

SELECTION OF HAYS MEETS WITH FAVOR

Washington Hears No Criticism Whatever of Successor to Willcox.

HOOSIER REAL ORGANIZER

Indianan Is Young, Aggressive and Ceaseless Worker, a Doer of Things, Not Dreamer—Story Told of Campaign Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 23.—The selection of Will H. Hays, of Indiana, as successor to Mr. Willcox, of New York, as chairman of the Republican National Committee appears to meet with general approval among Republicans in both branches of Congress. Particularly in the selection approved by those who know Hays and who are familiar with his record as a political campaign manager. In no quarter is the selection criticized.

In politics Will Hays is everything that Mr. Willcox is not. First and foremost, Hays believes in organization, and knows how to perfect an organization. Willcox in the last campaign had no organization, and was not the kind of a man to build up an organization. Hays is young, aggressive and a ceaseless worker. Willcox is well past the prime of life, is anything but aggressive—he is passive and has not a young man's capacity or fondness for work. Hays is a doer of things, not a dreamer. Willcox was too prone to wait for something to happen.

At the time of his selection to head the Republican National Committee, Will Hays was not particularly well known throughout the country, but in the campaign of 1916 he achieved considerable distinction among politicians for the way in which he managed and directed the fight in Indiana. In that year he was head of the Republican organization in his home state, and he was the actual as well as the titular head. When he became state chairman the Democrats had two United States Senators and 11 Representatives; when Hays got through his campaign, the Republicans had the two Senators under their control, and had elected nine Representatives, the Democratic House representation being reduced to four.

Hughes Wins Against Odds.

All this took place in Indiana, a state where Republican national feeling had been running at fever height since the days when Cannonism was an issue, and when Albert J. Beveridge sprang into fame as an insurgent. Hays welded together the Republican factions as they had not been brought together in a dozen years, and he carried his state for Hughes, although the odds were all against him, and his state was considered much more certain Democratic than rock-ribbed Ohio, adjoining. Something of Hays' views of factionalism developed in that campaign. On assuming the chairmanship of the Republican committee in Indiana, Hays called in the various leaders. One of the first to arrive was ex-Senator Hemeway, an old standpatter of the standpatters. Being a much older man, Hemeway undertook to advise Hays, and, first off, proposed that Hays and the insurgents were to be admitted back into the party, they must crawl back on their stomachs and beg forgiveness.

"Nothing of the sort," replied Hays. "The insurgents, as you call them, are back; they don't have to come back. They are just as much in the Republican ranks as you. We are Republicans in this fight, and there is to be none of that crawling stuff."

"This may not have been his exact language, but it was the substance of what Hemeway left with no misunderstanding."

Factional Differences Buried.

And when the people of Indiana woke up this morn, as Hays had directed, that old factionalism was buried, and men like Hemeway and Beveridge were working shoulder to shoulder for a common cause. They were all Republicans, and Hays was leading them as a united party. The Indiana campaign was managed by a committee made up of Republicans of both factions; there was no dissension in that committee; there was utter harmony. And Will Hays was the man who brought that about.

Having done so much in a state where factionalism year after year had thrown Indiana into the Democratic column, Will Hays has now taken up the direction of the National campaign for the Republicans. His selection as National chairman was in no sense a victory for the one faction or the other, for he is distinctly not a factional man. He is a party man. And it is doubtful if the Republican National Committee, at its St. Louis meeting, could have made a wiser selection. What is more, the committee knew exactly where Hays stood when it elected him; it knew, as well as he could outline for the future, what it might expect at his hands; and it knew from personal experience how he handles political campaigns when he is at the helm.

Whatever else is in store, this much is assured: Will Hays is holding down the job of National chairman, there will be "something doing" in Republican politics; the Republican National Committee will not be a figure-head or an ornamental body; there is work to be done, and it will be done, and no Republican will have excuse hereafter for complaining of inactivity in the National Committee; his party, where Hays is, there is action. The busy bee has nothing on the new chair-bone, for he works nights as well as man; he, in fact, has something on the days; he is a "fiend for work" and his record, brief though it is, shows that he works to a purpose. Will Hays is only 34 years old.

FIGHT PROMOTER INDICTED

Multnomah County Grand Jury Reports Five True Bills.

Johnny O'Leary, fight promoter and former lightweight, is charged with defrauding the Clyde Hotel out of \$50. In an indictment reported to Presiding Judge Morrow yesterday by the Multnomah County grand jury. He is believed to be at Seattle.

John Tyler was indicted for the alleged theft of coin castings from the city of Portland, and Harry Fuller was indicted on two counts for the alleged burglary of a tailor shop at 467 Panama building. Emil Matson is charged with contributing to the delinquency of Ruby Simpson, a minor. A not true bill was reported in the investigation of Fred Schachter, charged with the larceny of an automobile.

Two secret indictments were returned in the report to Judge Kavanaugh yesterday.

