

OREGON MAN ON PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Ralph Williams Is Named Chairman of Committee on Policies and Planks for June Convention

CLEVELAND WINNER IN RACE FOR CONVENTION

New Apportionment Gives 1109 Delegates as Against 984 in 1920

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The 1924 Republican national convention will be held at Cleveland as favored by administration leaders and will assemble on June 10.

In making this decision today the Republican national committee, in annual meeting, also appointed its delegate reapportionment, designed to decrease the power of southern states in the convention and voted after a sharp fight to maintain the south's representation while at the same time increasing largely the voting strength of northern Republican states.

Cleveland Easy Winner Cleveland, with the administration backing, was an easy winner of the convention. With Chicago withdrawn under administration behest, the vote was 39 for Cleveland, 10 for San Francisco and one for Des Moines, but Cleveland's selection later was made unanimous.

With the choice of Cleveland a foregone conclusion, the unexpected fight over the convention reapportionment furnished the chief interest of the final meeting today of the Republican leaders. The proposal for restoration of the Southern Delegates promptly developed into a new campaign issue.

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ENTIRE SCHOOL IS UNDER AFFLICTION OF THROAT DISEASE

Adenoids, Festering Tonsils and Cankered Palates Put Children in Miserable State—Need of County Nurse Apparent After Investigation—Emphatic Demand to Be Made.

That the school children of the county are suffering from the need of a county school nurse might be a logical deduction from a report made yesterday by Mrs. J. A. Carson, president of the Marion County Health association.

"It has come to the point where the people of the county demand the services of a county nurse," Mrs. Carson declares, "and if they don't get the nurse they will petition for a full time doctor and two nurses. They need the health service. They want it and they are going to have it!"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Sharp shifting of lines in the senate today failed to break the deadlock over the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee and after three ballots the senate adjourned until Saturday with an agreement that further voting will be deferred until Monday.

Five of the seven senators who since the beginning of the deadlock last Monday has supported Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, the Republican insurgent leader, voted today for Senator Smith of South Carolina, the Democratic candidate, but he failed by one vote to obtain the majority necessary for election.

Denying that he had any understanding with the Republicans before he changed his vote, Senator Bruce, in a formal statement, declared he had acted solely upon his own initiative.

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Several state officials and friends of Mr. McArthur plan to attend the funeral.

HELD 10 DAYS IN OAK TREE—MAN SET FREE

Half Hour Required to Chop Prisoner Out of Cavity in Tree

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 12.—Imprisoned for 10 days in the hollow of a giant oak tree into which he had fallen, Harry Comstock, 31, was rescued late today by Briar county deputy sheriffs and farmers who cut into the tree with axes.

Comstock told those who rescued him that he climbed into the tree to seek shelter and that he fell into the deep hollow of the tree. He tried to get out but failed. At intervals for 10 days he shouted for help.

At noon today some one walking through the Otto Reilly ranch heard a cry for help. Finally it was traced to the oak tree and it took half an hour to hew into the trunk where the man was imprisoned. He was so weak that he could hardly speak.

NEW LIFE GIVEN BY U. S. APPROVAL

Government Sanction of Unofficial Participation Is Appreciated

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Washington administration has given new life to the reparations commission's activities by approving unofficial American participation in the two expert committees which are to investigate Germany's resources and examine how the budget of the reich may be balanced.

Tentative discussion of the makeup of the committees is expected at a special meeting tomorrow, but serious consideration of the names of available members will be left until Sir John Bradbury, who is returning to London Saturday, has had a talk on the subject with Premier Baldwin.

The French satisfaction expressed in the lively official circles at the American decision is shared in reparations headquarters where it is generally thought the work of the committees will be as the White House statement remarked, of great value.

It is remarked in the French press that although the conditions under which the committees will work are not exactly as desired by Secretary Hughes, they may be so interpreted under article 234 of the treaty of Versailles as to give all the latitude favored by the head of the American cabinet.

JAPANESE FOLK ARE GRATEFUL TO AMERICANS

Western Nation's Might and Warm Heart Strengthened Earthquake Victims

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Ambassador Hanihara of Japan, addressing the annual meeting today of the general board of the American Red Cross, said the sympathy and help of America at the time of the earthquake disaster had deeply touched the Japanese people.

