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CONVENTION ATMOSPHERE GROWS TENSE

Knox-Johnson Candidacy Rumored California Senator on Record as Refusing Second Place on Ticket

**DEMOCRATIC LEADER
VISITS OPEN SESSIONS**

Homer S. Cummings Watches Presidential Row With Eagle Eye

CHICAGO, June 2.—Pre-convention atmosphere here got its first real stir today from developments in the Republican national committee and movements among forces gathering for the contest next week. Talk of a Knox-Johnson candidacy became the topic of the day. Some of the gossip connected John T. King, national committee man from Connecticut and formerly General Wood's manager, with the Knox-Johnson movement, but Mr. King declined to say anything for publication. Johnson headquarters merely pointed out that the California senator has placed himself on record as refusing a second place on any ticket.

The national committee's hearing of contests was enlivened by some hotly debated cases and also a visit from Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee. Mr. Cummings, availing himself of the open sessions, visited the hearing room where he became the center of a good-natured reception which almost drowned out the proceedings. He was photographed with Republican Chairman Hays, and looked over the Coliseum for ideas to take to San Francisco.

Delegates Thrown Out.
In its day's work on the contests the committee threw out both sets of delegates which asked seats for the fifth congressional district of Missouri, the Kansas City district. A heated controversy was aired in a long hearing.

Deciding the first case affecting the strength of the Johnson forces in the convention, the committee voted to seat the delegates from the tenth Minnesota district who are unopposed but counted as favorable to the candidacy of the California senator. The defeated delegation was pledged to the candidacy of General Wood.

In the Mississippi contests the committee decided to seat the delegates at large headed by National Committeeman Mulvihill, but did not decide on the contests from the eighth congressional district, because it was necessary to have a sub-committee look over the proofs. In the Louisiana contests the committee voted to seat the officially reported delegation headed by National Committeeman Emile Kuntz of New Orleans, which was unopposed, but claimed for the Wood forces and in part by the Lowden managers.

Missouri Disposed Of.
The contest from the fourth Missouri district was quickly disposed of by seating the regularly reported delegation, unopposed, but claimed by the Wood forces. One of the contestants, John Albus of St. Joseph, who was mentioned in testimony before the senate committee as having been paid \$2000 from the Lowden campaign fund, did not appear to press his case.

The sensational fight of the day came on the contest from the Kansas City district, which the committee finally solved by refusing to seat anybody. Charges of "strong-arm" politics, meetings broken up by means of gas bombs, women and negroes and a rule flow thick and fast. Committeemen denounced the situation in the district as "disgraceful and tainted with fraud," and after voting down by a close vote a motion to seat the regularly reported delegates, decided to seat none of the parties.

Votes Reduced to 982.
This action reduced the total number of votes in the convention from 984 to 982 and furnished the first case in which a district will be left without representation in its deliberations. The net results of the day's work were to bring the number of contests disposed of up to 32 out of the 137 filed.

The Georgia and Florida cases continued to hang fire in sub-committee.

BERRY AND CHERRY CONTRACTS CLOSED

NO MORE THIS SEASON BY CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

New Prune Processing Plant at Dallas Half Built—Sites Secured for Others

The building for the new prune processing plant of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association at Dallas is already half built and sites have been secured during the past few days at Forest Grove, Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Grants Pass. At Forest Grove a new prune packing plant will be erected on land just west of the cannery. The pear and apple packing plant at Grants Pass will be located on the old cannery property. The association has also recently purchased the prune processing plant owned by the Scotts Mills Prune Packing corporation.

The association announces that no more crop marketing contracts for the 1920 crop of berries and cherries will be taken. Closing dates for other kinds of fruit will be announced soon. Closing dates for apple and pear contracts in the Medford and Grants Pass districts were set for June 1.

GOVERNOR WILL GIVE DIPLOMAS

Fred Lockley Will Deliver Graduation Address to Chemawa Students

Governor Ben W. Olcott will present diplomas of graduation to 19 students at the Salem Indian Training school at Chemawa tonight at 8 o'clock at the school. Fred Lockley of the Portland Journal will deliver the graduation address.

The entertainment which has furnished much pleasure to the students and friends during the week will start tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. when the competitive military drill by the boys and girls will be held on the school grounds. This will be followed by the dress parade by both the boys' and girls' battalions with the entire school participating.

