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CHICAGO GO ALIVE WITH VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS

REVISED CHARTER DEMANDS

The Mayor and Councilmen Agree on Necessity of Changes to Obviate Existing Conflicts of Authority Between Various Boards.

New System of Governing City by Commission Also Suggested—A Resolution Authorizing Board to Begin Work Expected.

Complete revision of the city charter for the purpose of eliminating the various confusions of authority, the straightening out of technicalities and enlarging the powers of the city in reference to municipal projects is advocated by Mayor Lane, Councilman George Baker and other city officials.

Mayor Lane dwelt upon the subject this morning and said that the matter should be gone into at once and that a strong representative commission should be appointed to perform the task.

Great Care Needed, Says Mayor. "There should be representatives capable of skillfully handling the various departments of the city government," said Mayor Lane.

Commission Plan Suggested. In connection with the talk of revising the charter there is also much heard about the change in the form of the city government.

FAIRBANKS WINNING RENOMINATION FIGHT



Charles W. Fairbanks, who is again to the fore as a vice-presidential possibility.

Chicago, June 15.—Chairman Perkins of the Iowa delegation announces as final that Dolliver will not run for vice-president.

Chicago, June 15.—The sentiment behind the scenes today apparently favors the renomination of Fairbanks for vice-president.

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WALTON'S KERCHIEF HIS MASK

Evidence Not Submitted at Trial Just Closed Will This Time Be Put Before the Jury in the Circuit Court.

Bloodstained Cloth Alleged to Have Been Used as a Mask When Willamette Heights Car Was Held Up.

His fate undecided by the jury that heard the testimony last Saturday and disagreed, Charles W. Walton was again placed on trial in Judge Cleland's department of the circuit court this morning on the charge of shooting Patrolman Olaus Nelson on the night of September 1, 1904.

The prosecution was given a surprise Saturday night when it learned that six of the jurymen voted for acquittal, and much greater care is being shown today in the examination of witnesses.

Selecting a Jury. William Burrington, C. F. Bradshaw and H. Hildebrand are the men so far sworn.

Practically Same Testimony. The evidence in the case, which may not begin before tomorrow morning, is not expected to differ in any material respect from the testimony heard by the jury that disagreed Saturday night.

Was Convicted First Time. Walton was convicted in quick time when he was first tried, late in 1904, he was sentenced to serve five years for shooting Nelson, who interfered with the holding up of the car, and 30 years for robbing the conductor, who was shot out of the state and cannot be had as a witness.

The supreme court granted a new trial on both counts against the defendant but he has not been given opportunity to plead.

RUEF MUST APPEAR IN POLICE COURT

San Francisco, June 15.—It was announced by the district attorney's office today that none of the graft cases will be taken up until the case against Ruef in the police court has been pushed to a preliminary hearing and trial in the superior court.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN HYDE-BENSON CASE

Washington, June 15.—The attorneys for both sides began their closing arguments in the Hyde-Benson land fraud case today.

LOS ANGELES WOMAN SIGNED BY SAVAGE

New York, June 15.—It was announced here today that Mrs. Caroline von Benson of Los Angeles, wife of the concert pianist, Herr Emil von Benson, has signed a five-year contract with Henry Savage to sing soprano roles.

STATE DELEGATIONS SELECT COMMITTEES

FULTON NAMED ON CREDENTIALS

Gilbert on Resolutions and Williams National Committeeman.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, June 15.—State delegations this afternoon announced the following selections for committees:

Oregon—For credentials committee, Senator C. W. Fulton; for the resolutions committee, A. N. Gilbert; for national committeeman, Williams.

Washington—For the credentials committee, Frank T. Post; for resolutions committee, R. A. Bullinger; and for national committeeman, R. L. McCormick.

Colorado—For credentials committee, Judge Charles Cavender of Leadville.

The Blaine Marching club of Cincinnati is here 400 strong. They arrived today and will effect an increased gray and white plug hats are the sight of the city.

Shippers Appeal. Under the present law a railroad may give notice of 10 days of any increase in rates, and at the expiration of that time the increased rate becomes effective.

NO DEFINITE NEWS OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COLORADO

Seattle, June 15.—Captain Underwood denies that the cruiser Colorado was ashore off Dungeness spit last Saturday afternoon but the meager dispatches from the ship leave the question of what actually happened on the dangerous reef in doubt.

GOMPERS COMPLETES DRAFT OF PLANKS FOR THE PLATFORM

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WHEN PARTY NOMINATED MR. LINCOLN

Most Momentous Gathering in American History Was the Famous Convention Where Great Leader Was Named for President.

Discipline of Organization Brought Into Play—So It Will Be in Chicago This Week—Wounds Will Soon Be Healed.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—The most momentous political gathering in American history was the Republican convention which met in Chicago on May 16, 1860, and which nominated Abraham Lincoln for president of the United States.

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By Frederic J. Haskin.

William H. Taft, who seems to have a grip on the presidential nomination.

Poor Blind Tom Now Sees Light

New York, June 15.—The funeral of Thomas Wiggins, better known throughout the country as "Blind Tom," the talented negro pianist, was held at Hoboken, N. J., today.

FAVORED SEWARD

The majority, perhaps two thirds, of the delegates to the Chicago convention of 1860 favored the nomination of William H. Seward of New York for president.

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