



BIG REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON

Big Hall is Quickly Crowded With People When Doors Are Thrown Open and Band Begins to Play.

Nearly Thousand Delegates in Their Seats, While Every Available Nook and Corner is Crowded With Guests and Spectators—Eleven Thousand People Crowded into the Great Coliseum When Meeting Was Called to Order at 12:15—For First Time in Many Years Dewey Slips Quietly into His Seat Unnoticed—Senator Borah Quickly Squelches the Rumor That He is to Make a Speech Nominating Roosevelt—Declares No Friend of President Will Nominate Him—Press Wires Are Kept Hot From the Start—Roosevelt, Taft and Others in Telegraphic Communication With the Press Gallery—Dental from White House of Authorship of Platform.

The Coliseum, Chicago, June 16.—Represented by 980 delegates assembled from the various states and territories, as well as our "colonial possessions," the republican party of the United States met today at noon in quadrennial convention for the purpose of nominating candidates for the presidency and vice presidency, and for formulating a set of policies upon which the forthcoming campaign shall be conducted.

and distinguished guests, including representatives of the diplomatic corps at Washington, were the 400 seats set aside for the use of the press.

Leading under the stage from the press reservation were run-ways to the press association and telegraph rooms in the rear. Nearly all the prominent "journalists" as well as a large proportion of the best newspaper men of the country had been assigned seats, and were on the job when the gavel fell. The arrangements for handling the news of the convention and getting it out quickly to the country are the best ever made for a similar gathering. The working rooms of the press associations and telegraph companies occupy one whole end of the basement of the building.

During the assembling of delegates and spectators, Weldon's Chicago concert band played classical and other kinds of music. Shortly before the hour of 12, Mrs. Beatrice Fischer Erlinger sang Ardit's "Enchantress." The band then swung into the inspiring strains of "Tannhauser." Before the applause died out, Colonel Harry S. New, chairman of the republican national committee, stepped to the front of the platform, rapped vigorously on the presiding officer's table, and called the convention to order.

"The proceedings will be begun with prayer by the Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon, bishop of the diocese of Chicago, of the Roman Catholic church," he announced.

The Bishop's Prayer.

"Almighty and merciful God, we humbly beseech thee mercifully to give ear to the prayer here offered by this servant. In behalf of the whole nation we humbly implore thee to bless and guide us in thy wisdom, to direct the deliberations of this convention for the greater peace, security and happiness of the entire people. Grant to all peace, purity and patriotism, through Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.'"

Immediately following the prayer, Frederick Upham, chairman of the local committee of arrangements, presented to Chairman New a gavel made of a block of wood from old Fort Dearborn.

Chairman New then recognized Elmer Dover, secretary of the committee, and announced that he would read the call under which the convention had assembled. This call, issued by the national committee after its meeting in Washington, December 7 last, stated the details of the composition of the convention, the methods whereby delegates should be selected, and the processes to be followed in the filing of contests for seats. According to the call, each state is entitled to four delegates at large and four alternates, and each congressional district to two delegates

and two alternates. In addition, each of the territories, including Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and also the District of Columbia, is entitled to two delegates and two alternates.

After the call had been read Chairman New, in impressive tones, said: "Gentlemen of the Convention: The republican national committee has selected for your temporary chairman the Hon. Julius C. Burrows, senator from the state of Michigan (applause), and presents his name for acceptance."

One of the "Big Four" from Michigan was upon his feet in an instant with a motion "that the action of the national committee be approved." The motion was put and agreed to unanimously, amid cheers and hand-clapping. Senator Burrows then delivered the formal opening address of the convention, which according to tradition, is to be the keynote of the coming campaign.

Temporary Officers. As soon as Senator Burrows had concluded his address, he was presented with the gavel which he will use until he gives way to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, whose name will be reported by the committee on permanent organization for the position of permanent presiding officer, at a later session of the convention. The senator then announced the names of other temporary officers of the convention, selected by the national committee, and they were formally approved by the convention. These officers are: General secretary, John R. Maloy, Columbus, O.; chief assistant secretary, Lafayette R. Gleason, N. Y.; sergeant-at-arms, Ed. P. Thayer, Greenfield, Ind.; parliamentarian, Arthur C. Hinds, Washington, D. C.; official reporter, M. W. Blumenberg, Washington, D. C.; chief doorkeeper, Stephen R. Mason, Baltimore, Md.; also chaplains, reading clerks, tally clerks and messengers.