At 2 p. m. will be lawn sports for the small boys and girls and at 6:30 o'clock will be another band concert. Governor and Mrs. Olcott and Mr. and Mrs. Lockley will be guests for dinner of Superintendent and Mrs. Harwood Hall. The dinner will be held in the domestic science dining room and will be prepared and served by that department.

Last night the senior class gave its annual class play. The play chosen was "Sylvia." Those who were in the opera Tuesday night and those who attended last night are the play equally as well given as the entertainment of the preceding evening. The house was packed with friends from Salem and nearby, so much so that it was necessary for the students to give space to the guests. The scenes which represented a hay field were "farmer" boys and "milkmaid" girls.

The leading role was taken by Miss Marina Nelson who was Sylvia. The prince, the leading man was played by Charles Williams. William Kennedy acted the part of Sir Bernard De Long. Miss Anna Miller was Betty.

GAS HELD FOR SHRINE WEEK

Portland to Ration Supply So That Visitors May Have Trips

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2.—Strict rationing of gasoline in Portland was the chief measure decided on today at a conference of officials and citizens with representatives of the oil companies, held to discuss the present serious shortage in gasoline existing here. Representatives of the oil companies were asked to devise a plan whereby the proposed conservation can best be carried out, and a committee of members of the conference was appointed to make the plan obligatory on consumers. By the rationing plan it is intended that sufficient gasoline shall be accumulated here to give visitors expected during Shrine week, starting June 21, automobile tours without stint.

CAMPAIGN DEFENDED BY LOWDEN

No Illegitimate Expenditure Made by Himself or Manager Says Candidate—Payments for Organization

GIVES ORDERS NO LARGE SUMS SHOULD BE USED

Aspirant Believes in Airing Expenses Before Public—Knows Nothing of Money

CHICAGO, June 2.—Governor Frank O. Lowden tonight in a formal statement disavowed for himself and for his campaign manager, L. L. Emmerson any illegitimate expenditures from his campaign fund, and denounced the two Missouri delegates who testified yesterday before the senate committee as having received contributions and expecting to vote for his nomination.

The payments were made to the men for organization purposes, Governor Lowden's statement declared. Before Mr. Emmerson knew they would be candidates for delegates, and the governor declared he would not accept their votes in the convention if cast for him.

At the same time, the governor spoke for legislation to control, limit and give publicity to campaign expenditures. His statement follows:

Only Legitimate Expenses
"My injunctions to Mr. Emmerson were to use no money, except for legitimate purposes of the campaign and to make no expenditures which could not be made public. He has assured me that my wishes in this respect have been absolutely complied with and I have full faith he has told me the truth.

"Personally I knew nothing until I read his testimony of the payments to Moore and Goldstein. Mr. Emmerson informs me that these contributions were made in January long before the delegate conventions were held and that the personnel of the Missouri delegation was at no time discussed with them; that the contributions were made upon the representations that the amounts were required for the organization of their districts. Further, he tells me he did not know at the time that either of them would be a candidate for delegate. However, the testimony of Moore and Goldstein before the senate committee, as reported through the press, clearly shows that they are not fit to sit in a national convention, and certainly I will not accept their support.

Vice in Present Systems
"This goes for any other delegate or delegates if any, similarly situated. The vice of the whole thing inheres in the present systems. Under existing conditions a nationwide campaign for the presidency necessarily required the expenditure of a great deal of money for legitimate purposes. I suppose no system can be devised to avoid some expense, but I do think that congress should clearly define the purpose, limit the amount, and force an accurate disclosure, under proper penalties, of the source of all contributions, and to whom paid and for what purpose paid.

"If this government is to survive, some method must be devised to protect the great presidential office from even a suspicion of corruption."

Edgar J. Cook, who has been in charge of Senator Johnson's Chicago headquarters said:

"It may not be bribery to make the payment of \$2,500 each to Nat Goldstein and Robert Moore of St. Louis, delegates from Missouri, who had previously met Governor Lowden in the state mansion at Springfield, but I charge directly that it was such a use of money by those closely associated with Governor Lowden's campaign as to bring the party into disgrace.

"Missouri had no preferential presidential primary. There was no use to which a candidate for president could expend money except to thus curry favor with delegates and in this manner warp their judgment. This is a disgrace.

