

### THOMAS H. TONGUE ELECTED CHAIRMAN G. O. P. COMMITTEE

Clyde G. Huntley Disposed of by Election to Office of Vice Chairman Created for Him.

### WOMAN STOPS PROCEEDINGS

Republicans Elect Full Set of Officers, Adopt Platform and Make Wonderful Claims.

Thomas H. Tongue of Hillsboro was unanimously elected chairman of the Republican state central committee yesterday. A new office, that of vice chairman, was created and Clyde G. Huntley of Oregon City was chosen to fill it. Thus was avoided the resort to the ballot to determine which of the two aspirants for the headship of the party in Oregon should prevail.

In accepting the vice chairmanship Mr. Huntley said: "I have been told that the duty of the vice chairman will be to keep still and do nothing. I am the man for the job."

Chairman Tongue was authorized to appoint an executive committee of nine who shall elect a secretary and treasurer and have full authority during the recess of the committee.

To Name Women's Committee

The chairman was also authorized to appoint a committee of seven women to act as an advisory committee in the campaign. The membership of these two committees will be announced by the chairman at a later date.

Of the 35 counties in the state only 15 were represented at the meeting by proxy or otherwise. Several causes were assigned by speakers for this. Some thought it was due to some misunderstanding as to time and place while others attributed it to lack of organization.

Everything went off smoothly until just before the close when the "vote of thanks" period was reached. Motions had been passed thanking everybody from chairman of the old committee down. Mrs. Jennie L. Lels arose and asked if she, "as a rank outsider, might make a motion."

Chairman Day Thanked

The privilege was accorded her and she moved that a vote of thanks be extended to J. L. Day, chairman of the Multnomah county committee, for calling women into counsel during the last election campaign.

In stating the motion, Chairman Tongue said, "It has been moved and seconded that Mr. Day be given a vote of thanks for courtesies extended the ladies."

Mrs. Lels did not like the phrase "courtesies to the ladies" and retorted, "I do not think it is very becoming in the new chairman to speak so sarcastically."

Chairman Tongue was quick to disclaim any intention of discourtesy or offense and thought that Mrs. Lels must have misunderstood him. Nearly every one present thought it was incumbent upon him to pour oil on the troubled waters, or as some expressed it, calm the tempest in the tea pot.

All Take a Hand

All hastened to assure Mrs. Lels that they fully appreciated the aid of the women and cited the action of the committee in authorizing the appointment of an advisory committee of seven women which they said had been suggested by Chairman Tongue.

Dismissing the storm, the effect of all this talk was to augment it. Finally Colonel David M. Dunne of Portland moved that "we do now adjourn." The motion was put and carried after Chairman Tongue had again said that no discourtesy was intended and that there was no lack of appreciation of the political assistance rendered by the women.

Of the speeches made during the meeting, the main theme was that everything should be done to win the war, which was the paramount duty of the hour, but that after the war was over the Republican party was the only one which had the constructive ability to carry the nation through the trying period of reconstruction and readjustment of domestic affairs.

Platform Is Adopted

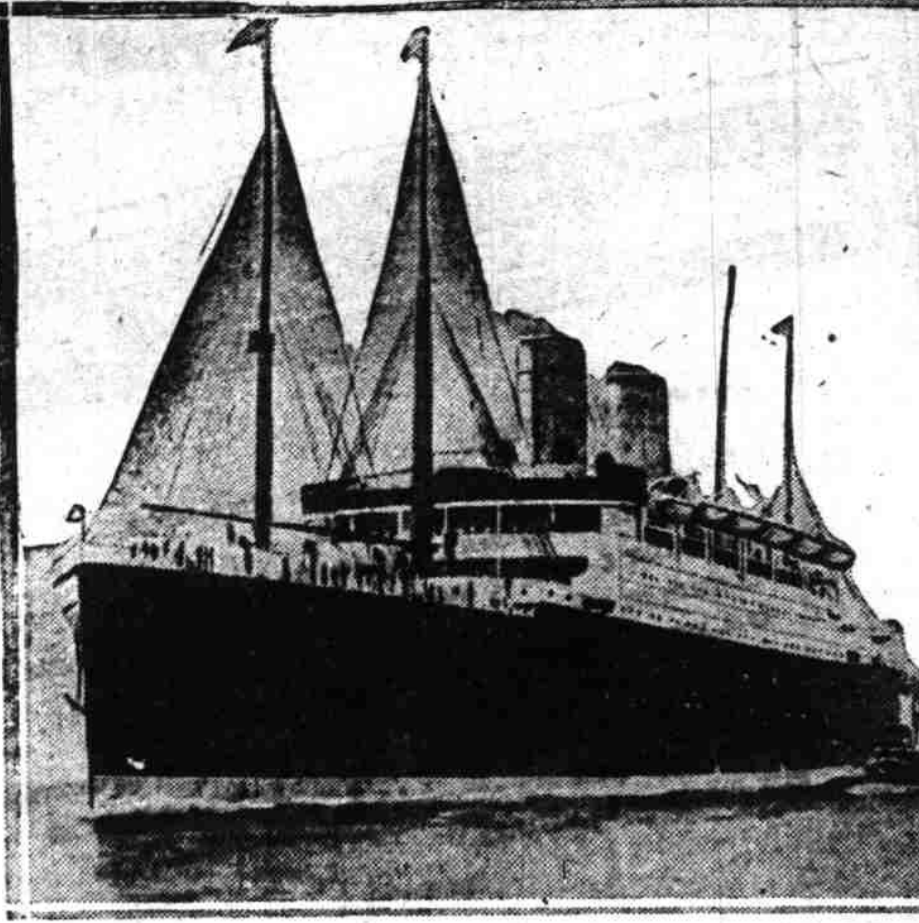
In the formal platform adopted, it was stated: "The Republican party, however, while discountenancing all destructive criticism, is a firm believer in the efficacy of honest, constructive criticism, holding that it is the only weapon with which inefficiency, mismanagement, profiteering and disloyalty which have not been successfully combated."

