

BOTH FACTIONS PLAYING A GREAT GAME OF 'BLUFF'

Neither Confident That Their Side Will Win but Are Making Claims for Possible Moral Effect.

Chicago, June 13.—The talk of a certain Roosevelt vs. Taft victory in the Republican national convention, which is being estimated from the rival camps in pure speculation, is the declaration today of H. T. Hickey, a close observer for many years of national politics from the inside. "Here is how the situation in Chicago looks to him today."

"There is no law against political prophecy, and the beautiful thing about the Republican convention situation from the prophet's standpoint is that one man's prophecy is as good as another's."

"We can see the slightest idea. "There are scores of men here—journalists, statesmen, near-statesmen and politicians—who are perfectly certain that they know just what is going to happen, on what ballot, what the platform is going to be, etc. etc. The fact is that nobody has the slightest idea what is going to happen."

"In the history of American politics there never has been a convention situation pregnant with more possibilities. Taft may be re-nominated, Roosevelt may be nominated—they both may be nominated, neither may be nominated. Events may so shape themselves that either La Follette or Cummins, the only other named candidates, may be chosen. And finally, it is not at all beyond the range of possibilities that some man not yet mentioned at the psychological moment, when the names of a thousand delegates and their leaders are at grips, may say or do a thing which will make him their nominee, as Bryan did at Chicago 16 years ago."

"Nothing has enough votes. "This is certain—neither Taft nor Roosevelt has enough instructed delegates to nominate him, assuming that all or nearly all of the contests before the national committee are decided in Taft's favor, which seems likely. There is not much difference in strength between Taft and Roosevelt as to instructed delegates, the advantage being slightly with Taft."

"Will Taft or Roosevelt be able to win enough of the uninstructed delegates to give him the vote necessary to nominate? The Taft managers say yes. The Roosevelt managers say yes. In both cases the wish is father to the thought."

"All Bluff for Moral Effect. "It is doubtful whether any man in either camp has the confidence which the statements given out from time to time are intended to convey. These 'statements' and claims are altogether bluff for the moral effect on coming delegates and the folks back home. It is doubtful whether any man will know with any degree of certainty how these uninstructed delegates are going to line up until the first roll call has been completed at the opening session of the convention next Tuesday."

"In the meantime the most energetic, craftiest, not to say unscrupulous, political manipulators in the country will be at work on these uninstructed delegates to win them either to the Taft or Roosevelt cause. Of course, efforts are being made to win over delegates pledged to either side and large claims of success along this line are being made by both sides. But it is not probable that much headway will be made."

"Fate of Party in Balance. "Play" has been called for the biggest game of politics since the foundation of the Republican party. Political history is going to be made fast here during the next few days. It is not too much to say that the future of the party, which, excepting eight years, has been in control of the national government for 50 years, is to be determined. Gilson Gardner said:

"On the choice of a temporary chairman for the national convention the first test of strength is likely to come between the Roosevelt and Taft forces. Root is the Taft candidate; McGovern of Wisconsin probably will be the Roosevelt candidate."

"If Root wins the same vote would be sufficient to nominate Taft. If McGovern wins, the same vote would not necessarily be available for the nomination of Roosevelt. After defeating Root and choosing Taft, the voters of Wisconsin, North Dakota and Iowa would go back to their favorite candidates. Thus the result of McGovern's selection as temporary chairman might

lead to a temporary deadlock between Roosevelt and Taft, with the balance of power temporarily in the hands of Cummins and La Follette.

"The one proposition, Roosevelt, Cummins and La Follette are agreed—that Taft must not have enough votes to win on the first ballot in order to prevent it is probably will be chosen by Roosevelt, Cummins and La Follette to divide the organization of the convention. It is now believed by the Roosevelt managers that the addition of Wisconsin, North Dakota and Iowa to the Roosevelt strength would make the defeat of Root possible. It is believed that the support of the Oregon state committee and anti-Roosevelt delegates in place of those seated by the national committee. But it is reasonable to expect the Roosevelt and La Follette forces will see that only enough delegates are seated for Roosevelt to split off a committee majority and to force Roosevelt will win more than enough to put over his nomination. This is the plan of the balance of power combination.