For home consumption Great Britain imports about 20,000,000 pounds of coffee annually.

YOUNGEST G. O. P. CHIEF IS MASTER OF POLITICS.



WILL H. HAYS.

—Photo from Underwood.

Just 34 years is Will H. Hays, the youngest man to hold the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee in the history of that party. It is said of Mr. Hays that he was brought up on politics and possesses great energy and executive ability.

Mr. Hays is chairman of the Indiana Council of National Defense and of the Indiana Republican Committee, positions which he will relinquish. This photograph of him was taken a few days ago at his desk in the Capitol in Indianapolis.

LAND SALE IS SET

Irrigated Tracts in Western Colorado to Be Offered.

PRICE IS BUT \$3 AN ACRE

Reclamation Service Arranges to Dispose of 12,000 Acres to Homeseekers and Sets Dates for Making Application for Land.

The Reclamation Service has completed the necessary work for water right approximately 12,000 acres of public land, included in the Grand Valley and Uncompahgre Irrigation projects in Western Colorado, and arrangements are being perfected for their disposal to homeseekers.

The land is divided into numerous valuable and attractive farms ranging in size from 40 to 30 acres. Water will be available for 1918 irrigation and a crop of spring wheat can be grown this year if settlers prepare the land promptly.

On March 29 a drawing will be held at Grand Junction to dispose of 5000 acres under the Grand Valley High Line Canal, and on April 5, there will be a drawing for the Uncompahgre Valley lands at Montrose, Col. Applications for the farm units on the Grand Valley project will be received by the project manager at Grand Junction from March 23 up to and including 9 A. M., March 29, 1918. Each applicant is required to deposit \$2 an acre for each irrigable acre in the farm unit selected by him at the time of filing. Where more than one application is made for a given farm unit a drawing will be held to determine the successful entryman.

BOY SCOUTS ON PARADE

PORTLAND ORGANIZATION PREPARES FOR \$10,000 DRIVE.

Youths March Through Streets With Flags and Banners Flying, Unmindful of Rainfall.

"A-M-E-R-I-C-A," Boy Scouts, U-S-A." With banners flying and slogans displayed, 300 of the Boy Scouts of Portland paraded the downtown streets yesterday to remind Portlanders that they have a campaign of their own coming. The demonstration, which was a mobilization move of the forces which will begin tomorrow to raise \$10,000 for the Boy Scouts of the city for 1918.

Assembling at Park and Salmon streets at noon, the 300 Scouts paraded four deep, with standard-bearers and officers in front. Thence they marched in hike formation through town, the Scout bugle-and-drum corps at the head of each troop, while banners with Scout slogans, "Each Scout to save a soldier," and others, were prominently displayed. Although rain fell all the while that the Scouts paraded, the boys did not mind it, and the spectators on the line of march seemed to prefer to get wet than to miss the sight.

The \$10,000 for three years' campaign which starts tomorrow is in charge of C. C. Colt, Horace Mecklen and Charles F. Berg. Under them a large number of workers will act in

the drive, 60 Scouts being on the roll of driver workers.

APPLES ARE GOING EAST

Hood River Beginning to Get Refrigerator Cars.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Harry Farrell, superintendent of warehouses and storage plants of the Apple Growers' Association, reports that the co-operative apple shipping agency is being furnished with a portion of its needs for refrigerator cars. An average of five cars daily has been furnished the association for the past four days.

"We need a far greater number of cars," says Mr. Farrell, "we are loading all we get to full capacity, and are moving out our stocks as quickly as possible. With cars loaded to capacity, it will take more than 250 'freezers' to handle the stocks of apples remaining in storage here."

BOY SCOUT READY TO WORK

Organization at Hood River Promises to Make Its Record Better.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The Hood River Boy Scouts will raise a \$15 extension assessment levied against all Boy Scout organizations for the year 1918. The local boys, under the leadership of D. G. Cruikshank, scoutmaster, have participated successfully in all patriotic enterprises. The members of the scout are making a large percentage of the liberty bonds bought by Hood River citizens last Fall. Fourteen scouts won badges for the sale of bonds.

"Our troop will engage in the April liberty bond drive," says Mr. Cruikshank. "We expect then to make a better record than on any former occasion."

OLD OFFICIALS RE-ELECTED

Stockholders of North Bank Road Meet in Portland.

The officers and members of the executive board of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway were re-elected at a meeting of the stockholders in this city yesterday.

The members of the executive board are: J. M. Hannaford, president of the Northern Pacific; L. C. Gilman, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway; and Ralph Budd, executive vice-president of the Great Northern. The officers are: President, L. C. Gilman; vice-president, George F. Reed; controller, W. F. Turner; secretary, treasurer, W. C. Davidson; assistant secretary, Portland, E. E. Peterson; assistant secretary at St. Paul, R. H. Ralph.

