

HOOVER'S FIGURE LOOMS LARGE IN POLITICAL GOSSIP

Many Express Willingness to Follow His Leadership Irrespective of Party Affiliation.

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1920). Washington, Jan. 9.—People who attend the Jackson day dinner and the meeting of the Democratic national committee—or for that matter the Republican national committee's meeting—are essentially politicians. Their conversation is about delegates and convention rules and booms and certain success and the terrible faults of the other party. Candidates have their boosters on the job quietly sounding out sentiment and extolling the virtues of the aspirants for the presidency.

But underneath it all, when you get them away from the formal stuff, the politicians who are here for the Democratic assemblies have their own ideas of what is going to happen in the coming campaign.

Far from being as comfortable as the Republicans were in their calculation that only Republicans could win this time, the Democrats seem to be saying that it will take "some candidate"—not any candidate—to win on the Democratic ticket.

There's a sense of the responsibility for the selection of a big man to be standard bearer of the party, but, as usual at this stage of the game, the friends of McAdoo, Palmer, Governor Cox, Senator Pomeroy, Senator Hitchcock, James W. Gerard and, last but not least, William Jennings Bryan, have a confident feeling that their man measures up actually to specifications. They talk about their individual choices with the usual enthusiasm, but running through it all seems to be a belief that the Democrats will either have to have a really big personality or a strong issue. HOOVER IS SUGGESTED

The more or less disinterested of the political delegates talk about Herbert Hoover and there is no underestimating his possibilities even by a factor in the committee here who have candidates of their own to espouse.

Indeed, the most interesting bit of political news in the Democratic gathering is the pronounced friendliness to Herbert Hoover.

"Is he a Democrat?" is the question which I overheard one committee man ask another.

"I don't know," was the reply. "But the people down my way don't much care whether he is or not."

Strength for Herbert Hoover comes not merely out of the West, from which section he hails, but from the South. One of the men who has much to do with South Carolina politics and delegations, for instance, told me that if the convention were held tomorrow it would not be a difficult matter to swing South Carolina for Hoover.

PEOPLE WANT HIM But there are certain pledges that always go for the first ballot. One man who counts among the liberals and radicals pledged to McAdoo, but he thought in the end he might be found swinging his delegation toward Hoover.

It is well to get a perspective on the Hoover candidacy, however. He has no organization or headquarters, nor are any friends who can be counted as intimates of the former food administrator busy talking about him. His strength appears to be coming from the non-political elements in various communities, but it is of sufficient size to cause the politicians to admit even as early as this that Herbert Hoover is a factor in the nomination contest in the Democratic party.

BRYAN REAL POWER As for issues, keep your eye on William Jennings Bryan. Just at the moment when liberals and radicals and labor votes and large sections of the alien population have been preparing to go over to the Republican party, partly as a protest against some phases of President Wilson's foreign policy, such as his handling of the Fiume question or the Irish problem, or domestic policy,

the demands of the railway brotherhoods; and partly as a protest against the attitude of Postmaster General Burleson toward labor unions, and the use of the injunction power against the coal miners. Just at this moment along comes brother Bryan to help keep the Democratic vote intact.

No matter how radical his expressions, no matter how extreme his utterances, no matter how extreme his suggestions, the conservative wing of the Democratic party, which is as interested in keeping a solid front in the party as is Mr. Bryan, shrilly welcomes the return of the commoner to prevent the party from disintegrating.

HOLDS BIG STICK There is, for instance, a noticeable leaning on the part of Eastern Democrats toward the wet side of the prohibition problem, but the commoner is fully capable of preventing his party from going too far afield on that question by the natural check which his influence in the party councils will be.

Will Bryan be a factor himself in the nominating contest? Hardly in the sense that he can nominate himself, but certainly in the sense that he can cause considerable trouble for any candidate who doesn't share to some extent at least his conception of what the Democratic platform should be.

As for delegates, it is the same old story. The party in power happens to be Democratic but it has occurred again and again when the Republicans were on the inside; namely, the officeholders and men in the White House can, under our present system, control the choice of the convention.

MAY SUPPORT HOOVER Although President Wilson isn't going to be a candidate himself his letter to the Jackson day dinner shows clearly that he doesn't mean to keep his hands off the party machinery.

Mr. Bryan is what may be called a radical liberal. Woodrow Wilson is a conservative liberal. The two forces in the party are in a compromise if the time the convention is over, as they both value Democratic harmony more than they do their own opinions. Also Mr. Bryan has swallowed indelible platforms before and Mr. Wilson is an avowed opportunist. And when it comes to candidates it will not be surprising to find the Wilson influence being turned in the direction of Herbert Hoover if the Republicans haven't captured him by mid-summer.

