

WILD STORY OF TAFT CONVENTION

Judge Williams Contrasts It With Gathering That Nominated Garfield.

ONLY SURVIVOR PRESENT

Aged Oregon Statesman Says That Only Attempts to Name Roosevelt Consisted of Demonstrations by Spectators.

Twenty-eight years ago Judge George H. Williams, of Portland, attended the Republican National convention in Chicago, when James A. Garfield was nominated for President. That was the last President-making convention Judge Williams attended until the one ten days ago, when he participated in a like convention in the same city. In the more recent gathering, however, Judge Williams was the only survivor of the convention of 1860 and an inspection of the nearly 1000 delegates at the Taft-Sherman convention failed to show the presence of a delegate of another man who had assisted to nominate Garfield.

"But there was a great contrast between the two conventions," said Judge Williams yesterday, following his return from the convention city. "In the convention of 28 years ago there was a keen contest for the nomination between Grant and Blaine. The fight continued for nearly a week, when Garfield was accepted as the compromise candidate. When the Republican convention assembled it was generally understood among the delegates that Secretary Taft had a majority in the convention, which in due time and with almost unanimity of action selected him as the party's nominee."

Taft in High Favor.

"Many of the delegates were instructed for Taft and there were many other delegates in the convention who favored his nomination but were not instructed for him. While there were four other candidates before the convention for President besides Taft, none of them had material support from the state in which he lived. Hughes, of New York, had the New York delegation; Cannon, of Illinois, was supported by the Illinois delegation; Fairbanks, of Indiana, was endorsed by the delegation from that state, while the delegation from Wisconsin supported La Follette. Outside of these, the delegates were almost unanimously for Taft."

"There were two distinct efforts made to stamper the convention for Roosevelt. When Henry Cabot Lodge was delivering his address after his election as chairman of the convention, he referred to Roosevelt as the 'best-abused and most beloved man in the United States.' Thereupon the people on the outside of the convention set up a clamor and for half an hour they kept up an incessant uproar by shouting, screaming, whistling and cheering for Roosevelt, all because of the reference to the President by Chairman Lodge, who was compelled to refer to his address. The demonstration finally subsided and Chairman Lodge resumed the speakers by stating in substance that no one was a friend of Roosevelt no matter what his motive was, who would undertake to nominate the President in view of his repeated announcements that he did not want the office."

Plans Laid for Stampede.

"Again, when Mr. Cooper, of Wisconsin, was speaking in favor of La Follette's nomination, for nearly an hour, the people outside of the convention, who were up and kept the convention in a state of disorder so that business could not be transacted—not that they cared for La Follette, but because they hoped to stampede the convention for Roosevelt. These demonstrations came, not from the members of the convention, but from the spectators. It was evident that arrangements had been made beforehand to bring about these efforts to prevent the nomination of Taft and bring about the nomination of Roosevelt."

"When the states were called from which the candidates were to be offered, one delegate made the nominating speech. These speeches were long and tedious, the man that nominated Fairbanks being hoisted down and interrupted, but he persisted and completed his long address. So with the man who nominated La Follette. He had to appeal to the chairman for preservation of order. But the spectators kept shouting: 'Time! Time! Name your candidate!'"

Great Crowd Was Present.

"There was a great demonstration when Taft was nominated. It was evident that he was their choice, not only by the votes he received, but the expressions that came from the delegates when his nomination was assured. It is said there were 15,000 people in the Coliseum."

"It was difficult to determine as to the candidate for Vice-President. Hughes and Fairbanks refused to take it and there was no settled opinion among the delegates as to who should be nominated. But after Secretary Taft was named, the New York delegation decided to support Congressman Sherman, and after some deliberation, it was decided that he was the most available man. It was contended by the New York delegation that he would strengthen the ticket, and that was desirable. His nomination was supported by Speaker Cannon, who spoke very highly of Mr. Sherman as a member of Congress."

"Mr. Sherman is not very generally known to the people of the United States, although he has been in Congress more than 20 years. He is a working man, not a speaker. Speaker Cannon said Mr. Sherman is not only an able man, but a tireless worker; that he did much work in committees, but did not make much of a display on the floor of Congress. From all I can learn about him, he is a first-class man and stands well in the State of New York."

"I was so much absorbed in the proceedings of the convention that I had very little time to make new acquaintances or to renew old ones. Among the leading members of the convention I met were Senator Depew of New York; Speaker Cannon, Clay Evans of Tennessee; Congressman Burton, of Ohio, and several others. But among them, I did not find a single man that attended the convention of 1860."

"No effort was made by anybody, either before or during the convention,

to influence the Oregon delegation, and the representations that have been made that such was the case are groundless. While instructed to vote for Taft, they acted entirely on their own judgment as to the platform and the nomination of a Vice-President. It was reported that President Roosevelt wanted Senator Dooliver, of Iowa, nominated for Vice-President, but if that was his wish, the convention refused to accede and named the man it preferred.

"The committee on resolutions had considerable difficulty agreeing on a platform. It finally reported a platform that was signed by all members except the representatives from Wisconsin, who made a minority report. The convention was unwilling to make any changes, notwithstanding many of the delegates were not exactly pleased, but it was impossible to make a platform acceptable to all, and it was thought best not to undertake to change it. If it had been amended in one respect, no telling where it would have ended, as probably 50 delegates wanted to make some slight change to conform to their own personal views. The resolutions were understood to be satisfactory to Secretary Taft, and it was the opinion of most of the delegates that, as he was the candidate, his views as to the platform should be respected."

"Senator Fulton occupied a very prominent and influential position in the convention. He was very much consulted about the proceedings and the nominations."