Cummins Holds Key. "In this situation it is the Franklin Roosevelt speculation of Cummins that will lead the key to the deadlock. He has been enjoying the friendship of both sides. The Taft managers particularly Crane and McKinley, have been encouraging Cummins to hope that he might be able to get the nomination of Taft as finally and willingly as of it. His friends say that the entire Taft strength with Iowa would be enough to nominate if La Follette were willing to contribute his 16 votes, and La Follette's feelings toward Roosevelt are notoriously such as to lead to the inference that he would help Cummins to the nomination in order to beat Roosevelt.

"The Roosevelt people, of course, do not admit that the withdrawal of Wisconsin, North Dakota and Iowa would leave Roosevelt short of a nominating majority. They are willing, they say, to abide the results of an organization accomplished with the help of Cummins and McGovern."

"To figure that the moment it is evident that President Taft cannot win the fight to name Root as temporary chairman and put over a first nomination, the opposition will crumble and the result be a Roosevelt stampede."

BROWNSVILLE PIONEER AGED 85, PASSES AWAY

Brownsville, Or., June 13.—Robert Harrison, a prominent pioneer of this section, died at his daughter's home near here Monday. The deceased was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1827 and at the age of 19 came to the United States. In 1852 he, in company with two brothers, came by ox teams to Oregon, locating near Brownsville. "Uncle Bob," as he was familiarly called, built his cabin and then started to California to the mines. He worked there for a short time and then came back to the valley and settled on the farm where he resided until two years ago. Since that time he has resided with his daughter, Mrs. D. F. Newland, who lives four miles north of Brownsville. Mr. Harrison was one of the most successful farmers in this section, and at one time owned over 1000 acres of land. He was the father of the largest family in this section of the state. He leaves to mourn his death a widow 52 years old to whom he had been married 55 years. Seven children are living; six of them are prosperous farmers located near Brownsville, and one daughter, Mrs. Harriet Watson, who lives in Horse Shoe Bend, Idaho. Those living near Brownsville are Thomas, George, Joseph and William. Mrs. Sarah Combs and Mrs. D. F. Newland. There are also living, 26 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Mr. Harrison, although not a member of any church, was a deep thinker and religiously inclined. He was noted for his honesty and integrity.

ATTEMPT TO OUST HENEY IS FAILURE

Motion of Sturges to Reject Attorney's Proxy Is Tabled by Committee.

Chicago, June 13.—Committee Chairman Sturges offered a motion today before the Republican national committee today providing that the proxy held by Francis J. Henevy of the Franciscan be rejected on the ground that Henevy is a Democrat. Sturges' motion was something of a shock to Henevy who immediately took the time to deny the accusation. The motion was tabled on a viva voce vote. Henevy holds the proxy of Committee man Thos. of South Dakota.

Committee Chairman Sturges opened his attack on Henevy immediately after the San Francisco man entered the committee room, securing recognition from Chairman Roosevelt. Sturges turned on to Henevy and said: "I move that this committee," shouted Sturges, "exclude from the council Francis J. Henevy, who is a Democrat, and also refuse to recognize the proxy under which he is present."

Henevy grinned at Sturges. Senator North added Sturges where there was any record showing that Henevy was a Democrat. The Taft people plainly indicated that the move was unexpected and unwelcome to them.

Committee Chairman of Florida here said: "This man seems to be an expert on Abe Ruef and Chubb. He has been injecting Ruef's name into the contest every time he gets a chance. For one, I think we ought to let him stay, so he can further enlighten the country on this Ruef proposition."

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more society in organizing the work here, Henevy, the old-money lawyer, attracted his own share of attention. Dickie is a black-brown horse 12 years old. For 15 years he has drawn on a truck on the streets of Portland and he is yet sound in limb, wind and joints.

Henevy's Big Entry. One of the largest entries in the parade was from the Royal Society. Twenty vehicles entered by this company were so arranged that the smallest came first, then the larger.

The humane society had two entries whose practical value brought applause from the spectators. The first was the ambulance which is used so frequently in getting sick horses to the horse hospital. The second was the sand sprinkler which, already, has more than saved its cost in preventing accidents to the horses used in transportation and delivery service. The exhibit from the Kramer station was one of the most distinctive in the parade.

As the splendid pageant in all its glory of wild life, gorgeous color and grand length passed by the reviewing stand, Dr. Emmet Drake, chairman of the parade committee, who with the assistance of J. D. Olson organized it, declared himself delighted with the fine show of horses and vehicles that Portland is able to make.