ALIEN RUSSIANS SIGH FOR STEPPES AND SNOW FIELDS OF FATHERLAND

City, County and Federal Officials Are Asked to Aid Them in Return to Their Homes.

In order to return to their native lands, alien Russians and Finns of Portland have appealed through the Central Labor council to Mayor Baker to aid them in obtaining permission from federal officials to leave the United States. After a conference yesterday between Mayor Baker, United States Attorney Humphreys, District Attorney Evans and City Attorney LaRoche, it was decided to send a telegram to immigration officials at Washington for information concerning the cases.

Local representatives of the Russian and Finnish colonies have urged the Central Labor council to arrange a mass meeting for these people to enlist public sentiment for their cause. Mayor Baker said that he is willing to help any law-abiding alien to leave this country, but his advice is to meet the real purpose of it is to protest against the deportation of aliens who are guilty of violating the federal statutes.

Sentiment is said to be divided among local aliens who desire to leave for their native lands. Some favor the soviet government in Russia, while others pledge allegiance to the old regime. Pending word from Washington, Mayor Baker asserts that officials will refuse to sanction any meeting of aliens.

No Verdict Reached After being out on the case of Mathew Anderson, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, since 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the jury in Judge Kavanaugh's court was finally summoned in at 11 o'clock this morning and dismissed, no verdict having been reached.

OPINIONS FROM EAST MAY STIR G. O. P. MEETING

Plans on Foot for Republican Pow Wow and Dinner February 12, Now in Committee Hands.

The next political get together meeting and feed of importance will be that to be held on Lincoln's birthday by the Republican organizations of the state and county. It will begin on the morning of February 12 with a mass meeting and will end in the evening with a banquet.

It is expected that two speakers of national prominence, a man and a woman, will be secured to make the principal addresses at the banquet. The program made of Will Hays, chairman of the national committee. This request will be supplemented by a personal appeal made by State Chairman Thomas H. Tongue when he meets the national chairman in San Francisco at the conference of Western Republican leaders to be held in that city then.

The Lincoln day banquet plans were placed in the hands of a number of committees by State Chairman Tongue, at a meeting of the general committee held last night in the office of the state central committee in the White House building. The general committee is composed of representatives of the various official committees of the party, together with representatives of all the Republican clubs in the city. At the meeting last night Chairman Tongue appointed the following committees to have charge of the mass meeting and banquet:

Committee on the program, J. W. Hawkins, John L. Day, David M. Dunne, James S. Stewart, Judge John McCreary, Charles E. G. C. Moore, Walter E. Gitchow, Leonard L. Krause, M. G. Griffin, Pasquale Toni, John W. Cochran, Mrs. G. W. Stapleton, Mrs. W. N. Neidinger, Mrs. R. French, Mrs. Frank L. Chambers of Eugene and Mrs. D. Perce of Astoria.

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LAND OPENING IN KLAMATH IS ASKED

On behalf of the American Legion, R. E. Bradbury of Klamath Falls submitted a resolution requesting that 10-day permits be issued for the Klamath lake region be opened to entry in conformity with Representative Sinnott's house bill No. 11291. The resolution would withhold these lands from lease by the California-Oregon Power company.

A substitute measure proposes that former service men be given preference right in filling on all present or future public lands. This would, it is said, include the Klamath lake territory.

WOULD CONSERVE DOMAIN Conservation of the public domain for public uses was urged by Fred F. Henshaw, district engineer, United States geological survey, in a resolution demanding the reservation of sites for water storage now within public domain but withheld from public entry or sale unless they are specifically proved to be of no value for irrigation or drainage purposes.

C. C. Clark of Arlington, president of the John Day irrigation district, demanded the campaign to start that district drainage, accomplishing what he asked, in a resolution for the appointment of a committee of three persons to secure state and federal aid for the project.

"Having organized the district amid ideal geographic, climatic, market and transportation facilities," Clark explained, "the project has been proved an excellent one from every standpoint, but the millions of dollars worth of waste material produced in the lumber mills of Oregon. Even the bark of the trees may be turned to good account and slinkings utilized in making good hemlock bark find a ready market.

WASHINGTON STATE Commercial Body Names Trustees Yakima, Jan. 9.—Five trustees elected by the state Chamber of Commerce were: A. La Violette, Bremerton; C. L. Babcock, Port Angeles; E. B. King, Tacoma; W. C. Fudge, Ellensburg; and F. D. Case of Wenatchee. King was re-elected.