GAME COMMISSION IS AFTER OFFENDERS

BLASTING IN NORTH SANTIAM KILLS MANY FINE FISH

Board Offers \$200 Reward for Information Leading to Arrest and Conviction

The state fish and game commission has authorized a reward of \$200 to be paid for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of persons using explosives in any of the streams of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

Persons have been blasting, it is said, in the North Santiam river in the vicinity of Stayton and Green's bridge and as a result many dead fish have been seen in the river. Information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the offenders may be turned over to Roy Bremner, district game warden, at Salem.

ALTERNATES TO BE RECOGNIZED

Committeeman Williams' Resolution Is Passed in Convention City

Secretary of State Sam A. Koser yesterday received a telegram from Ralph E. Williams, Oregon national committeeman now at Chicago, with the information that the national committee has passed his resolution to seat as alternate delegates in the national convention the four Oregon candidates receiving next to the highest vote at the election May 21 for the state at large and the two receiving next to the highest vote in each of the three congressional districts.

The alternates, according to the official canvass of the state will be: State at large—Sanford McDonald and William J. Harrison of Portland; Daniel Boyd of Enterprise and R. N. Butler of The Dalles.

First district—Joel C. Booth of Lebanon and Frank T. Wrightman of Salem.

Second district—M. Z. Donnell of The Dalles and F. S. Carl of Pendleton.

Third district—David M. Dunne and Dan Kellaher of Portland.

Secretary of State Koser yesterday mailed certificates of election to the ten men who were successful candidates in Oregon for delegates to the Republican national convention at Chicago and duplicate certificates to Ralph Williams, national committeeman for Oregon, who is now in Chicago.

Certificates were sent to the following delegates:

State at large—Wallace McCamant, Charles H. Carey and Conrad P. Olson of Portland and John L. Rand of Baker.

First congressional district—Walter L. Toole of McMinnville and E. J. Adams of Eugene.

Second district—W. H. Brooke of Ontario and D. J. Cooper of The Dalles.

Third district—Dow V. Walker and Hamilton Johnstone of Portland.

S. P. Snowsides Burn—Delay Traffic

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 2.—The burning of nearly 2,000 feet of snowsides five miles east of Summit on the Oregon route of the Southern Pacific today held up traffic on both sides of the mountains and caused the re-routing of this city of the special bearing the California delegates to the republican national convention. This train will be detoured over the Western Pacific to Salt Lake City where it will again take the Southern Pacific line to the convention city.

The fire started at about six o'clock from a cause unknown, according to telephonic information to night received from Summit. Fire fighters were rushed to the burning sheds and soon had the fire under control.

FORESTS CAUSE SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The high cost of timber and newsprint paper is due in no small measure to the depletion of the forests of the east, Secretary Meredith informed the senate today in transmitting a report by the forest service.

Scarcity of timber in the eastern states is by no means the only cause of high prices, said the secretary's letter. "But the fact remains that three fifths of the original timber of the United States is gone and that we are using timber four times as fast as we are growing it."

SHORTAGE OF FUEL ACUTE, ALARM FELT

State Chamber of Commerce Calls Conference in Portland Today; Salem Will be Represented

SUSPICION DIRECTED UPON BIG COMPANIES

Reports Are Broadcast That Gasoline Shipments Go to Foreign Ports

The gasoline situation has become so acute in Oregon during the past few days that business interests of the state growing alarmed have decided to take the matter up and see if it is not possible to discover some remedy for the shortage.

A special meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce, to which representatives from every commercial club and similar organization in the state, have been called, will be held in Portland today. There is a general feeling among business interests of Oregon that this state and the northwest are being discriminated against by large oil corporations of the country.

Fuel Crosses Seas
According to the opinion of many persons, the oil companies have let large contracts to foreign countries, from whom they can demand much larger prices than they can receive in the United States. In order to fill these contracts the northwest has been put on half rations for the season and the industries seriously crippled.

The Salem Commercial club received a message yesterday afternoon from George Quayle, secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, asking that a representative be sent to today's meeting and that the state organization be informed as to the gas situation here. In reply the following was sent by T. E. McCroskey, manager of the local club:

"Salem's plan of gas distribution is not strenuous. Trucks served first and fully. District agencies fill at plant if necessary and charge to dealer's next allotment, thus preventing playing favoritism."

