wins in the End. But Mr. Dye was not idle long. Before 8 o'clock he had obtained habeas corpus papers and was back at the convent with an officer and got possession of Sister Geneva. Just as soon as arrangements could be made, the young people went across the river to Omaha, where they got a marriage license and were married by County Judge Leslie. Mother Vincent denies a portion of the story, saying that Sister Geneva was only a novice and was permitted to leave the convent whenever she chose. To this the young nun makes denial and says she had been in the convent ten years, entering there when only 16 years old. BRENT IS LIKELY CHOICE Bishop of Philippines May Get the Washington Diocese. WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Bishop Charles N. Brent, of the Philippine Islands, is the official of the Episcopal Church most mentioned in Washington as the probable successor of the late Bishop Henry Yates Satterlee in the diocese of Washington. Rev. William Meyer Grosvenor, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, and the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stiles, rector of St. Thomas of New York City; Bishop William Andrew Leonard, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Rev. A. MacKay Smith, of Washington, have all been prominently mentioned.

HARRY MURPHY TAKES A HUMOROUS VIEW OF SOME OF THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK



Next! Here We Are Again! Roosevelt—Oblige Me by Jumping Over That. Spring—It's My Turn to Take Him. Who Threw That Brick? Gene, but Not Forgotten. Giving a Jolly Present to a "Needy" Brother.