Right of collective bargaining and demanding the right of any man to work when and where he pleases, the state chamber went on record for individual rights under the constitution. The resolution demands that any organization pretending to speak for labor shall be incorporated and made morally and financially responsible for its actions.

A resolution relating to methods for handling the car shortage that threatened the industries of the Northwest was passed, suggesting that the federal government place the car supply in the hands of L. C. Gilman, regional director, or that his recommendations be given careful consideration. Road and bridge building and other matters may be up for other resolutions.

LEVITTS PURCHASES Entire Stock From United Apparel Co. A. D. Frost, who has been conducting the United Apparel company at 381 Morrison street, yesterday announced that he had sold the entire stock and fixtures of the United Apparel company to Levitts, Inc.

That other business demanded his entire attention, Frost's reason for retiring from this line.

This store has been appreciated by many Portland and vicinity shoppers. It is a well-kept, well-understood, will continue the business.

Arbitrator Fixes Wages Spokane, Wash., Jan. 9.—Spokane pressmen and pressfeeders will receive from \$21.50 to \$35.00 a week, according to a report from Herbert H. Moore, referee of an arbitration committee.

SCHOOL BOARD TO HANDLE JANITORS' CENTRAL HEAD

Creation of Superintendent of Operations Decided On; Heating Plants Included in Change.

Re-creation of an administrative position over the public schools' heating system and janitor service, known as superintendent of operations, was decided upon at the semi-annual meeting of the school board Thursday night, presided over by Chairman O. M. Plummer.

As the result of a recent controversy over the dismissal of a school janitor, through whose carelessness, it was asserted, pipes froze and a school school, the need was felt for a centralized authority having jurisdiction over janitors and all matters pertaining to the heating equipment and school property.

SEVERAL YEARS RECALLED Several years ago a man was employed by the school board to act as personal supervisor over these affairs. But at the time of the war he resigned and with the right cost and scarcity of labor, the responsibility was transferred to School Clerk Thomas. The boiler inspection maintained by insurance companies is not considered adequate to assure the safety of the school heating plants. All the janitors have heretofore reported to Superintendent Gray. Under the new system they will be directly responsible to the superintendent of operation. According to Director George Orton, more responsibility will be placed on the principals in janitor service.

When the board members found the conference room occupied by five teachers and five men friends of Principal William Parker of Vernou, representing the group who wish to be retained in direct opposition to those to whom he had given his word to request his transfer to another building, the old controversy demanded the attention of the directors.

COMPLAINT IS SOUGHT Several weeks ago a strike was staged by pupils of the upper grades at Vernou as an expression of sentiment against Parker. Parker then went to parents to request that they be retained in direct opposition to those to whom he had given his word to request his transfer to another building, the old controversy demanded the attention of the directors.

WOOD PRODUCTS EXHIBIT STORE

Artificial Silk Made From Lumber Mill Waste; Many Other Things Come From Same Source.

Twenty unusual wood products, manufactured from lumber mill waste, are on exhibition in a Sixth street window of the Meier & Frank store. The exhibit was secured by L. A. Nelson, local secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, and was prepared in the U. S. forestry products laboratory at Madison, Wis.

Artificial silk made up into cloth and socks for kiddies is one of the unique features of the exhibit. In the process of manufacture the wood is reduced to a viscous semi-fluid and pressed through tiny apertures in a steel plate, emerging into a hardening fluid which gives the fibers the strength of natural silk.

Other important products shown in the exhibit are gunpowder made from wood pulp, phonograph records containing from 60 to 80 per cent of wood flour, paper absorbent used as a substitute for cotton absorbent as a surgical dressing, paper for paper baskets, wrapping twine, paper cloth, paper webbing, linoleum made from wood flour and linseed oil. Wood flour is extensively used in the manufacture of toys, dynamite, tubing and many other articles.

TO INTEREST LOCAL CAPITAL The chief purpose of the exhibit is to interest local capital in the salvage of millions of dollars worth of waste material produced in the lumber mills of Oregon. Even the bark of the trees may be turned to good account and slinkings utilized in making good hemlock bark find a ready market.

DOMINANCE OF WILSON IS ALL-PERVADING

It was only an incident, a very minor incident, but it showed the temper of the crowd. It was a Wilson crowd and it was a Wilson night just as it had been a Wilson day.

Secretary Daniels was in conference with Mr. Bryan for 15 minutes today. He insisted he called only to pay his respects to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan refused to discuss a subject then.

