

200 MEN BOLT AS T. R. CLUB FORMS

Clamor of Band Draws 300 to Eugene Theater, but Enthusiasm Dies With Noise.

BINGHAM IS PRIME MOVER

Ex-State Senator Calls Meeting to Order but Refuses to Act as Officer—Taft Supporters Are Rejoiced.

EUGENE, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Like a red streak in the wind, Roosevelt's sentiment and enthusiasm, drummed up by a brass band that paraded through the streets here, faded and withered away this afternoon at the Eugene Theater, when 300 persons filed from the house as the stalwarts in charge made pleas for financial assistance to aid in defraying the cost of the gathering. These men left before the meeting had been in session for 15 minutes.

The meeting was for the purpose of organizing a Lane County Roosevelt Club, and the club was organized, but not with the success hoped for by its promoters.

Bingham Starts Movement. I. H. Bingham, ex-State Senator from Lane County, one time considered something of a politician here, but now self-advertised official seed distributor in Lane County for the United States Senator Bourne, headed the call for the meeting. There are some here who intimate that the activity of the ex-State Senator developed after a quiet word from Washington.

The meeting was prefaced by a parade through the streets, headed by a brass band, which was in turn headed by Constable Harbaugh on horseback. Constable Harbaugh is a well-known figure of Eugene.

Head Draws Crowd. It is estimated that more than 200 people followed the band into the theater. In a few terse sentences ex-Senator Bingham announced the purpose of the meeting, and then called for a temporary organization to be perfected. This was perfected, apparently, according to a state outlined before the gathering, as Bingham nodded acquiescence from the platform as names for nomination were announced.

H. E. Slattery, an attorney, was made temporary chairman; W. R. Jones, another attorney, temporary secretary, and Fred Stickle, an abstractor, temporary treasurer.

When the order of business turned on the appointment of a committee for permanent organization, the leaders in the Roosevelt movement felt the first severe jar of the day.

Cash Support Small. Chairman Slattery announced that, while the committee on organization was being selected and getting down to work, the names of those who would be passed around among those present to sign. These papers, when signed, expressed the desire of the signer to become a member of the Roosevelt organization along with a desire of the signer to see Roosevelt nominated and elected.

When you are signing the papers we would also suggest that any who desire will make a small contribution to aid in defraying the expenses of the meeting," he said.

Immediately sentiment for the strenuous T. R. began to wane. Whole rows of seats were vacated by those who had listened and when the papers had been passed through the theater, out of the original 300 there were about 40 left. Of the 25 who contributed, the amount was \$100.

Roosevelt and Bryan Praised. A few short speeches were made. Mr. Bingham, in a vigorous and manly way, dwelt upon the character of Roosevelt and W. J. Bryan, holding them up as political ideals, although of a somewhat different nature.

Ex-Senator Bingham declared the declarations of Theodore Roosevelt that he would not again be a candidate were entirely false, and that the popular clamor that he enter the race. Mr. Bingham also made the threat that if any manipulation is attempted at the Chicago convention it will arouse the ire of the people to such an extent as to be disastrous to those who participate in it.

Along with the chairman, secretary and treasurer, F. M. Thomas, D. M. McCrady, W. J. Seavers and S. E. Latrop were named as members of the executive committee of the organization, and the brief speeches the meeting adjourned.

Bingham Avoids Office. Ex-State Senator Bingham very sedulously avoided being placed in any official position in the organization, because he declared he had "personal reasons which might hurt more than help," and because he believed he could do more good on the outside. It is whispered here he has aspirations to be a large again in the Lane County high school through publicity which he might gain through his affiliation with the Roosevelt organization.

At the meeting today the name of Roosevelt was applauded only lightly from certain corners of the audience. The balance sat and stolidly watched developments. Taft men and Democrats were evidently in predominance. La Follette sentiment seems to be very light, in this part of Lane County at least, and in many respects the gathering might be termed representative, although there were not so many farmers at the meeting as was expected.

Taft Organization Working. Quite in contrast to the brass band and the glare of the Roosevelt revival was the formation to Eugene recently of the Taft committee, when a body of some of the soundest and best known men in the county started a systematic move to place Lane County high in the Taft column, both at the primaries and the election.

Taft men here, who attended the meeting in numbers, are jubilant at the result of the Roosevelt organization this afternoon.

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Under the agreement the state will remit penalties amounting to about \$12,000 or \$13,000, but stood pat to collect the interest, which is over twice as much as the penalties. The State Treasurer's office has not compiled the exact figures.

This agreement is a tacit admission on the part of the telephone company that the gross earnings act, passed by the people at the general election in 1904, was not repealed by implication by the general tax code of 1907 or the law creating a State Board of Tax Commissioners in 1908, although it has been so considered since 1911.

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It is estimated that the decision in the United States Supreme Court against the telephone company will further mean annual taxes from these companies collectively over \$100,000. The gross earnings law called for imposition of a tax of 2 per cent on certain public service corporations. The Pullman Car Company has never refused to pay the tax and has been making annual payments.

