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Oregon Convention for War Secretary.

BOURNE'S FIGHT IS FUTILE

Now Trying to Stem Tide for Instruction.

MAY FAIL IN THIS ALSO

Two-Thirds of the 237 State Delegates Who Will Gather in Portland Thursday Favor the Ohioan.

Three-fourths of the delegates in the Republican state convention of Oregon next Thursday will favor nomination of Taft for President. Under the circumstances, instruction of the Oregon delegates in the National Convention for Taft is likely, though by a diminished majority. The same Taft sentiment will prevail in the convention of 119 delegates representing the First Congressional District and in the convention of 127 delegates representing the Second District. All three conventions will be held in Portland on the same day and will be made up of nearly the same delegates.

The anti-Taft work of the Bourne men has suffered collapse and now they are striving to prevent Taft instructions of the National delegates. But few counties have announced themselves for Taft instructions. They are Grant, Wallowa, Lane, Klamath, Sherman and Clatsop. These counties have 33 votes in the state convention. But the Taft sentiment is so overwhelming that Taft instructions would not be surprising. It is quite certain that the men chosen to sit in the National Convention will be Taft champions. Selection of Senator Bourne as a delegate will stimulate the demand for instructions, in order to prevent his hostility to Taft from doing damage to the Taft cause.

Reports From the Counties.

These statements are based on reports from all counties but three—Crook, Malheur and Gilliam. The reports come from regular correspondents of the Oregonian, who were called upon to give a true account of the sentiment in their respective counties. The replies, while showing the widespread Taft support, indicate that the delegates have hesitated to declare themselves as Taft instructions until they shall know more fully the opinion of their neighbors.

The counties are lined up as follows: For Taft—Clackamas, 11; Clatsop, 7; Columbia, 6; Coos, 6; Douglas, 9; Gilliam, 2; Grant, 4; Jackson, 4; Josephine, 5; Klamath, 4; Lake, 3; Lane, 12; Lincoln, 2 out of 3; Linn, majority of 3; Marion, 13; Morrow, 3; Multnomah, 35 out of 47; Polk, 6; Sherman, 3; Tillamook, 3; Umatilla, 8; Wallowa, 4; Wasco, 8; Washington, 8; Wheeler, 2 out of 3; Yamhill, 8; total, 185 out of 237 delegates, or 66 more than a majority.

One of yesterday's surprises was a Taft victory in the Clackamas County convention. A Bourne plan to put through the convention an anti-instruction resolution, was abandoned as futile. The convention refused to send to the state convention such well-known Bourne men as Chris Schuebel and George W. Dixon. As Clackamas has been a Bourne stronghold, defeat of the Bourne workers is regarded rather significant. Another Taft victory was scored yesterday in Lane, where anti-Bourne delegates were chosen for the state convention and were instructed to work for Taft.

Resume of the Situation.

A resume of the several counties shows the following: Baker, divided; Benton, divided, opposes Taft instructions; Clackamas, favors Taft and opposes Bourne; Clatsop, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Columbia, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Coos, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Gilliam, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Grant, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Jackson, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Josephine, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Klamath, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Lake, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Lane, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Lincoln, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Linn, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Marion, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Morrow, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Multnomah, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Polk, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Sherman, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Tillamook, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Umatilla, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Wallowa, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Washington, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Wheeler, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne; Yamhill, favors Taft instructions and opposes Bourne.