It was learned, however, that there had been a warm denunciation of Mr. Bryan's stand during the cabinet meeting, and that Secretary Daniels had told Mr. Bryan that some of the things that have been said of him.

STEPS MAY BE TAKEN TO BRING THE TREATY ISSUE to the people before the presidential campaign, it was learned at the White House. It is understood that Democratic leaders, fearing a clash in their own party, are now working out a plan which will be submitted to the president.

There was an unconfirmed report that a report received at the headquarters of the state fish and game commission.

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HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU SAID "I Don't Mind the Washing But I Do Hate the Ironing!" Then let me whisper a secret—there's a way to make ironing just as e-a-s-y. And that's by using the HORTON IRONING MACHINE

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STREET BANDITS AND HOUSE THIEVES TAKE JEWELRY, CLOTHES, CASH

Two Residences Stripped of Removable Articles of Value; One Man Held Up.

Alex Donaldson, 535 Glenn avenue, superintendent of the street cleaning department, reported to the inspector's department that his home was entered Thursday night by robbers who gained entrance to the house by breaking a glass in a rear door. Articles reported missing include: A leather handbag, suitcase, ring, gold watch set with diamonds and pearls, gold bar pin, set of cuff links, two suits of clothing and watch. Inspectors Tichenor and Swenness were assigned to the case.

Dr. William Killenworth, 1881 Derby street, reported that his home had been entered through a basement door. Among other things taken were two silk shirts, nine pair of silk hose, six pair light hose, two ties, bath robe, toilet set, several neckties, amethyst ring, jade ring, pearl ring, \$4 cash. Inspectors Phillips and Tackaberry are investigating.

Frank R. Ramsey, 870 Princeton street, reported that he was held up Thursday night about one block from his home and robbed of \$5. The hold-up man was described as 30 years old, 5 feet 8 inches, weighing 130 pounds. The robber told Ramsey it was necessary for him to obtain money somewhere to support his wife and children.

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PORTLAND BANKS ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

Hibernia Savings Bank Changes Name to Hibernia Commercial and Savings Bank, at Meeting.

The stockholders of the Ladd & Tilton bank held their annual meeting Thursday at which the former directors of the bank were re-elected for the ensuing year. The directors are: W. M. Ladd, Edward Cookinham, Isaac D. Hunt, Frederic B. Pratt, Harold I. Pratt, Raymond B. Wilcox and Cameron Squires.

The board of directors at their meeting elected the following officers: W. M. Ladd, chairman of the board; Edward Cookinham, president; Isaac D. Hunt, Samuel L. Eddy, Robert S. Howard, vice presidents; Walter M. Cook, cashier; Thomas H. West, Cameron Squires, E. C. Blohm and Arthur W. Brookings, assistant cashiers.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Portland Trust company Thursday afternoon the following directors were re-elected: Emory Olmstead, George H. Kelly, A. D. Clifton, John T. Why, Dean Vincent, Dr. A. S. Nichols and O. L. Price.

The officers of the company remain unchanged for 1920. Emory Olmstead, president; Dean Vincent and O. L. Price, vice presidents; C. W. DeGraff, secretary, and Fred F. Pitcock, assistant secretary.

BANK CHANGES NAME That the Hibernia Savings bank will hereafter be known as the Hibernia Commercial and Savings bank was the decision made at the annual meeting of the stockholders of that institution yesterday. The following directors and officers were elected: Directors—James J. Barron, John F. Daly, Noble Wiley Jones, Drake C. O'Reilly, C. B. Sewall, Arthur C. Spencer, Lansing Stout, Joseph E. Wiley. Officers—John F. Daly, president; Lansing Stout, vice president; C. B. Sewall, vice president and cashier; Joseph E. Wiley, vice president; Fred I. Weber and Charles V. Galloway, assistant cashiers.

DIRECTORS ARE RETAINED No change was made in the roster of directors or officers at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Bank of Portland held Thursday. The direc-

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SAWDUST DUMPERS Fined A. A. Craveness of Pike and W. M. Belt of Yamhill were arrested at Pike early this week by H. D. McDonald for placing sawdust and mill waste in a truck contrary to state fish laws and following hearings at McMinnville were each fined \$25 and \$35.50 costs, according to a report received at the headquarters of the state fish and game commission.

THE FIRST FATALITY FROM smallpox was reported to the city health bureau this morning with the death of Thursday of Daniel Penny, the 12-day-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Penny, 614 East Ninth street. The Penny baby contracted the disease