Recalling the days when the team horse had not yet disappeared the packer, the Sweeney Construction company had in prominent place a complete packing outfit, not fixed up for the occasion, but natural. The Union Meat company had a six-hand team rivaling the famous Armour team of Chicago.

Grand Marshal H. L. Pitcock had the police band form at Morrison street west of Fourteenth for leading position in the parade. Then came the officers and men of the Maryland, battery A, the entries from the Hunt club, the Seattle team bearers, the Riverside-Driving club with its array of horses and buggies, carriages and teams, tallies, English dog carts and other entries. The saddle horses, ponies and carriages and special features were in a special division.

The excellently organized drill team, Royal Highlanders and Vancouver Riding club constituted a section of particular note. The latter carriers in gray suits with pouches filled with roses were exceedingly attractive. The work horse division, last in line, was nearly as long as all the rest of the parade. The judges in this afternoon's parade for all divisions, except the work horse section, are E. K. McClaran, George A. Westgate, George M. Townbridge, John P. Carroll, Mrs. R. H. Vincent, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd. The judges for the work horse parade are Governor West, George D. Williamson, A. C. Ruby, William Frazer.

COMPANY "B" ESCORT FOR OLD SOLDIERS

Company B of the Third Infantry, Oregon national guard, recently organized at the Army by Major C. E. Dentler of the United States army as being the best military organization in the state of Oregon, has been chosen by the U. S. and Spanish War veterans to escort the old soldiers tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock from the Alisky building, Third and Morrison streets, to the K. of P. hall, Eleventh and Alder streets, at which place a patriotic meeting will be held in observance of Flag day. Company B was organized March 2, 1904, just after the close of the Spanish-American war, and has since that time been very prominent in all the work of the Oregon national guard. Since its organization it has won great trophies (beyond any of the other companies of the Third regiment, and it was through its rifle team that enabled the Oregon team to make such a fine showing at the national rifle team match last year at Camp Perry, Ohio. The company makes such a splendid showing in drills and parades as amount of two thirds of the men being practically six feet tall. The officers and non-commissioned officers of the company are: Captain W. F. Daugherty, First Lieutenant Fred M. West, Second Lieutenant J. A. Stevens, Sergeants Frank Gorton, A. J. Johnson, C. H. White, A. P. Huffer, C. A. Clarke, R. B. Carlson and H. Swartz. Corporals Clarence D. Porter, L. H. Spooner, H. E. Hill, E. W. Schaefer, W. W. Swartz and C. W. Downey.

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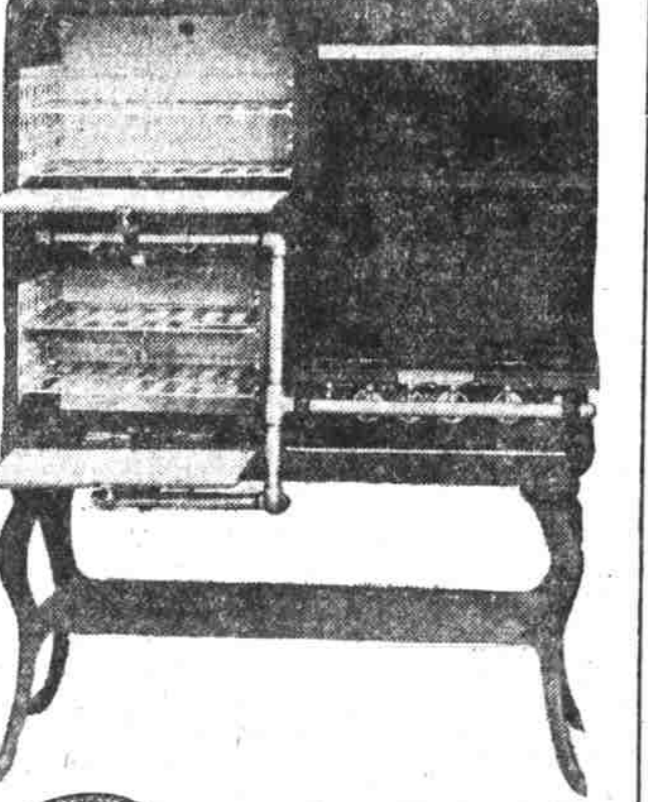
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