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Reports by counties follow: Baker County. BAKER CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The only instructions of the Baker delegation are to boost B. E. Kennedy for delegate to the National convention. Part of the delegation is strong for Taft—Don Pruitt. Benton County. CORVALLIS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Benton delegation is a unit for Fulton to head the state delegation and wants the rest of the state delegation favorable to Hughes or Taft, but un-instructed. Their attitude is regardless of the wishes of Bourne.—B. F. Irvine. Columbia County. ST. HELENS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Columbia County delegation is divided and is without programme. As between Bourne and Fulton, it will favor Fulton, and I believe it will favor an instructed delegation.—E. H. Flagg. Coos County. MARSHFIELD, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Coos County delegation is un-instructed and will probably favor Taft.—A. E. Guyton. Curry County. MARSHFIELD, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Curry County delegation is not instructed, but it is very uncertain how the members will vote.—A. E. Guyton. Douglas County. ROSEBURG, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Douglas County Republican delegation is decidedly anti-Bourne and against State No. 1. No instructions are given as to Taft, but it is presumed that the delegates will support him.—D. C. Humphrey. Grant County. CANYON CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Grant County Republican committee met here today and elected Wells W. Wood chairman. A resolution was adopted favoring an instructed delegation for Taft for President, with Senator C. W. Fulton at its head.—C. J. McIntosh. Harney County. BURNS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Harney County delegation to the state convention is composed of Republicans without collars or factional sympathies and are un-instructed.—Frank Davey. Jackson County. ASHLAND, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Jackson County delegation to the Republican State Convention, as far as interviewed, is strongly in favor of a Taft delegation to the National Convention though the members are instructed as to whether they would favor an instructed National delegation. They are anti-Bourne.—F. D. Wagner. Josephine County. GRANTS PASS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Josephine delegation to the state convention. All are for an unpledged delegation to the National Convention.—C. H. Clements. Klamath County. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The delegation from this county in the state convention will favor an instructed state delegation for Taft.—Frank Ira White. Lake County. LAKEVIEW, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Lake County delegation to the State Republican Convention is anti-Bourne and for Taft for President. It is un-instructed but the members are outspoken against Bourne and for Taft. State delegation proxies have been sent to G. C. Fulton. Congressional delegation proxies are in the hands of E. V. Carter, of Ashland.—W. Lair Thompson. Lane County. EUGENE, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Lane County Republican convention, which convened at the County Courthouse at 2 P. M. today, was a harmony meeting, well attended and well managed. S. L. Moorehead, of Junction City, was made chairman, and R. S. Bryson, of Eugene, secretary.

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TELLS OF LIFE IN HOUSE OF DEATH

Jennie Olsen's Sweetheart Mourns Her.

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Terrible Narrative of Life on La Porte Farm Related by Emilie Greening—Lavished Her Love on Lamphere.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 9.—Here, grieving because he cannot hear from Jennie Olsen, 17 and pretty, the adopted daughter of Mrs. Bella Gunness, whose murdered body has been found near La Porte, Ind., Emilie Greening, a carpenter, and his brother, Fred, a painter, who both worked last summer on the farm, tell stories of the visits of mysterious men to the woman's house and their mysterious disappearance.

Emilie Greening does not yet know that the body of his murdered sweetheart has been found.

"Jennie and I were good friends and she told a good deal about herself when we were alone," said Greening today. "When her mother decided to send her away to California with a professor who was reported to have come after her, but whom I never saw, Jennie came to me and declared that she would never go."

"In the morning I insisted on seeing Jennie, and her mother told me she had been awake almost all night and that she was asleep and did not want to be disturbed. I was sent on an errand late that morning, and when I got back I was told that Jennie was gone. I wrote to her, but I gave the two letters to Mrs. Gunness. I never received any answer and finally I got tired working around the place without seeing Jennie that I left. I don't believe there ever was a professor, for I slept in the room next to Jennie's and I did not hear any man's voice.

"Mrs. Gunness later told me that Jennie had left at 4 o'clock that same morning, but no one saw her leave and no one about the place ever saw the professor. All the day following the disappearance of Jennie, Mrs. Gunness was very nervous.

"Many Came and Left Trunks. "Mrs. Gunness received many visitors all the time. A different man came nearly every week, and they always stayed at the house. She introduced them as her cousins, and they came from Kansas, South Dakota, Wisconsin and many from Chicago. Several were never seen to leave the place. Many men who came brought their trunks with them, and they rarely took the trunks away. We never knew when to expect these fellows, but they almost always had money.

"Mrs. Gunness kept them with her all the time in the parlors and bedrooms. She was always careful to make the children stay away from her cousin, who rarely tried to show them any affection.

