



DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

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D. INMAN FOR MULTNOMAH

Convention Was a Love Feast From Start to Finish—Alex Sweek, Chairman State Committee—O. P. Coshow Elected Temporary Chairman

PORTLAND, June 9.—The Democratic state convention met today and elected four delegates at large, two delegates from each Congressional district and passed, a resolution endorsing the candidacy of William J. Bryan for presidential nomination. The resolution directs delegates to support Bryan so long as his name appears before the convention. Convention was a love feast from beginning to end. It was called to order by Alex. Sweek, chairman state committee and O. P. Coshow, of Douglas county, was elected temporary chairman without a dissenting vote. D. B. Ryan was elected temporary secretary. When the convention recessed after lunch, temporary officers were permanent and the platform adopted. The platform expresses indignation at selection of Governor Abernethy by the people of the state as a nominee for the United States Senate, advocates the reform of the postal laws and the increased powers for the letter carriers; favors increased powers for the interstate commerce commission; commends existing law providing for enactment of laws and amendments by initiative and referendum; endorses the Oklahoma banking law and direct election of United States senators. That the "Democracy of Oregon is a unit in the favor of that great statesman, William J. Bryan, the President of the United States, and that as a whole the people of the state look with favor upon his candidacy." The convention delegates-at-large are: M. A. Miller, Linn county; R. D. Inman, Multnomah; J. Booth, Josephine; and W. F. Matlock, Umatilla.

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DALLAS CONFERENCE.

DALLAS, Texas, June 9.—The conference of leading Democrats of Texas, many being members of state committee was held here today and Mitchell, ex-president of the Farmers Workers was endorsed for president on the ticket with Bryan. National campaign in honor of labor leader was launched.

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CLACKMANNANSHIRE WINS.

Long Race From Astoria to Queenstown.

NEW YORK, June 9.—News of the ending of a remarkable marine race of 16,000 miles from Astoria, O., to Queenstown, which was won by the British ship Clackmannanshire, was received in this city today. The vessel sailed from Portland on January 11 in company with the French bark Marthe Roux. Two days before that the British bark Gladys had sailed from Portland for Queenstown, and as all three of the vessels were loaded with wheat, much interest was felt in a prospective race around Cape Horn and across the Atlantic.

The real race was begun off the mouth of the Columbia River on Jan. 17. According to information received here today the vessels were in company almost throughout the voyage, and reached Queenstown in 137 days on June 2. En route they passed several other vessels which had sailed from Pacific Coast ports several days earlier.

LOG RAFTS TEAR LOOSE.

Swift Current Down the Willamette Slough.

PORTLAND, June 9.—Caught by the swift current which is pouring down the Willamette Slough like a millrace, seven log rafts belonging to the Chatman Logging Company were torn from their moorings last night and are being borne toward the sea. Urgent calls from the owners for tugboats to go in pursuit of the timbers were responded to by the Shaver Transportation Company, which dispatched the steamer Wauna to the scene this morning. Other tugs are needed, and an effort is being made to get them.

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DALLAS, Texas, June 9.—The Kaw Valley flood at Topeka, and farther west is subsiding rapidly, as it arose and Kansas City now is the chief sufferer, sees relief at hand in the prediction of weather that both the Kaw and the Missouri rivers will be stationary in height, at midnight to-night, and 24 hours later both rivers will begin falling. The flood here furnished an abundance of work, and excitement for the dwellers in the lowlands and the entertainment for the sightseers who crowded the bluffs, bridges and viaducts.

Part of the stockyards was flooded today and if the rise continues as predicted nearly all the yards will be under water. The basement of all the buildings in the bottoms are full of water, but no damage has been done. The railroads which have miles of tracks washed out are the heaviest losers by the flood. The crops have been destroyed but will be replaced with the assurance of large yields.

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FIRE DESTROYS VANCOUVER MILL

Property of The Pittcock and Leadbetter Lumber Company

LOSS ESTIMATED \$250,000

Fire Starts at 3:30 A. M.—Half-Hour Before Fire Department is Notified—Boiler Room and Greater Portion of Lumber in Yards Saved.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 9.—The Pittcock & Leadbetter lumber mill was almost entirely destroyed by fire this morning.

The mill proper, with all the machinery, is a complete wreck, much damage has been done to the dock and a considerable quantity of lumber has been burned. The boiler room and the great portion of the lumber in the yards have been saved, this fortunate circumstance being due largely to the fact that at the time of the breaking out of the fire there was an entire absence of wind.

The fire started about 3:30 A. M. in the engineroom, about the central portion of the mill. The last report of the watchman on his rounds is indicated at 3:25; he says it was about 10 minutes later that he first noticed smoke in the engineroom. According to his statement, he was at this time making another round, and was under the main floor of the mill, from where he saw the smoke in the engineroom. As far as he could tell, he says, there was no blaze. He tried to get the telephone office to turn in an alarm, but for some reason could not get central. By this time the entire of the mill was in a blaze, and as the best remaining resort the steam whistle at the mill was blown.

