

SEATS FOR 10,000 PUT IN ICE PALACE

Transformation Going On in Preparation for Hughes Rally Wednesday.

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Physical Burden of Tour Makes Impossible Proposed Visit to Valley Towns, but People Planning to Come.

A force of 16 carpenters was busy all yesterday remodeling the floor of the Ice Palace, formerly the Hippodrome, at Twentieth and Marshall streets, for the Hughes meeting to be held there Wednesday night.

In addition to the tiers of built-in seats about the arena, the building has a floor space available for seats that is 513 feet long by 55 feet wide.

Planking had already been laid on a 100-foot section of this floor, but yesterday carpenters were putting down two-inch plank on the other 213 by 55 feet space.

The work had progressed so fast last night that E. H. Savage, who was in charge of the workmen for E. J. Bryan, manager of the building, declared the floor would be all laid and ready for placing the chairs by tonight.

Colonel David M. Dunne, treasurer of the Republican State Central Committee, is to be marshal of the hall the night of Governor Hughes' speech, with nearly 100 ushers under him. He will also look after the arrangements of the seats Monday.

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Approximately 5500 folding chairs will be placed on the floor of the big building in addition to the permanent seats along the sides. They will be arranged with special attention to leaving wide aisles and plenty of room so that it won't be necessary to climb over 20 or 30 persons to get a place.

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All told there will be seating capacity for between 9000 and 10,000 persons—the exact capacity depending on the exact arrangement of the seats.

The doors of the Ice Palace will be opened at 6 o'clock, two hours before Mr. Hughes is expected on the platform. The meeting will be open at 8:15. Governor Withycombe will introduce Mr. Hughes.

Valley Trip Seems Improbable.

It was almost certain yesterday that Mr. Hughes would not be able to make his proposed trip Wednesday up the Willamette valley to Salem, Albany and Eugene, and return, with five-minute speeches from the rear platform of a special train at each stop.

The local committee on arrangements has not received an answer to its telegram appealing for the cancellation of the trip by A. N. Rodway, advance man for Mr. Hughes, who was in Portland Wednesday. This is taken to mean that the committee is not prepared to undertake the physical burden Mr. Hughes already is under on this strenuous campaign trip.

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Towns to Send Delegates.

In all probability, also, the proposed address to women at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday will be canceled, as there is expected to be plenty of room for everybody at the Ice Palace. The woman's address was planned when it was supposed that Mr. Hughes would be in the Armory, which has a seating capacity of only 4000.

From the state messages were coming to Republican state headquarters, in the selling building, yesterday that special parties are coming from all over the state to hear Mr. Hughes speak.

William Clemmens, a Civil War veteran of Newberg, cast his first vote for President Wilson, and in a letter with word that a Republican Club has been organized in Newberg, and that about 50 of its members are planning to come to Portland Wednesday night. Definite arrangements are to be made for the makeup of the party and train arrangements at a meeting Monday night at which officers will also be elected.

Albany to Be Represented.

The organization committee of this club is composed of J. Woodward, Samuel Farratt and J. Benson. Willard L. Marks, of Albany, state committeeman from Linn county, will be here for the meeting and will present word yesterday that a good representation of Albany folks will come along too.

Among others who have been heard from and will be here are Fred A. Williams, of Grants Pass, Josephine county chairman; J. H. Pearce, of La Grande, Union county chairman; E. Brodie, of Oregon City, Clackamas county chairman; J. S. Van Winkle, of Albany, Linn county chairman; E. Thomas H. Tongue, Sam Laughlin and T. C. Watts, state committeemen respectively from Washington, Yamhill and Columbia counties.

The State suite, at the Benson Hotel, has already been reserved for Governor and Mrs. Hughes. They will arrive on a special train from Seattle at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, but will not be "at home" to callers until 8 o'clock, when the local reception committee, of which National Committeeman Williams is chairman, will meet them at the North Bank Depot and escort them to the Benson.

Highway May Be Visted.

With the probable elimination of the valley trip, Governor and Mrs. Hughes, after breakfast, probably will be taken out for the day on the Columbia River Highway, which is being entirely according to the wishes of the nominee and his wife. An automobile will be placed at the disposal of each of them. There is a possibility that Mr. Hughes may speak at an Ad Club luncheon at noon.

Mr. Hughes has made the specific request that there be no social functions of any nature whatsoever for him. Mrs. Hughes, also, desires that no special preparations be made for a reception for her.

Governor and Mrs. Hughes will leave Portland at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning on the Southern Pacific. Telegrams were received yesterday from Grants Pass, Roseburg, Medford, Ashland and other places urging that the Governor make at least five-minute, rear-platform speeches at the train stops at the depots.

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MEET AND HEAR MR. HUGHES. There is every indication that a vast crowd will be at the Ice Palace Wednesday night.

As a section of seats near the platform is to be reserved for working newspaper men, it was requested yesterday that all state newspapers desiring to have representatives present notify the secretary of the State Central Committee at the earliest moment.

About 20 newspaper men are accompanying Mr. Hughes on his trip. There are 25 persons in his party, all told, including a throat specialist. Mrs. Hughes is the only woman in the party. Charles W. Farham, of New York, is in personal charge of the tour for the Republican National Committee.

Another in the party is Frederick W. Davenport, of New York, formerly Progressive candidate for Governor.

Mr. Hughes will speak in Spokane Monday night, in Seattle Tuesday night and in Portland Wednesday night.

W. D. Whitcomb, president of the Portland Ad Club, and J. E. Worlein left at 7:30 o'clock last night for Spokane to see Mr. Hughes in person there and obtain his consent to address a luncheon meeting of the Ad Club at the Benson Hotel at noon Wednesday.

They are taking with them letters of indorsement from the City County Commissioners, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Progressive Business Men's Club, Portland Press Club, Governor Withycombe and the Hughes reception committee. The luncheon is to be a joint affair of all the clubs named, under the auspices of the Ad Club.

The plan is to have the luncheon in the Benson Hotel, so that Mr. Hughes can go from his suite directly to the luncheon without leaving the hotel about 400 feet can be accommodated in the crystal room.

Dr. Emil Enna and Virginia Drake Sing at Church Benefit.

SEASIDE, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special).—One of the most artistic and best concerts ever given in Seaside was the benefit "Legends of Seaside" by Dr. Emil Enna and Virginia Drake last night at the Civic Theater. The house was filled to capacity with Astorians, Gearhart and Seaside residents.

The soloists were deluged with flowers and they responded to the enthusiastic applause.

Dr. Enna wrote the music and Miss Drake the lyrics. Mrs. Harry M. Plavel, of Astoria, was the principal soloist and led the chorus. The coffers of the Episcopal Church will be enriched to the extent of \$75.

WHEAT RECORD IS MADE

Price of Bluestem Is Advanced to \$1.17 1-2 a Bushel.

Another record for this season was made in wheat quotations in Portland yesterday when the price of bluestem advanced to \$1.17 1/2. Prices on other grades of wheat also showed advances.

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