CASE MAY GO TO SIX JUDGES

Attorney-General Suggests Method of Deciding 6-Cent Fare.

That the 6-cent fare case, now before the Circuit Court, should be determined by the six judges of the Circuit Court sitting en banc, is the gist of a petition filed yesterday by Attorney-General Brown in behalf of the Public Service Commission.

The case originally was assigned to Circuit Judge Morrow and was to have come up for hearing tomorrow on a demurrer filed in behalf of both the Public Service Commission and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. Judge Morrow was absent from the court yesterday, and will not make his decision as to having the case heard en banc until tomorrow.

Grays Harbor Resident Dead.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Bernard Blechschmidt, a resident of Grays Harbor County since 1898, died Wednesday at his home at Garrard Creek, near Oakville. The funeral was held yesterday. Mr. Blechschmidt was 67 years of age and is survived by his wife and four children. The latter are Fred and Oscar Blechschmidt and Mrs. Anna Wilson, of Garrard Creek, and Mrs. Frieda Winiacki, of Raymond.

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UNION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR SOUGHT

National Organization for Period of War Is Plan at Washington.

TEAM WORK URGENT NEED

Conferences of Men Representing Employers and Workers With President and Secretary Wilson Set for Tomorrow.

BY ARTHUR W. CRAWFORD. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Formation of a National labor party for the period of the war is to be undertaken during the coming week.

Representatives of employers and workers will open a series of conferences with Secretary of Labor Wilson on Monday.

The purpose is to bring capital and labor to an agreement on principles and policies which should govern their relations during the war.

The shipyard strike, which was cut short a week ago by an appeal from President Wilson, emphasizes the necessity of formulating a National policy which will enable the war industries of the country to work at top speed without being subjected to delays by labor troubles.

Considerable progress has been made during the war in dealing with the labor situation, but numerous problems remain to be solved.

By direction of the President, Secretary of Labor Wilson recently undertook to centralize and co-ordinate labor agencies previously scattered through the various departments.

Advisory Council Named.

The first step was the appointment of a National war labor board of six men and one woman, known as the advisory council. This board is headed by John Lind, ex-Governor of Minnesota, who went to Mexico four years ago as personal representative of President Wilson. The woman member is Miss Agnes Nestor, of Chicago, president of the Women's Trade Union League of that city. The other members of the board are two representatives of employers and two employees.

As a result of the recommendations of the advisory council eight divisions, under the general direction of Secretary Wilson, are being rapidly organized. These are the following:

Employment service to work in co-operation with the industrial service section of the War and Navy departments and the shipping board. There are five divisions of this bureau—the division of information, the division of farm services, the women's division, the division of reserves and the division of investigation. The information and business divisions existed formerly, but the others have just been created.

Conditions of labor service, to administer conditions of labor within business plants, such as safety, sanitation, etc.

Educational Work Planned.

Information and education service, to promote sound sentiment and to provide appropriate local machinery and policies in individual plants.

Training and dilution service.

Women industrial service. To correlate the activities of various agencies dealing with this matter.

Housing and transportation of workers' service. Otto Edlitz as head of this bureau is making rapid progress toward solving the housing problem at munitions and shipyard plants.

Personnel service.

All of these bureaus are being whipped into shape for effective work.

Next week's conference will aid in perfecting the system for handling labor matters.

The conferees will include six representatives of employers chosen by the National industrial conference board, six representatives of the workers chosen by the American Federation of Labor and two representatives of the public, one being chosen by the six spokesmen for employers and one by the six labor men.

Among the conferees are two Chicagoans—Victor Glander, secretary of the Illinois Federation of Labor, and T. A. Ricker, president of the United Garment Workers of America. W. H. Van der Voort, of East Moline, Ill., head of a manufacturing company, is one of the representatives of the employers.

Hutchison Trouble-Maker.

It is significant that William L. Hutchison, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, is one of the representatives of labor. He has been one of the chief trouble makers for the Government. He is the only international union president who failed to sign the agreement for arbitration of shipbuilding difficulties by the labor adjustment board of the shipping board. It was necessary for President Wilson to send a stinging message to Hutchison to end the recent carpenters' strike at the shipyards. Hutchison also made considerable trouble for the Government during the construction of the Army cantonments last summer.

Important parts of the labor administration up to date have been President Wilson's commission, headed by Secretary Wilson, which traveled to the Pacific Coast to settle a number of labor disputes and the shipping board's labor adjustment board, which is engaged in arbitrating shipyard grievances. Both bodies have had marked success.

Labor can do herculean service in winning the war. When all the plans now on foot are carried to completion, the way should be cleared for labor to do its full share.

Hood River Boy in France.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lenz, of the Middle Valley, have received a letter from their son, Glen A. Lenz, member



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of a balloon company. He is now engaged in observation work in France. Young Lenz, who was known to his Middle Valley school fellows as a mechanical genius, was a student at the Oregon Agricultural College.



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