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ELOPER SHOTS FOE

Logger Who Fleed With Wife of Engineer Tries to Kill Him.

MEN THREATEN LYNCHING

Former Husband of Runaway Spouse Quarrels With Rival at Timber Camp and Receives Four Bullets in Body.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 2.—(Special.)—As a sequel to the elopement 18 months ago of Therman Nestor with the wife of Fred Bohmer, the two men quarreled last night at a timber camp on Mill Creek and Nestor shot Bohmer four times with a .35-caliber revolver. Nestor was overpowered by the other employees of the timber company and given a severe beating by the infuriated men, narrowly escaping lynching. Bohmer, who is an engineer, was brought to the Raymond general hospital, where his wounds were probed and the bullets located. He may recover. Nestor was taken to the County Jail at South Bend.

The shooting resulted from enmity that had existed between the two loggers since a year and a half ago, at which time Nestor eloped with Bohmer's wife, but was arrested at Chehalis. Bohmer shortly afterwards secured a divorce from his wife, who is now living in California. Yesterday's encounter was the first meeting of the men since Bohmer had no time to use his pistol.

The rivals had anticipated a meeting and both were armed. A quarrel was begun with the arrival of the men, who called to supper and before any of them could interfere, Nestor whipped out a revolver and at close range shot Bohmer four times, the bullet penetrating the lung, one lodging in an arm and the other two entering the side and lodging in the back. Nestor's action was so rapid that Bohmer had no time to use his pistol.

PHONE SERVICE EXTENDED

Spokane Soon to Talk With Seattle Over Postal Wires.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 2.—(Special.)—Within a few days the Postal Telegraph Company will have in operation a long-distance telephone circuit with Spokane, and plans are being made for a long-distance circuit between Seattle and Portland. The Postal Company is entering into the telephone business extensively, and all new telephone wires are strung so that they can be used for simultaneous telegraphing and telephoning.

V. Y. Stevenson, division electrical engineer of the company with headquarters in San Francisco, is now in the city awaiting the arrival of the equipment required for the Seattle-Spokane telephone circuit, and says that it is due to arrive any day and immediately thereafter the line will be opened for use.

PHILOMATH BANK TO PAY

First Dividend of Defunct Institution to Be 60 Per Cent.

SALEM, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Will Wright, Superintendent of Banks, is announcing today that the first dividend to be paid on the claims of the defunct Philomath State Bank, which closed its doors last October, will be 60 per cent.

He has filed with the court at Corvallis a statement of claims of creditors amounting to \$54,000. There are still a few hundred dollars more of claims outstanding.

The court does not meet in Benton County until March 26, and inasmuch as the court orders the payment of the dividend, it probably will not come until the latter part of March. It is the belief that the entire amount of claims will be paid in full, although Superintendent Wright would not make such a statement today.

The Superintendent of Banks has also authorized a certificate for the establishment of the State Bank of Imbler, to be capitalized at \$25,000.

TAFT LEADERS ARE NAMED

Morrow Campaign Committee Perfects Permanent Organization.

HEPPNER, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—The Taft campaign committee met here last night and perfected a permanent Morrow County Organization. W. W. Smead was elected chairman and S. N. Notson secretary, and plans for a vigorous campaign for Morrow County was mapped out. An endeavor will be made to secure an able outside speaker to address the club next week and assist in getting the work under way.

Roosevelt's candidacy announcement has made Taft stronger in this section. The ex-President's action in coming here is an unfair and it is predicted that Taft will control the situation with a large majority.



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annoying attentions which he had shown her.

Another Postoffice Is Sought. MARSHFIELD, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—A petition for another postoffice near Marshfield has been forwarded to the Postoffice Department. The people living in the South Inlet district want an office of their own. The only way they can get mail is by going six miles to Emery or by having their mail brought from Marshfield on the passenger boat. Over 100 persons living in the district, who will be benefited, have signed the petition for the new postoffice, and Mrs. Del Saunders has made application for the position of Postmistress.

GIRL'S SLAYER CONVICTED

Three Women on Jury That Finds C. H. Hufford Guilty.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 2.—Charles H. Hufford, aged 47, a liquor salesman, who shot and killed Gladys Irene Tesche, aged 18, on a crowded street corner last New Year's eve, was convicted today of murder in the first degree.

An effort was made to prove Hufford insane. Three women were on the jury that convicted him. When Hufford was arrested after the murder he was under the influence of liquor, the police say, and a nearly emptied bottle of whisky was in his pocket.

Seattle police he was glad he had shot the girl. She had objected to

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POLK COUNTY FOR TAFT

Few Scattering Roosevelt Supporters, but They Are Quiet.

DALLAS, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—An organization of a Taft campaign committee is being perfected here. William Cadie, of Rickreall, is taking