"After Jennie left the visitors were supposed to occupy her room, which was next to mine, but I was never able to hear them at night.

Sent Off on False Errand. "I never knew of Mrs. Gunness bestowing her affections upon any of her hired hands except Ray Lamphere. So many men came and I saw so little of them that I cannot remember many of them, but I distinctly remember Mr. Moo, who came from Chicago the day before Christmas, 1906. He was with Mrs. Gunness almost constantly. When he left his trunks stayed behind and no one saw him go. It was several days before Mrs. Gunness admitted that he was gone.

"Shortly afterward Mrs. Gunness sent me to Michigan City to get a horse that she said Moo had promised to give her. I took a day to make the trip. When I got to Michigan City, something was wrong and I was told to come back for the horse later. But when I returned to the farm another cousin, who was there when I left, was gone.

"In about two weeks I was again sent to Michigan City and still there was no horse, but when I got back another cousin was missing, and no one around the place had seen him leave.

"Moo's trunk was in the Gunness home July 11, 1907, when I left the place. His wasn't the only one. There were about 15 other trunks, and one room was packed full of all kinds of men's clothing. Mrs. Gunness said that the cousins had left their clothes and that she was not certain they would be back for them.

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Salute to the New Commander.

The bunting of the new commander was saluted by 13 guns fired from every ship in the fleet, the waters of the bay and the green surrounding hills echoing the signal shots. On board each of the 16 battleships, the six torpedo boat destroyers and the auxiliaries of the Atlantic fleet, an address from the departing commander-in-chief was read. Admiral Evans was not permitted by his physician to go aboard the Connecticut during the ceremonies attending his relinquishment of active naval service. The address expressed the great regret the Admiral felt in leaving the ships, and his thanks for the loyal support of the men and officers during his long tour of command.

Praises Fleet's Efficiency.

The address in full was as follows: United States Atlantic Fleet, U. S. S. Connecticut, Flagship, San Francisco, Cal., May 9, 1908.—Fleet General Order No. 18.—Upon relinquishing command of the United States Atlantic Fleet and hauling down my flag this day aboard the U. S. S. Connecticut, I desire to express to the officers and men of the fleet my great regret at leaving them and my appreciation of and hearty thanks for their continuous and loyal support. It has been a source of much gratification and pride to me, throughout my period of command, not only to see the number of vessels in the fleet steadily increase and the units become more and more formidable, but to see the steady improvement in drill shooting and in everything that tends to efficiency and especially to witness the growth of that feeling of comradeship and esprit which transforms a group of vessels into an efficient war fleet. I am sure that both officers and men feel this same pride in the great increase of efficiency in these matters and as it has been accomplished through their loyalty and zeal, to them I extend my thanks for all that they have done.

Best Wishes for Future.

In taking leave of them I wish to say to each and every one of them my warmest sympathy and best wishes for continued prosperity and good fortune in the future. I shall always watch their movements with pride and interest and I trust they will extend to my successor the same loyalty and hearty support that they have always given to me, in order that I may be able to see from my home, the fleet which I am now leaving progressing steadily in efficiency, so that it may justify the faith

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The address in full was as follows: United States Atlantic Fleet, U. S. S. Connecticut, Flagship, San Francisco, Cal., May 9, 1908.—Fleet General Order No. 18.—Upon relinquishing command of the United States Atlantic Fleet and hauling down my flag this day aboard the U. S. S. Connecticut, I desire to express to the officers and men of the fleet my great regret at leaving them and my appreciation of and hearty thanks for their continuous and loyal support. It has been a source of much gratification and pride to me, throughout my period of command, not only to see the number of vessels in the fleet steadily increase and the units become more and more formidable, but to see the steady improvement in drill shooting and in everything that tends to efficiency and especially to witness the growth of that feeling of comradeship and esprit which transforms a group of vessels into an efficient war fleet. I am sure that both officers and men feel this same pride in the great increase of efficiency in these matters and as it has been accomplished through their loyalty and zeal, to them I extend my thanks for all that they have done.

Best Wishes for Future.

In taking leave of them I wish to say to each and every one of them my warmest