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TAFT NOMINATED; FIRST BALLOT

CONGRESSMAN BURTON NOMINATES SECRETARY

Boutell Nominates Cannon—Hanly Places Name of Fairbanks Before Convention—Majority Report on Platform Puts Through Planks as Revised

Coliseum, Chicago, June 18.—Taft was nominated on the first ballot.

The convention was called to order at 10:17 o'clock this morning and found the big hall filled to overflowing. There was a feeling of certainty that Secretary Taft would be nominated and that the Taft managers had come to the conclusion that delay in bringing off the program might be fatal to the candidate.

There were almost as many persons outside the Coliseum as within and demonstrations were frequent. The police had all they could do to control the vast throng.

Failure to get into the platform any progressive railway plank was assured by an agreement between President George W. Perkins and E. H. Gary, of the steel trust representatives, who for J. P. Morgan came here to support the colorless anti-injunction plank in return for an understanding that no progressive railroad plank would be inserted.

The meaningless injunction plank is causing worryment among politicians as labor repudiates it.

EUGENE HOUSE DYNAMITED

Residence of Mrs. E. E. Howell Blown Up While Occupied by Widow, Three Children, W. S. Buchanan and Two Mormon Elders From Salt Lake.

A rock from the foundation of the house struck the iron bedstead in the basement where Buchanan and the children were sleeping. Mrs. Howell, Buchanan and the Mormons came here from Salt Lake.

WOMAN CUTS THROATS OF HER TWO CHILDREN AND COMMITS SUICIDE

Parkerburg, W. Va., June 18.—A terrible tragedy was enacted near here today when Mrs. A. L. Stairs of Sandy Creek cut the throats of her two children and then slashed her own throat.

NO DIRECT ELECTIONS OF SOLONS

Republican Delegates Defeat Proposed Plank in Party Platform—Minority Report Opposed to Ship Subsidies.

Planks Providing Publication of Campaign Expenses Voted Down With Provision for Physical Valuation of Railroads.

Chicago, June 18.—Forced mainly by the Wisconsin delegation, demanding more radical action, a minority report embodying the Wisconsin demands was made by the resolutions committee.

Then the plank providing for the publication of campaign expenses was defeated by 880 yeas to 84 nays. The direct election of United States senators was defeated by 886 yeas to 114 nays.

The provision for the physical valuation of railroads was defeated by 917 yeas to 63 nays. Cooper of Wisconsin said he was the only one who signed the report and he was proud of it.

GEO. A. KNIGHT MAY BE NAMED

Californian Mentioned for Vice-Presidential Nomination by Some Delegates.

Chicago, June 18.—George A. Knight is seriously considering entering the race for the vice-presidential nomination. His friends in the convention and particularly the California delegates have been assiduously working upon him despite his repeated declinations.

Senator Borah of Idaho will make the second speech. The precise situation is this: California's 20 votes in the convention saved the day for the southern states and others not polling an overwhelming Republican vote by defeating the resolution reorganizing the apportionment for future national conventions which would have given each state one delegate for every 10,000 voters or major portion thereof polled in the state for Republican electors at the preceding preliminary election.

PAPERMAKERS MAY START FIERCE RIOT

Fabriano, June 18.—Despite preventive measures taken by the authorities, wild disorder and rioting are threatened in connection with the lockout of 1,000 men by the Milan Paper company from Minnesota. Jealousy is supposed to have aroused Forsberg's murderous rage.



William H. Taft, Whose Forces Controlled the Convention.

INJUNCTION NOT VALUABLE PLANK

Labor Leader Disappointed at What He Thinks Is Weak Declaration.

Chicago, June 18.—The labor leaders here watching the convention are apparently disappointed with the anti-injunction plank adopted by the convention. When he was asked for a statement concerning the anti-injunction plank, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said: "I regard the anti-injunction plank as being equivalent to an anti-injunction plank whatever it sounds as though it promised something and may be an opening wedge for something better later on, but of itself, it has no value whatever."

CANDIDATES NAMED BEFORE CONVENTION AT CHICAGO TODAY

Coliseum, Chicago, June 18.—Secretary Taft was nominated by Theodore Burton of Ohio. Speaker Joseph B. Cannon was nominated by Henry B. Boutell of Illinois. Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks was nominated by Governor J. Frank Hanly of Indiana. Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York was nominated by General Stewart L. Woodford of New York. Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania was nominated by Lieutenant Governor Robert S. Murphy of Pennsylvania.