The platform commended the efforts of Senator McNary in congress; also the administration of state affairs by Governor Whitcomb.

Labor, organized and unorganized, was also commended for its loyal service to the nation.

The farmer was called to attention by a paragraph saying that it should be one of the first objects of the national government to encourage and aid the farmer to plant every last acre of land that is under cultivation and to assist him in every way possible to secure labor and to stabilize

### U. S. TRANSPORT COVINGTON



U. S. transport Covington, formerly the steamship Cincinatti, a German ship seized by the United States, which was sunk by a German submarine July 1 on a homeward voyage. Six members of the transport's crew are reported missing.

prices for products such as shall warrant increased production.

Urge Woman's Suffrage

The ratification of the national woman suffrage amendment was urged and it was deemed only just that lumber producers of the Pacific coast should be protected against discrimination which favors the Southern pine manufacturers.

The Republican party of Oregon is pledged to favor such legislation as may be required to fulfill all obligations and to provide for the welfare of soldiers upon their triumphant return from the war. "In this connection we urge that all necessary federal and state legislation be enacted to ensure the reeducation and rehabilitation of the wounded and to provide avenues for the employment of the soldiers and sailors who will seek it on their return."

The platform committee was composed of T. B. Neuhausen, Clyde Huntley and B. F. West.

Resolution of Condolence

In his speech on taking the chairmanship, Mr. Tongue said that he would have offered to Washington with other cement manufacturers to advise with the priority committee of war industry regarding the restriction of the use of cement to those things absolutely essential to the waging of war.

"Every cement manufacturing district was represented," said Mr. Newlands. "We were told by Judge Alton B. Parker, chairman of the committee, that the committee was not trying to hamper the industry but to confine the use of cement to only what was essential to win the war. In his opinion, the committee would not consider street or country roads paying essential except near cantonments or where the movement of military supplies was concerned."

"It was decided that the priority committee would leave the restriction of cement to the manufacturers themselves, as is now being done so long as war work is not interfered with."

This policy can be easily carried out, said Mr. Newlands, because of the fact that the production of cement is necessarily limited by the lack of fuel and labor. Furthermore there are no big projects under way demanding cement material. In Oregon the only important building is the bulk grain elevator in Mrs. W. H. Forge at 532 Montgomery street, will be regarded as an essential. Mr. and Mrs. Newlands and family will motor to Roseburg today for a vacation trip.

Italian Romance

Ends in Tragedy

Couple Pursued Across Continent Arrested in Los Angeles, But Boy, Aged 21, Dies on Train En Route Home.

Tucson, Ariz., July 6.—(U. P.)—Dross reality, not golden romance, paved the foot of the rainbow when Salvador P. Pesusto, 21, and Belle Babboosman, 18, of wealthy Italian parentage, chased clear across the continent in search of happiness.

Tonight the girl, in charge of a deputy marshal, is speeding home to her parents in Short Hill, N. J. Pesusto's body is on a slab in a local morgue. He dropped dead here today on the train carrying him from Los Angeles to Short Hill for trial on charge of violating the Mann act.

Parental opposition to their romance blocked them at home, according to the girl, so a flight to California was decided upon. Eluding detectives they reached a little town out of Los Angeles.

But again their plans were blocked. They were unable to obtain a marriage license without revealing their names. Before they could make other plans officers arrested them and they were ordered returned to their home town for trial.

Then Pesusto began to fall in health, brooding continually over the notoriety the rash act had caused the girl. He begged to be allowed to marry her.

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France Will Build Monument to U. S.

Washington, July 6.—France is to build in Paris after the war, a great monument to commemorate the help the United States has given in the war, according to a semi-official dispatch to the embassy here. At the same time the monument rises in Paris, a replica is to be built in Washington.

A committee was appointed in Paris during the fourth of July celebration this week to take charge of the plans and arrangements for the raising of the funds for the twin memorials. M. Leon Bonnat and M. Auguste Dulois are at the head of the movement. The monument may be placed in Paris in the Place de la Liberte, which is to be named the Place des Allies.

Hospital Inmate Dies

Pendleton, July 6.—Fannie E. Bivens, aged 52, died Friday night at the state hospital. She was committed to the hospital in April, 1913.

