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Washington, May 19.—Entirely apart from the question of what the Republican national convention may the special committee of policies and mark an epoch in the evolution of

the party platforms. Will Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, and his right bower, State Senator Ogden L. Mills of the New York legislature, came to town and exhibited to a room full of Washington correspondents the laits of

months of research on public questions. Later these two individuals submitted the 20 reports of their subcommittees to the members of congress who are to help draft the Republican platform SENATORS WORK ON LEAGUE

The reports are in pamphlet form and cover every subject of importance except the peace treaty and League of Nations, planks which members of the senate are drafting. The unofficial platform committee conducted a mail canvass, sending a printed form broadcast asking every conceivable question. The queries were not phrased suggestively. but in a way that would bring out a variety of answers.

It doesn't make much difference what anyone thinks of the "epublican party or the views that have been summarized in the big report brought here by Will Hays as a fair reflection of American public opinion, but the fact is that here-tofore decisions have been made in the excitement and haste of committee meetings at the national conventions and the conventions have usually adopted plank after plank without much debate. The assembly is usually too large to

permit of lengthy discussion, Both the Republicans and Democrats have not infrequently been embarrassed by the patchwork of committees on platforms. Candidates have had to stand on these platforms when they usually had no part in framing them.

The Republicans have introduced novel plan. They have attempted to use the months before the convention to get a true chart of the desires of the electorate. Instead of leaving the subject to members of congress who are often too close to executive tangles to get a good perspective, the Republican national committee has gone to the factory and the farm, to employer and employe. Every delegate probably will have copies of the volume before the convention PUBLIC MUST PUSH

The Democrats, of course, point to the futility of the whole business, contending that the material can be found in the daily newspapers and magazines, and that even if condensed into platform planks the machine politicians of the Republican party will make the platform as innocuous and inoffensive as

But the Republicans who have worked on the plan are not so sure that the old line bosses who pull the strings are search work as has been done by the They hope, and privately they insist, that no body of politicians will be able to ignore the work of the platform committee if pub-

lic opinion should get solidly behind it Will Hays is a shrewd leader. He has used the progressives in the Republican party to draw up a series of plat-form planks. He is courting the widest publicity. He hopes to get the Republican party committed to these progressive principles so that no group of conservatives or standpatters can defeat the efforts of the progressives. A conservative might even be nominated, but he wants the platform to breathe of forward looking doctrine.

in making the series of reports, all of which have been printed in a single volume with margin indexes like a big dictionary. Senator Capper heads the comnittee on agricultural interests. James R. Garfield, civil service and retirement; Gifford Pinchot and Dan C. Jackling, conservation; Frank Vanderlip, banking, currency and inflation; Everett Colby of New Jersey, federal and state rights; Helen Rogers Reid, wife of the editor of the New York Tribune, high cost of living: Representative Gillette, immigra-tion; R. J. Caldwell, industrial re-lations; George Wharton Pepper, indus-try and commerce; John M. Switzer, insular possessions; former Senator Beveridge, law and order; General Goethals, merchant marine; Representative James W. Good, national economy; George B. Lockwood, postal service; William Allen White, social problems; Ogden Mills, taxation; Frederick Frelinghuysen, war risk insurance. CANDIDATES ARE QUIET

The foregoing names are printed at the top of the various reports, showing that each conducted the questionnaire on the subject assigned. The reports are to be made public in a few days. The series of questions have already been made public. They are far reaching and exhaustive. Will Hays and his associates are quite proud of their work. At least, they have endeavored to find out what the people would like to see writ-ten in one party platform. It is not ex-trame, neither socialistic nor reaction-ary, but a sort-of-middle-of-the-road



For Delegate to the REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

publican aspirants for the nominatio have had much to do with the platform. They have refrained from announcing any programs of their own except in general terms, but the work of the platform committee will afford a textbook for all candidates.