COUPLE'S QUARREL RESULTS IN DEATH

Sacramento, Cal., June 18.—After brooding two weeks as the result of a quarrel with his wife which caused her to leave him and live in a downtown lodging-house, J. W. Forsberg, a machinist, employed in the Southern Pacific shops, went to the woman's room at 8 o'clock this morning, shot her three times and then put the gun in his own mouth and blew his brains out.

Cigar Company Sued

Weinheimer & Opp and E. L. Kohlberg have begun suit against J. M. Nicolson, A. C. Morry, A. N. Willis and A. M. Miller, stockholders of the Portland Cigar company, to recover on judgments given in their favor against the cigar company. On one judgment, it is stated, \$1,250 remains unpaid and on another there is \$356 due. The capital of the cigar company was fixed at \$35,000, but it is alleged that none of this sum has ever been subscribed.

BACKWATER MAY FLOOD PORTLAND

Columbia Foot and a Half Higher Than at Any Time Before in Five Years.

Rainier, Or., June 18.—Disastrous floods here and at Portland are anticipated unless the Columbia river begins to fall immediately. The water today is one and one half feet higher than it has been before in the past five years and the river is still rising. Unless the water falls soon, it will flood Rainier. It is within less than two feet of the docks today and chicken wading along the waterfront are flooded. A sudden rise is liable to result seriously for the business section of the town. It is feared that the high stage of the Columbia will back up the water of the Willamette causing a serious flood at Portland and other cities in the Willamette valley.

ARNOLD DALY IN BANKRUPTCY

Actor and Theatrical Manager Owes Loie Fuller \$7,000.

New York, June 18.—Arnold Daly, the actor and theatrical manager, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court today. The petition places his liabilities at \$40,425 and his assets at \$1,375. Among his creditors is Loie Fuller, the actress whom he owes \$7,000 on a contract for services.

FIREARMS EXPERT IN MRS. POLLARD'S TRIAL

San Francisco, June 18.—The prosecution in the trial of Mrs. Harry Pollard, who is charged with attempting to murder her actor husband, today introduced a firearms expert, W. J. Shively, in an attempt to contradict the testimony of Pollard. The actor had said that the gun was discharged while in his hands and that his wife had not shot him.

CREW FOR HOURS FACED AWFUL FATE

Three Men on Little Sloop Guiding Star Whipped and Lashed by Tremendous Sea During Storms in Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Strapped Life - Preservers About Bodies and Hung to Gunwales Awaiting Death—Arrived in Portland Safely This Morning.

The lookout at Cape Disappointment was right when he reported that he had sighted the 18-foot sloop Guiding Star off Columbia river bar Sunday night through a rift in the dense fog. Captain Leopold A. Bernays and his two companions are in Portland today, glad to have finished the daring and adventurous trip but at the same time feeling that they would not be afraid to undertake it again, although sailors on the Straits of Juan de Fuca told them they were not quite right when they started out.

Arrive This Morning. To the surprise of everybody the sloop sailed into the harbor this morning and landed alongside Almsworth dock at 11 o'clock. The landing is only about two blocks from the Seaman's institute and after taking their time making fast to the boat the crew, Captain Bernays, Mate B. Hancock and Sailor E. Wilson struck out for the institute. Captain Bernays could hardly believe his eyes when he met them in the lobby. He had been waiting for word from the sloop for several days and was just about to become a little anxious over the nonarrival of the diminutive craft. Young Bernays, however, quickly assured him that all was well and that the boat, too, had been brought safely into port, although a bit leaky from the heavy pounding on the sea.

Good Monetary Death. The trip was full of thrilling adventures and on one occasion the three men clung to the gunwales as the tiny boat pitched and tossed. The sea ran towering high and every time the craft came down in the trough of the waves the men were thrown about as if they were so much lead. They had wrapped life preservers around their waists so in case the worst happened they would have a possible chance to be washed ashore, dead or alive.