### OUTSIDE OF WAR BILLS, WORK IN CONGRESS HEAVY

Present Session Finds Its Task Far More Extended Than It Expected Last December.

### RAILROAD ACT FAR REACHING

Overman Bill Extends President's Power to Consolidate Department Bureaus at Capital.

Washington, July 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The present session of the war congress has found its work far more extended than it was expected to be when it met in December. The war bills first in sight led on to others not foreseen, but deemed essential as the need was developed in the "wilderness."

With unanimity which few would have dared predict at the time this country entered the war, congress has passed bills of a magnitude and scope of which the world has never before seen. Estimates of appropriations have been carefully scanned in committee, but there has been no hesitation over the cost, and the billion dollar bills and authorizations have unanimously been passed without a negative vote in either senate or house.

Aside from the appropriation bills scores of important general acts, those of greatest scope probably being the law placing the government in control of the railroads and the war finance act.

Security Issues Controlled

By the railroad bill the administration of all the railroads passed into the hands of the president, to be carried out under William McAdoo as director general.

By the war finance act the railroads and other transportation lines are placed under government control. It also places the government in position to control security issues which are not wise from the national standpoint.

Under the housing bill, \$110,000,000 was made available for employees of the government, of the shipyards and of war industries in all parts of the country. Another act gives the federal corporation power to take over street railway and local transportation lines.

German Property Seized

Acts have been passed extending the espionage law and to punish sabotage. These acts give effective remedy for wanton and hostile destruction of property and the suppression of a wide variety of war industry activities of a wide variety.

The alien property custodian act enables the government to take charge of the millions of dollars' worth of German-owned property, holding the investment to the owners at the end of the war.

The passport act regulates the movement of all persons into and out of the country, supplementing the other laws which are intended to protect the country from enemy schemes.

The Overman bill gave into the hands of the president the power to transfer and consolidate scattered departmental bureaus and to use the employees where they are most needed.

Trade Combinations Provided For

The Owen silver bill enabled the treasury to melt down \$200,000,000 in silver dollars to settle trade balances and to supply the need of India for billion, federal reserve notes issued in their place to be later retired as silver is mined and coined.

The Webb export act authorizes combinations in the export trade through common selling agencies, a step long urged by prominent business interests.

An act in promotion of export trade has had the effect of giving the president full power over exports and imports, and full or partial embargoes have already been laid as to several commodities, while all exports are controlled by license.

An act was passed to facilitate the condemnation of private land and property for government use and defining the terms upon which payment may be made.

Bigger Army Provided For

The draft act was amended to take in those who arrive at the age of 21, to provide an army without restriction as to size, and to permit the drawing to be conducted without hampering conditions.

Amendments have been adopted to the war insurance act to broaden it.

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and to cure difficulties which had arisen in its administration.

Legislation has been passed to provide for the vocational instruction of maimed and wounded soldiers, so they may be fitted in the best way for useful occupations when finally discharged.

Besides the authorization of the third Liberty loan, an act has been passed authorizing the issue of \$12,000,000,000 in bonds as they may be needed.

The farm loan act was amended to permit the purchase by the treasury of \$100,000,000 of farm loan bonds, so that the financing of the rural credit system would not be interrupted.

Pension Increase Made

To protect residents of Washington from profiteering landlords, an act was passed to maintain the status quo on rentals until further legislation is passed.

Declaration of war against Austria was one of the first acts after congress met in its present session.

Pensions for practically all survivors of the civil war have been increased and a law passed pensioning widows and minor children of the Spanish-American war.

Philippine insurrection and the Boxer rebellion.

The prohibition amendment to the constitution was submitted to the state legislatures for action.

The chief measure remaining for action are the new revenue bill to raise \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 additional by taxation, the water-power bill, the oil land leasing bill, the seacoast defense bill, the emergency food bill and the woman suffrage constitutional amendment.

St. Helens School Head Is Released

St. Helens, Or., July 6.—By a two to one vote L. L. Baker has been removed as superintendent of the St. Helens schools, and B. W. King of Gresham has been elected to succeed him.

Friends of Mr. Baker maintain that he was elected to succeed himself at a meeting of the board prior to the election of J. W. Aikin as a director, and it is understood that Mr. Baker may take legal steps in an effort to sustain his claim.

### Minneapolis Mayor Complies With Order

Mayor Thomas Van Lear Ordered to Maintain Order During Newby's Strike Under Penalty of Suspension.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 6.—(U. P.)—Mayor Thomas Van Lear replied tonight to Governor J. A. A. Burquist's demand that he enforce order during a newby's strike, in progress here, under penalty of suspension.

Van Lear, who is a Socialist, addressed a telegram to the governor denying that disorders exist. A similar telegram was sent the governor by Chief of Police Louis Hartill, upon whom like demand was made by the governor.

Burquist's demand was voiced in messages he sent to Van Lear and Hartill, calling attention to conditions resulting from the strike. The governor declared that unless order is maintained he would suspend the officials and added that "an appointment will be made which will result in enforcement of the law."

Van Lear asserted that political reasons prompted the governor's action.

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