A resolution was then adopted directing the chairman of the various state and territorial delegations to send to the secretary's desk the names for the permanent organization, rules and order of business, and resolutions. Business of minor importance was then transacted, after which the convention adjourned until noon tomorrow. If the committee on credentials is not ready to report at that time, the business of the convention will be suspended to allow the visiting marching clubs to parade the hall. The following is the apportionment of delegates in the national conventions:

	Rep.	Dem.
Alabama	22	22
Arkansas	18	18
California	20	20
Colorado	10	10
Connecticut	14	14
Delaware	6	6
Florida	10	10
Georgia	26	26
Idaho	6	6
Illinois	54	54
Indiana	30	30
Iowa	26	26
Kansas	20	20
Kentucky	26	26
Louisiana	18	18
Maine	12	12
Maryland	16	16
Massachusetts	32	32
Michigan	28	28
Minnesota	22	22
Mississippi	20	20
Missouri	36	36
Montana	6	6
Nebraska	16	16
Nevada	6	6
New Hampshire	8	8
New Jersey	24	24
New York	78	78
North Carolina	24	24
North Dakota	8	8
Ohio	46	46
Oklahoma	14	14
Oregon	8	8
Rhode Island	8	8
Pennsylvania	68	68
South Carolina	18	18
South Dakota	8	8
Tennessee	24	24
Texas	36	36
Utah	6	6
Vermont	8	8
Virginia	24	24
Washington	10	10
West Virginia	14	14
Wisconsin	26	26
Wyoming	6	6
District of Columbia	2	2
Alaska	2	2
Arizona	2	2
Hawaii	2	2
New Mexico	2	2
Philippines	2	2
Porto Rico	2	2
Totals	980	1008

Necessary for choice: Republican (majority), 491; democratic (two-thirds), 672.

It was 10:29 when the band started "America," and the hall was filled quickly with delegates. The convention was called to order at 12:15.

Dewey Unnoticed. Senator Dewey of New York slipped into his seat unnoticed. It was the first time in many years his arrival at a national convention has not been greeted with cheers.

The operators in the press reservation were busily engaged working the telegraph wires connected with the office of the president at the White House, as were other wires leading to the offices of Taft, Cortelyou.

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"ALLIES" LICKED BUT WON'T QUIT

Still Defiant, They Declare They Have Won a Strategic Point and May Win.

LEADERS REALIZE THERE IS NO SHOW.

Have Some Trick Up Their Sleeves Which They Propose to Spring at the Last Minute—Fight Will Be Made in Credentials Committee and Will Be Centered on the Alabama Contests—Many Mysterious Whispers and Conferences—Hemenway and Burke Admit Poor Chances—Taft and Roosevelt Think It is All Settled.

Chicago, June 16.—The announcement has just been made to the United Press that the allies had decided to withdraw all their candidates except La Follette and Hughes before the first ballot is taken. Hughes and La Follette were asked to withdraw, but they refused, making it practically certain that the nomination of Taft will not be unanimous.

(By John E. Nevins.) Chicago, June 16.—After a lengthy conference the "allies" today are defiant, declaring they have gained a strategical advantage.

Their mysterious whisperings continue, but they refuse to give the least hint what the plan is. Everything they can possibly think of is being done to bolster up confidence in the hope they may be able to impress some of the lukewarm Taft adherents with their statements that "it is not all over yet."

But the allies are licked, and nobody knows it better than their leaders. Senator Hemenway of Indiana, and Representative J. Francis Burke of Pennsylvania, have admitted there is little chance of doing much. The allies will make their hardest fight on the Alabama contests. Major F. C. Bryan, who has charge of their case, says he has new evidence in the Alabama case to submit to the credentials committee. That the allies have something up their sleeves is clearly indicated by their actions and conferences. It is certain that a fight will be made before the credentials committee, which will probably remain continuously in session from 4 o'clock this afternoon until the report is completed. The contests will be consolidated so far as possible to expedite the work.