Yamhill Forum for Highway Measures

county's proposed road bond issues, toresolution passed at a meeting of the Yamhill county forum at McMinnville. But three dissenting votes were registered. The forum is composed of delegates from all parts of the county.

of a presidential nomination with all the eagerness of small boys who can't wait for the circus to come.

They all wanted to carry water for the elephant.

Alexander F. Jones Chicago, May 19 .- Republican

politicians today watched carpenters transforming the barn-like Coliseum with the voluminous report of gether with the state 4 per cent limita- into a place fit to be the birthplace tion tax measure, were approved in a of a presidential nomination with all

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mmittee. "They know their to seat 49 men, as Senator Penrose siness. They are turning out planks would be too busy to sit down. for the Republican platform, levelling 561 TO "WRITE IT UP" things off for the steam roller, and

PENROSE TO BE BUSY

This levity seemed contagious, and a carpenter was ordered to select an especially smooth plank for the center of distinguished and otherwise. "Senator Lodge is going to stand on 50 delegates. An additional row of

"Maybe it would be best to get a rubber matting to put around Murray Crane's seat," was another suggestion. States will brokenly be put in for than of the First division have accept vitations to act in this capacity, a of them are said to be husky men and women at the convention, ac-

every time they knock wood it is a boost for the Republican party."

Secret: Henley said that seats will be constructed for more than 13,000

it," it was suggested. "He likes his sur-roundings harmonious."

Seats will probably be put in for those states which have selected more than

on't bother the carpenters," said Another onlooker said that the Penn-cording to the applications granted. It Henley, secretary of the convension should be constructed was stated today that all of these seats Hand's famous Chicago band. Former Klamath Timber Hit FAMOUS BAND READY

Tickets to the convention will be sergeants-at-arms are to be ex-service men, in charge of Brigadier General James A. Ryan. Many of the veterans

that no slip-up would be made, as has band, formerly led by Johnny Hand, been the case in the past. Storm to Be Sold "Star Spangled Banner" at the exact

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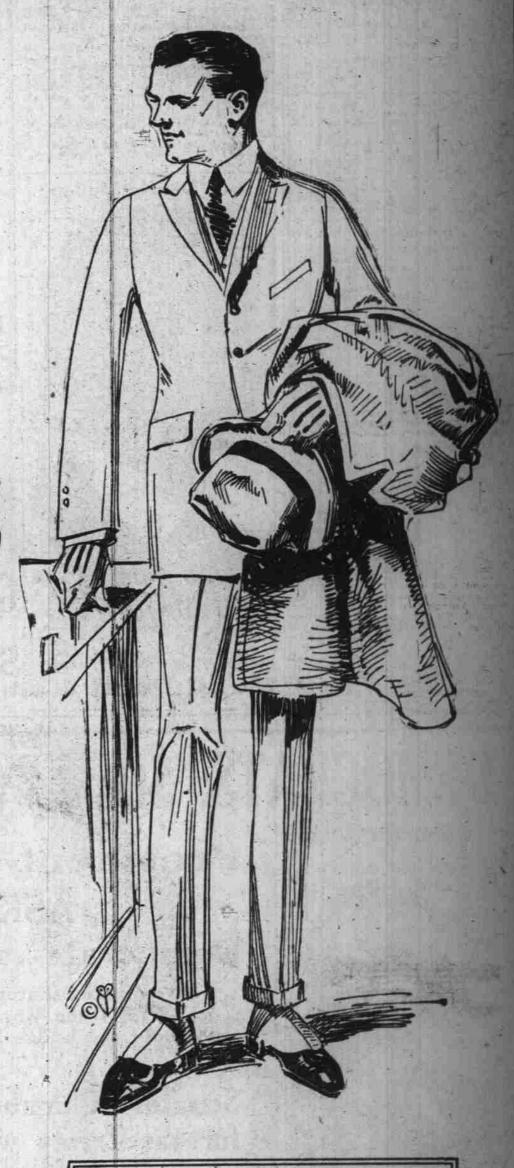
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