James L. Fieser, acting chairman, reported to the board that a total of \$11,400,000 had been collected for Japanese relief. Declaring that interest in the Red Cross was greater than at any time since the war, Mr. Fieser said religious, labor, commercial and civil movements throughout the country now recognized the organization "as their instrument and kept in touch with it and back of it."

The board re-elected the following national officers: Robert W. DeForest and Chief Justice William H. Taft, vice presidents; James M. Beck, counselor, Elliot Wadsworth, treasurer and Miss Mabel T. Boardman, secretary.

A memorial resolution was passed in tribute to the late Colonel Edward W. Ryan of Scranton, Penn., who died while engaged in Red Cross relief work in Persia after the earthquake last May.

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Representative Moore of Virginia attempted to pledge the members of his party to vote to displace two of the eight Republicans selected for membership on the committee with a Democrat and Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, leader of the house insurgents. After several hours debate his proposal was rejected.

Four members of the Clackamas County Bankers' association were guests of the Marion county association last night for dinner at the Gray Belle and a business meeting later.

Ralph A. Blanchard of Portland gave a talk to the members on bank investments. The meeting was attended by 27 members of the association.

McAdoo Announces His Candidacy Informally

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—William Gibbs McAdoo informally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president during an address here today before the Democratic Luncheon club and the Women's Democratic league.

"I am made to feel that my California friends have designs on me. Whatever the future may have in store, California at least is double-barreled for this presidential election. Of one thing we are certain, California is going to be more on the map in the future than ever it has been in the past."

"DOING A WONDERFUL WORK"

"These records have been brought up to December 10 for your special (Slogan) edition. No paper in Oregon has ever had so good an opportunity to publish so much good material."

The above are some of the words in a private note to the editor from C. J. McIntosh, the publicity man of Oregon Agricultural college. The Slogan man is thankful for the compliment. There is no secret about the Slogan work; no patent; no franchise. It is just founded on the hard facts of the wonderful advantages and opportunities of the Salem district; many of them exclusive advantages.

OLD COMPANY M HOLDS REUNION

War Time Days Recalled Around Banquet Board at the Gray Belle

Six years ago Company M, 162nd infantry, was about 24 hours at sea and headed for the war zone. Last night between 50 and 60 members of the old command gathered at the Gray Belle for their fourth annual reunion after their return following the war. The men came from the entire Salem district.

No regular program was followed, the men spending a great portion of the meeting to general discussing, "parley-vous-ing" and in reminiscences of their war time experience. Impromptu speeches were given by a majority of the men, with special talks by David Hassel, "chaplain" and "Roaring" Jack Bartlett. Paul Hendricks presided as toastmaster.

As far as could be learned yesterday Probst had been in normal health and members of his family profess ignorance as to any motive that might have led to his taking his own life. He left the house about an hour before his body was found by his wife, who said she had heard no shots. As was his custom, he took his dog and gun with him.

METHODISTS TO RESTORE LOSSES

Salem District to Assist in Getting Japanese Work Back to Normal

A movement was launched at a meeting of Methodist leaders at Kimball School of Theology last night whereby this district's share in restoring the \$1,600,000 worth of Methodist property lost in the Japanese earthquake will be undertaken.

It was a sub-district meeting of the Salem district of the Oregon conference, and other similar meetings will be called by Rev. N. E. Gilbert, superintendent, at other points later in the month. Pastors and laymen were present from several churches, representing the official church boards, the Sunday schools, the Epworth leagues and the Women's Foreign Missionary societies. The plan is for every member of these organizations to make cash contributions as Christmas gifts to the restoration fund.

Dr. C. W. Huett of Albany, who was eight years a missionary in Japan, spoke at the meeting. This morning Bishop Shepard and all the district superintendents of the Oregon conference will meet at Kimball school for a further discussion of the Japanese situation, and also shape up the conference's part in the general missionary program of the Methodist church which is to call for a fund of \$18,500,000 annually. The drive will take place in February and March.