It was thus about 4 o'clock when the alarm reached the fire department, and the flames had gained such proportions that it was evident any attempt to save the mill would be futile. Owing to some defect in the hydrant leading from the big fire tank at the mill, some more time was lost, and before the department apparatus could be got into action several of the immense piles of lumber were blazing fiercely and almost the entire framework of the mill had been consumed. The firemen directed their efforts to an attempt to check the spread of the fire in the lumber piles, and in this were soon successful. Within an hour of the time of the arrival of the fire department it was evident that the flames were under control and that the boiler-room and the larger portion of the lumber yards could be saved.

By this time the flames had communicated to the lower portion of the mill, located under the flooring of the dock, and this required considerable attention from the firemen. Every foot of available hose belonging to the city was in use, when the chemical and hose wagon from the garrison arrived and lent what assistance was possible. This wagon carries a considerable quantity of fire hose.

At 10 o'clock this morning the fire was still burning in the piles of lumber, and while the danger of destruction of the yard or of the dwellings in the neighborhood had been averted, it was impossible to even estimate the amount of loss on this account. The machinery in the mill is said to be valued at about \$150,000, and at a low estimate the other losses will aggregate \$100,000. Upon this there is an insurance of \$92,000.

While there is considerable criticism over the delay in turning in the alarm, on every side there is praise for the work of the firemen after they reached the scene of the fire. Much good feeling is also expressed over the friendly assistance rendered by the fire department from the garrison.

This mill is one of the oldest industries in the city. The mill was originally built by persons from Michigan, in 1889, and for a long time was known as the Michigan mill. Since that time the property has changed hands a number of times. For a considerable time, at least 150

men will be thrown out of employment.

Mr. F. W. Leadbetter said today that the rebuilding of the plant would be commenced as soon as the insurance was adjusted. The business of the company is being attended to as usual and 16 teams are making deliveries today.

BASEBALL GAMES.

Pacific Coast League.

At Portland—Portland 10, Oakland 0.

At Oakland—Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 0.

Northwest League.

At Spokane—No game.

At Vancouver—Vancouver 7, Aberdeen 1.

American League.

At Chicago—Chicago 10, Philadelphia 0.

At Cleveland—Cleveland 15, Boston 6.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 4, Washington 3.

At Detroit—Detroit 3, New York 5.

National League.

At Boston—Cincinnati 5, Boston 3.

At Philadelphia—St. Louis 0, Philadelphia 7.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 3, Chicago 4.

At New York—Pittsburg 2, New York 3.

FIRE IN TEXAS.

ENNIS Tex., June 9.—Fire early to-day destroyed the buildings occupied by Bedford's Restaurant, the Thomas-Walker Shoe Company, the Independent Telephone Company, the F. C. Vickers Grocery establishment. Loss \$100,000.

MURDER OR SUICIDE

Body of Man Found at Port Townsend.

MAY BE J. DAVIS OF FRISCO

Body is Badly Decomposed—Deep Gashes in Neck—Bloody Knife Found Near—Money in Pocket Dispel Theory of Robbery.

PORT TOWNSEND, June 9.—The body of a man believed to be J. Davis, of San Francisco, was found to-night near Chetzemoka Park. Body was badly decomposed. Deep gashes in the neck, and a bloody knife found near the body, but it is not determined whether it is murder or suicide. It is believed to be one of the gang of men sent to the Treadwell mines to take the place of the striking miners. Over \$16 was found in the pockets, and this seems to dispel the theory of robbery.

VICE-PRESIDENT SITUATION.

Hammond First to Avow His Candidacy—Cortelyou Busy.

CHICAGO, June 9.—Opening the headquarters, John Hays Hammond of Massachusetts today brought the vice-presidential situation to the front. He was the first to avow his candidacy in a definite form. A coincident with Hammond's activity, came a movement in behalf of Governor Guild, who will be strongly urged by the Massachusetts delegation. New York candidates are tentative and otherwise numerous. Cortelyou is busy, so is J. Sloat Fassett. The east has also another possibility in Franklin Murphy, the former governor of New Jersey, and national committeeman from that state. From the west, J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa, the United States senator from that state is most prominently mentioned. Senator Burrows, of Michigan, and Lieutenant-Governor Sherman, of Illinois, also have supporters.

NEW ORLEANS, June 9.—A fire tonight destroyed a block of buildings in the residence section and swept across the street to another block and consumed several stores. The loss will exceed a hundred thousand dollars.