Astorian's Inquiry
A telegram was also received by the local club from Astoria yesterday inquiring as to conditions here. The message said in part:

"Gasoline shortage has reached such a stage here that we contemplate calling upon owners of pleasure cars to discontinue buying gas for a limited period of time in favor of cars engaged in commercial and industrial lines of business. Before doing so we would like to know whether or not gasoline shortage is as acute in other parts of the northwest."

In reply to this message the local club informed Astoria that the situation is not as acute here as in other parts of the state but some uniform method of curtailment would probably have to be put into practice in order that industries might not suffer.

Dealers in the city say that the supply is about half of normal and that many persons have practically ceased driving their cars or taking trips because of the shortage. As yet trucks, tractors and commercial cars have not suffered heavily.

Only two gallons of gas are going to pleasure cars and some filling stations report their supply exhausted before evening. Salem is more fortunate than other cities throughout the state where the precious fluid is almost unobtainable.

The situation has steadily grown worse for the past few weeks and in calling this meeting of commercial club representatives the state organization feels that it may be able to formulate some method of coping with a state of affairs which should be combated.

The Salem club will choose some man during the day who will go to Portland to represent the body at the meeting and who will bring a report of any decisions which are made.

SWINDLERS GET HUGE SUM IN CALIFORNIA

\$900,000 TAKEN FROM RESIDENTS BY SMOOTH STRANGER

Ed Wineman and Wife of San Luis Obispo Fleeced by Seattle Promoters Who Face Arrest

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—Details of an alleged swindling conspiracy whereby Edward Wineman and his wife of San Luis Obispo were relieved of \$900,000 in property and cash, have been revealed to the county and jury by Kay McKay, San Francisco and Seattle promoter, and one of the supposed conspirators. District Attorney Brady announced here today. Indictments have been voted against McKay and Clarence D. Hillman and D. J. Walsh, his alleged co-conspirators, it was announced.

The activities of the ring were conducted in San Luis Obispo, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles and the Winemans were moved between these cities as the needs of the conspiracy dictated, according to the statement. The plot started last November, according to McKay's statement to the jury, when the alleged conspirators offered to purchase a ranch from the Winemans for \$200,000.

A series of fictitious results, telegrams and deeds was interwoven into the conspiracy, according to McKay's alleged statement, until the Winemans were stripped of \$900,000 in property and available and borrowed money.

HIGHWAY WORK WILL CONTINUE

Commission Plans to Complete Paving From Portland to Siskiyou

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2.—The state highway commission at a meeting here today authorized all necessary hard surfacing on the Columbia River highway from the coast to Pendleton, and on the Pacific highway from Portland to the Siskiyou mountains. The work includes the surfacing of approximately 100 miles of grading at various places on the two state highways.

The work will be advertised immediately, it was said and the contracts awarded, if possible, in an effort to begin the surfacing work this year.

The hard surfacing on the Columbia River highway will include 16.7 miles between Medford and The Dalles, 14.7 miles between Deschutes and the John Day river and 14 miles between the John Day and Blalock. Rocking of the Pacific highway on the east side will include 12 miles from Salem south, six miles between Albany and Tangent, three miles of resurfacing in Pass Creek canyon, 7 miles in the Sexton section and 10 miles between Sexton and Grants Pass.

Music Lovers Attracted by Willamette Recital

The concert given by the music department of Willamette university attracted many music lovers to the First Methodist church last night. The program was well arranged, and made up of well-rendered selections from the masters.

From the first number, an organ solo, March and Chorus from "Tannhauser," played by Dorothy Stafford, to the concluding number, a piano solo by Mrs. Stephen A. Stone, an Etude "Un Sospiro" by Franz Liszt, the same high grade of pieces with sympathetic interpretations succeeded one another. Those who took part in the program were: Gladys Roldie, Sadie Pratt, Pearl Carson, Mary Jane Albert, Marguerite Cook, Lloyd McIntyre, P. M. Hankinson, voice; and Dorothy Stafford, Sadie Pratt, Ruby Rosecrant, Bruce Putnam, Marguerite Cook, Gladys Roldie, Evelyn DeMoss, Laura Hoyt, Fay Pratt, Lea Briggs and Nellie P. Stone, instrumental.