Salem Men Injured in Accident at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 12.—(Special to The Statesman).—An accident occurred injuring two men and completely wrecking a car at the Southern Pacific railway crossing at about 6 o'clock. Eye witnesses say that the driver of the car failed to see the signal and started to cross the track just as a logging train backed up. The car was thrown off the track. It is understood that the men were not seriously injured. No one seems to know who the five men in the car were but it is said that they were from Salem and that the names of the two injured ones are Charles Okerburg and Floyd Hamilton.

RILEY TALKS TO ROTARIANS ABOUT OREGON

New Realization of Superlative Things in Home State Brought to Members and Guests

GRADUAL CAMPAIGNING IS BRINGING RESULTS

Gathering of Clubmen and Ladies Replete With Pleasing Features

Bringing a new realization of the superlative things of the Willamette valley, illustrated with remarks overheard on many transcontinental tours, Frank Branch Riley of Portland, explorer of the northwest country throughout the nation, spoke to nearly 300 persons at the annual ladies' night of the Rotary club at the Marion hotel last night.

"It is gratifying to see the results from our efforts to spread the gospel of the west, but the work has just begun," Mr. Riley said. "At least \$5,000,000 American citizens have never seen us, and seldom give us a thought."

"East of the Ohio river Salem means Massachusetts and Portland means Maine, and the difference must be explained with care. The Willamette valley, its attractiveness and possibilities should appeal to the imagination. Oregon should be made the favorite objective of every American tourist."

"Oregon is far from the center of population and wealth of the nation," he continued, "and we must keep constantly at our efforts to attract visitors. Every section of the land is in competition when it has anything in the line of scenic attractions to offer, and we must keep calling. New Hampshire has reversed the slogan of her illustrious son, Horace Greeley, and is plastering the middle west with billboards with the slogan, 'Come East, Young Man.'"

"The well-to-do American traveler in the east, with whom I am in constant contact, is unbelievably primeval. He deems it a virtue to be pro-English, Italian or Norwegian. The western horizon to him lies along the Ohio river."

THREE IN LINE FOR PRESIDENT

Either White, Mickel or C. S. Hamilton May Head Chamber of Commerce

Names of three prominent Salem business men were placed in nomination for the office of president of the Chamber of Commerce by the nominating committee.

These men are Harley O. White, C. S. Hamilton and A. A. Mickel, and the selection of the president will be made at the regular election Friday night, at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. Members of the nominating committee were U. G. Boyer, Dr. J. H. Garrison and W. L. Minor.

Others named for important offices in the organization, three of whom are named for each office in compliance with the by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce, were: Vice president—E. T. Barnes, George W. Hug and U. S. Page. Secretary—T. M. Hicks, W. T. Jenks and Paul Johnson.

Treasurer—H. V. Compton, Roy Burton and J. H. Albert. Social department—Dr. Henry E. Morris, E. Cooke Patton and O. A. Hartman.

Civic department—John H. Farrah, L. W. Gleason and W. H. Dancy. Industrial department—Fred A. Erickson, George Vick and C. F. Giese. Legislative department—Dr. E. F. Fisher, W. C. Dyer and Dr. B. F. Pound. Agricultural department—George Grabenhorst, John H. Scott and D. B. Socolofsky.

BANK ROBBED SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 12.—Four armed automobile bandits held up the Sandy bank at Sandy today and escaped with over \$3000 in cash and an undetermined amount in bonds.

THE WEATHER OREGON—Thursday fair except rain near the coast; moderate southeasterly winds. LOCAL WEATHER Maximum temperature 48. Minimum temperature 34. River 5.3, falling. Rainfall, trace. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, northeast.

McArthur Funeral Set For Saturday Afternoon Funeral services for the late Clifton N. McArthur, ex-representative from the third district, will be held from Trinity Episcopal church in Portland Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity, will conduct the services.

BARGAIN WEEK HAS ARRIVED IN CONTEST Three Times Regular Number of Votes Given on All Subscriptions Secured This Week—Biggest Offer Yet

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DEATH OF PROBST IS YET MYSTERY No solution of the cause of the death of C. Frank Probst, 56, whose body was found Tuesday with a small gun-shot wound in the upper left breast at the entrance to a shed on his farm near Perrydale, in Polk county, had been found yesterday. Whether death was by suicide, accident or murder, has not been determined.