This terrible experience was endured in the Straits of Juan de Fuca shortly after having struck out from Victoria. The sea ran so high that it was impossible to stand out for Columbia river they ran for shelter at Neah Bay. There they said nothing about their hardships but went ahead with preparations for the run around Tatoosh and over the Columbia bar.

Lost Directions in Storm. There was no way of telling how to steer the boat but by guesswork and the long chance was taken that they would just out good and stiff and taking advantage of every opportunity the sloop was run for the river. She made it but ran dangerously close to the rocks of Cape Disappointment that suddenly loomed up in the mist.

Having been out long enough to whet their appetite for something better than the canned food and preserves they had taken along, Captain Bernays and his companions sailed on and at 1 o'clock landed at one of the wharves. They made their way up town and secured a good meal and then retraced their steps to the boat, having vainly attempted to get communication with Portland by wire. Thus they escaped identification in the city by the sea and for two days the watercraft was hidden there shed tears over the missing Guiding Star.

Runs Aground Fishes. Monday morning, shortly after the sloop had sailed away from Astoria, she fouled a fishnet in the bay. Trying to clear it the rudder was lost and to make matters still worse the late owners of the boat took it away thinking that thereby they would get even. This left the Guiding Star helplessly adrift and she would eventually have gone into the breaker, on the bar had Captain Bernays not taken the precaution of carrying an oar. Using this for a rudder the sloop was sailed across the bay to one of the canneries near Chinook on the Washington side where tools were borrowed and a jury rudder rigged up.

HONOR DAY OF OREGON'S ADMISSION

Entire State Will Commemorate Semi-Centennial of State's Birth in Union—Event Will Be Celebrated February 15, 1909.

Legislature to Pass Resolutions and Will Observe Day—Noted Speakers Expected Here at That Time From the East.

People of Oregon, led by the legislature in joint assembly and encouraged by speakers noted in the nation and honored in the state, will join in the semi-centennial celebration of admission day, Monday, February 15, 1909. On that date it is planned to have one of the most noteworthy gatherings in the history of the state assembled in the hall of representatives at Salem, where due honor and remembrance may be given to those who stood the brunt of the early struggles of the state and stood shoulder to shoulder in placing Oregon's star on the national flag.

February 14, 1858, Oregon became a state in the union and the fiftieth anniversary of that date will fall on Sunday, February 14, 1909. Since being admitted Oregon has risen from an unknown country and a wilderness to one of the leading states of the union, and it is deemed fitting by many of the patriotic citizens of this state to do honor to the admission day and those who made it possible.

Following this thought, C. N. McArthur, member of the house of representatives from Multnomah county, will introduce a joint resolution in the house on the admission day of the session of 1909 providing for the semi-centennial on February 15, the postponement of the celebration of the admission day by the fact that the admission date falls on Sunday.

In the resolution it will be provided that the legislature meet the hall of representatives on February 15 in joint assembly for the purpose of celebrating the semi-centennial of admission. The resolution will further provide that a committee be appointed from the house of representatives to take charge of the preparations for the exercises and that the committee invite one of the well-known orators of the nation to be present on that occasion as the speaker of the day.

Following the plan that is now being considered the celebration will be made an event of state-wide importance. Exercises will be held in the hall of representatives where a vast audience may be accommodated. The speaker of the day, some noted man from the east, it is expected to have represent in their membership the old men and women of the state who are asked to take prominent part in the exercises.

The commemoration of the event one of the historical events of Oregon, 1859 the fortieth anniversary of the admission of the state was celebrated by the legislature in joint assembly. The scenes of the celebration and other meetings one of the memorable events of the history of the state. Ten years later, on the occasion of the state's admission of half a century of existence as a state, it is intended to make the celebration one of the most important of the historical events of Oregon.

TAFT INSISTS THAT ANTI-INJUNCTION PLANK BE INSERTED

Chicago, June 18.—"We can't fight well if we can't fight right. It's imperative that such a plank should go into the platform." (Signed) "W. H. TAFT."

This message from the secretary of war was read before the resolutions committee of the Republican national convention today and was followed by this one: "I stand for a square deal, not according to the interests, neither the manufacturers' association nor the trades unions." (Signed) "THEODORE ROOSEVELT." The committee responded after a long and tedious session and much struggling for and against, settled the question of the anti-injunction plank and voted that it should go into the platform. The ballot showing 25 yeas to 14 nays.