WOMAN MURDERED NEAR BELLINGHAM

Mrs. W. Morrison Killed by an Unknown Man at Hazelmere

MOTIVE OF MURDER UNKNOWN

Was Walking Along Railroad Track With 11-Year-Old Girl When Man Jumps From Brush and Cuts Her Throat—Suspect Arrested.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., June 9.—Mrs. W. Morrison was murdered late this afternoon by an unknown man at Hazelmere. She was walking along the railroad track with a 11-year-old girl when the murderer jumped out of the brush and cut the woman's throat. The girl fled and gave the alarm. When the men returned on the scene they found the woman dead. An armed posse started from Blaine in search of the fugitive and returned at 10 o'clock tonight with the suspect and locked him up in jail. He cannot give a good account of himself. The motive of the murder is not known.

AUTOMOBILE RACE

The Entry Blanks For Race To Be Issued In A Few Days.

NEW YORK, June 9.—The contest committee of the Automobile Club of America has decided on the date of its race for the grand prize offered in competition under the Ostend Conference rules and settled all other details of the contests. The entry blanks for the race will be issued within a few days. The date selected was changed from that agreed upon between the club and the Savannah Automobile Club which is to furnish the course for the International race and until it can be submitted to the Savannah Club for its approval no announcement will be made of it. It is expected the officials announcement can be made this afternoon as no objection from Savannah is anticipated.

NEGROES SHOT.

One Killed And Other Wounded Try To Escape.

LONGVIEW, Tex., June 9.—Jack Flurry, a negro, was shot to death, and his brother, Ike Flurry was wounded when the two endeavored to escape from the court house here yesterday during their trial for attempting to kill several stockmen. For a time it was feared serious trouble would occur but this was averted.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Thomas Young Who Shot And Killed Policeman Heins.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—Thomas Young, the young painter who shot and killed Policeman Wm. Heins Wednesday, has been charged with murder before a coroner jury and James Young, a brother, who is accused of being a participant in the shooting affray, was charged with being an accomplice.

BILLIK WILL HANG

CHICAGO, June 9.—In spite of Governor Deneen's refusal to commute the sentence of Herman Billik convicted of the murder of Mary Vrzal and declared by the police to be guilty of at least four other murders. Billik's friend, Father O'Callaghan, has not yet given up hope. He issued an appeal last night to the people of Illinois to urge the governor to revise his action.

Billik is to be hanged next Friday.

ENTERTAINED OFFICERS

TOKIO, June 9.—M. Cuimarex, the Brazilian charge d'affaires, entertained tonight all the officers of a Brazilian warship now visiting Japan. The entire Japanese naval staff and all the naval attaches were present.

TRIAL OF BRITISH EDITOR

TOKIO, June 9.—A dispatch from Seoul dated to-day (June 9) says the trial of a British editor named Bethel charged under an order of the British consul with spreading sedition in a newspaper published in Korea, commences on June 15 before an English judge sent from Shanghai, whence also a King's counsel has been set to act for the prosecution.

A BIG LOAD.

NEW YORK, June 9.—The Kronprinzess in Cecilie, of the North German Lloyd Line will sail for Europe to-day with a record breaking list of 1,775 passengers. This is the largest number of persons who have ever made the eastward trip on an Atlantic Liner. There are 535 passengers in the first cabin, 340 in the second cabin and 900 in the third.

EMBEZZLER ARRESTED

NEW ORLEANS, June 9.—Charged with the embezzlement of \$8,000 from the New Orleans Local No. 17 Typographical Union, Samuel T. Stevenson was arrested here last night. Stevenson disappeared over two months ago, at which time he was secretary of the union. After his disappearance a shortage of \$8,000 was discovered in the Union's funds.

WORK PARTLY DONE

Committee Adjourns With Two-Fifths of Contests Decided

FIFTY ARE YET TO BE HEARD

Louisiana Contest Most Important in Day Resulted in Split Delegation Committee—Only Three More Days Before Convention.

CHICAGO, June 9.—After working four days with three yet to come before the convention, the national committee adjourned late today with two-fifths of its contests decided. Fifty contests are yet to be heard but some possibility, that a number of cases may be consolidated, thus lessening the work of committee. The committee today decided 16 contests affecting 36 delegates. Of these 27 are for Taft the remaining nine, all of whom are "Black and Tan" from Louisiana tentatively decided to cast votes for Taft. However no binding agreement to that effect. Contests decided today to comprised delegates-at-large in Louisiana and Mississippi, seven delegates in Louisiana, six districts in Mississippi, one in Missouri. The Louisiana contests was most important in the day resulted in a split delegation committee deciding upon a division of 20 to 30 to seat both the "Lily White" or the Taft delegation, and "Black and Tans" with half a vote for each.

LA FOLLETTE ANNOUNCES.

MADISON, Wis., June 9.—La Follette today announced that Henry F. Chochems, of Milwaukee, would place him in the nomination for presidential candidacy at the Republican national convention.

HITCHCOCK DENIES CHARGES.

NEW YORK, June 9.—Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, on the witness stand in his own behalf today flatly denied the charges made against him that he had been improper in his conduct to two young girls, Helen Von Hagen and Elsie Voreks. It is expected that the case will go to jury tomorrow.