TALK IN PLAIN TERMS

DOCTORS TO HOLD MEETING FOR PUBLIC.

One Session of State Medical Association to Be Devoted to Public Health Questions.

As a rule, discussions at meetings of medical men at county and state conventions are so technical and scientific as to "go over the heads" of laymen. As a consequence these meetings heretofore have attracted the attention mostly of members of the medical profession, as papers read and discussions which followed were couched in language bristling with Latin and Greek terminology comprehensible to the profession, but literally "Greek" to the average outside listener.

An innovation is to be introduced this week at the annual session of the State Medical Association for on Friday, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a meeting is to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the State Board of Health, at which topics will be up for discussion of direct interest to the public in general, and which will be introduced by some of the prominent doctors in attendance at the sessions of the association and by men learned in the law. Those who have been selected to deliver addresses have been requested to present their opinions in language devoid of technicalities as much as possible, so that the large audience expected to attend may fully understand what is being said to them.

It is the desire of those having this meeting in charge that citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity offered to learn of dangers confronting them by carelessness or ignorance of the laws of health. Valuable information will also be gained from addresses on the duty of citizens in combating disease, fighting against illegal practitioners and nostrums and in practicing sanitary methods of living. Legal aspects of public health questions and similar subjects will be introduced by eminent lawyers. The State Board of Health has found by experience that much is to be gained by having the public correctly informed on these matters, and has arranged for this meeting in the hope that it will be attended by all who feel an interest in the health of themselves and the general public.

The programme announced for the public session is as follows: Dr. W. T. Williamson, Portland, "The Common Ground of the Medical Profession and the Public in Public Health Matters." A. L. Mills, Portland, "What the Public Can Do in the Fight Against Tuberculosis." Dr. C. J. Smith, Fenwickton, "The Housefly as a Menace to Public Health." Dr. E. E. Heg, State Health Officer for Washington, "Municipal Sanitation and Its Effects in Communicable Disease." Dr. R. C. Tenney, State Health Officer for Oregon, "Causes and Control of Typhoid Fever." Dr. A. C. Smith, Portland, "Legislative Difficulties in Dealing with Public Health Questions." Fenton, Portland, "The Legal Aspects of Public Health." Judge L. B. Webster, "The Duty of Society to the Sick."

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Mayor Lane announced yesterday that he will appoint a Municipal Judge this week to succeed District Attorney-elect Cameron, now on the bench. Mr. Cameron will assume the duties of the office of District Attorney Monday, July 8, and his successor in the Municipal Court will take charge of the Police Court work simultaneously.

There is much speculation as to who will be named to succeed Judge Cameron, but Mayor Lane will make no announcement until late next week. It is generally believed, however, that the appointment will go to Bert E. Haney or John Van Zante, Democrats, both of whom are known to have been highly recommended for the place. Mr. Haney is a deputy in the District Attorney's office and for a long time was assigned as prosecutor in the Municipal Court. It is believed by his friends that this will go far toward influencing the Mayor upon the appointment.

A peculiar situation will develop in the Municipal Court when the change takes place, as it has become necessary for City Attorney Kavanaugh to appoint a new deputy to care for the municipal business there, owing to the resignation of J. J. Fitzgerald, who will become chief Deputy District Attorney under Mr. Cameron. As the new Judge of the Municipal Court will appoint a clerk, an entire new and inexperienced staff will be in charge at the Municipal Court, unless Mayor Lane should appoint Mr. Haney. The latter has had considerable experience and would probably appoint John H. Stevenson as his clerk, if he should be named. Mr. Stevenson is at present Dep-

uty District Attorney, detailed to the Municipal Court. His experience there, combined with the experience of Mr. Haney, it is pointed out, would be of great value in the conduct of the court.

TROLLEY EXCURSIONS.

Excursion by trolley today to Estacada and Upper Clackamas River points, 75 cents, round trip; tickets must be purchased, on sale in waiting room, First and Alder streets. Trains leave 7:15, 9:15, 11:30 A. M., 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 7:25 P. M. Dinner at Hotel Estacada, 50 cents.

St. John Pastor Weds.

Rev. Chester Paul Gates, pastor of the United Evangelical church, of St. John, and Miss Ethel Mae Thayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thayer, were united in marriage at the United Evangelical church by Rev. J. Hoberg, grandfather of the groom. Miss Rebecca J. Gates, of Dallas, was bridesmaid, and W. Howard Ramp, of Brooks, was best man. Misses Vera Cary and Rose Lambert acted as flower girls, and Revs. F. L. Young and A. A. Winter as ushers. Just before the ceremony Mrs. Ella Hoberg Tripp rendered the solo "I Know a Garden." Fred W. Coffey played the wedding march. The Oddfellows, of which lodge Mr. Gates is a member, attended in a body. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Monahan, grandparents of the bride, directly after the ceremony.

Corvallis Making Experiments.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—An interesting experiment controlling the flavor of butter by a new plan is in progress at the Kaupisch creamery in this city. The present plan of butter manufacturers is to introduce bacteria of a particular kind into the cream before churning, whereby the flavor is measur-



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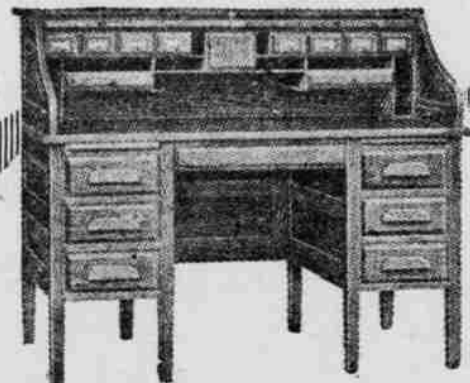
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