Miss Evelyn DeLong was the accompanist but Professor Sites alternated with her a few times. This was the last formal concert to be given by the Willamette Music college this semester.

STRIKE CASE CONTINUES

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., June 2.—The 150 defendants, charged with the deportation of strikers and others from Bisbee, July 12, 1917, were today granted a continuance until November 8. The case had been originally set for July 14. Interference with farming was given as the reason.

TENTATIVE PLATFORM DRAFT MADE

Republicans Declaration of Principles Formed for Coming Convention—New Planks Nailed On

MEXICAN QUESTION GETS CONSIDERATION

Committee Favors U. S. Intervention Unless Conditions Improve in South

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The tentative draft of the Republican national platform was given its finishing touches at conference today and Senator Watson of Indiana, who has been in charge of the task, will leave for Chicago tomorrow to confer with prospective members of the convention's resolutions committee. The plank on Mexico was added to the draft today. It was written by Senator Fall, New Mexico, who headed the senate's special sub-committee on Mexican affairs and later was revised in some minor respects. It is understood to follow in general the recommendations made by Senator Fall in his report to the senate declaring that unless conditions in Mexico are improved the United States should intervene.

Prohibition ignored. All mention of prohibition is omitted from the tentative draft and it was understood that those who confer here would recommend against any declaration on the subject. That issue, it was suggested, should be regarded as settled. The tentative draft contains a declaration, however, urging prompt ratification of the woman suffrage amendment. Another declaration still missing from the platform is that relating to the soldier bonus. The leaders here said a plank on the subject would be worked out at Chicago. No attempt was made to report a final decision on a plank relating to the league of nations. Representative declarations have been drafted, however, and will be laid before the party chiefs at Chicago. It was said that every effort was made so to phrase the Republican draft that it make the issues as clear and direct as possible.

Pockets Are Rifled in Home of A. Addehart

Thieves entered the home of A. Addehart, 525 South Nineteenth street, early Wednesday morning and escaped with \$10 in cash. The police were notified of the robbery at 2:30 yesterday morning, but before the officers could arrive the thieves had fled.

Mr. Addehart told the police that the burglars had entered the house through the front door which was unlocked and had entered the room where his two sons were sleeping and rifled their clothes, getting \$4 from one and \$6 from the other. The boys were awakened as the burglars left the room and immediately gave the alarm, but the thieves had made good their escape.

The police arrested three suspects who were found at the Southern Pacific railway yards, but they were later turned loose when the officers were convinced that they did not have anything to do with the robbery. Later Sergeant White found three negroes loitering on a corner at Fourteenth and Mission streets and they were closely questioned, but were able to give a good account of their movements.

Million Dollar Gas Station Destroyed

GREELEY, Kan., June 2.—The Standard Oil company's pumping station here valued at more than \$1,000,000 was destroyed by fire late today. The fire was still burning tonight and efforts were being directed toward keeping the flames from reaching twenty thousand-barrel storage tanks, both practically full. Oil spraying on a boiler when a gasket in the oil line blew out, ignited, causing a fire that was beyond control before employees could extinguish it with a steam spray. Employees say the buildings and equipment, except the tanks, will be a total loss.

THE Cherrians are in trouble. They want 1000 cars to bring Shriners to Salem on Willamette Valley Day. It will require 1500 cars that day, but outside towns will furnish 500 of them. Salem must furnish 1000. She will do it, because she always rises to an emergency, and this is an emergency. This matter is not a Cherrian show. Cherrians have no interest in the matter. But they are live wires, public-spirited citizens, and have agreed to furnish their cars and solicit others, to bring 5000 prominent visitors from all over the nation to Salem on Willamette Valley day. It is not a Shriners' show. The Shrine simply brings the people to Portland. Salem has its opportunity, such as has never before been presented, and probably never will be again, to bring the biggest men of the country to see the city and country. A \$100,000 advertising fund would not do as much for the city as will this event. To get 1000 cars means that every available touring car in Salem, able to go to Portland and back must go. It is a patriotic public duty. It won't do to "Let George do it." He can't. Every citizen owning a car must do his part. He must act quickly. Leave your reservation at The Statesman office, phone Main 23, or at the Salem Commercial Club, phone 302. Don't wait for somebody to beg you. You are as much interested as are the people who are soliciting cars.