Taft Is Confident.

Washington, June 16.—Taft called on Roosevelt at the White House today and was in conference for some time. Taft emerged smiling, and in a good humor. "What is your attitude on the vice-presidential candidate?" was asked. "As I have said before," he said, "I shall do nothing along that line until the presidential nomination is made." "But that is already settled," was suggested. Taft then turned from the candidate to the secretary of war, and said he was calling upon the president on important matters concerning his department.

There is little doubt that Taft and Roosevelt both believe the presidential nomination is settled as much as it could be settled in advance.

FAMILY TRAGEDY.

Bellingham, Wash., June 16.—Frank Egglestone, aged 32, a shingle weaver, attacked his wife and two children this morning. He tried to kill them with a rifle, but the wife grabbed him, got the gun and shot him twice, killing him instantly.

Ask Bryan to Help Johnson.

Richmond, Va., June 16.—George McDuffey Blake, a personal friend of Bryan, announced today that he had written asking him to aid in nominating Johnson of Minnesota, as the democratic presidential candidate, promised Bryan he would receive the nomination in 1912 if he would step aside this year. He named W. L. Douglas of Massachusetts, as Johnson's running mate. He has not received a reply from Bryan.

Governor Has Tuberculosis.

Charleston, W. Va., June 16.—The physicians of Governor O. W. Dawson of West Virginia, have informed him that he has developed tuberculosis. He left last night for Asheville, N. C., where he will spend at least three or four months.

STEAMER SEATTLE BRINGS MILLIONS IN GOLD.

First Trip of the Season—Report is Made of Heavy Pans—More Yellow Metal Coming This Year Than Was Ever Seen in Klondike in '97.

Seattle, June 16.—Bringing in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 in gold the City of Seattle which arrived from Skagway this morning lays claim to being the first treasure ship of the year. Most of the dust was consigned to the banking institutions but much of it was brought down by individuals.

So accustomed are the people of Seattle to hearing of big gold shipments that the arrival of the Seattle brought more gold yesterday than was brought down on the Portland in 1897 from the Klondike and which at that time electrified the world.

Miners arriving on the Seattle say the Tanana will have an output of \$12,000,000.

On the way up the Yukon the passengers report passing hundreds of small boats headed down stream. Not since the Klondike boom has there been such a rush for the interior.

It was estimated by James A. Rogers, traffic manager of the Tanana Valley railway that \$2,000,000 had been washed up when he left Fairbanks May 26, but the money had not arrived from the creeks.

MONTANA MURDERER HANGED.

Was Chief Conspirator to Kill Officials and Escape from Prison.

Butte, Mont., June 16.—George J. Rock was hanged yesterday afternoon in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge for the murder of John A. Robinson, head guard at the prison on March 8 last.

Rock was chief in a conspiracy to kill Robinson and Warden Frank Conley and escape from prison. They killed Robinson and badly wounded Conley, who shot and wounded two of the convicts, including Rock. Of Rock's companions, one is sentenced to death and the other is sentenced to life imprisonment.

FAIR BOARD IS MAKING PLANS

ORDER WILL BE PLACED FOR LITHOGRAPHS.

Third Annual Event Will Be More Widely Advertised Than Any Former Fair—Board is Anxiously Awaiting Action of County Court in Regard to \$1000 Appropriation—Farmers Urged to Prepare Exhibits.

The Third District Fair board met this afternoon at the offices of Secretary Thomas Fitz Gerald for the purpose of selecting and ordering 500 large lithographs, advertising the fair. Samples of the lithographs were submitted by two companies and some beautiful specimens were on display at Secretary Fitz Gerald's office this afternoon.

The third annual fair of this district will be more thoroughly advertised than either of the previous fairs and with this end in view the board will not only use plenty of newspaper space, but will also put up beautiful lithograph posters of the fair all over Umatilla and adjoining counties.

The board is anxious to know what the county court is going to do about the appropriation of county funds this year, as some additions must be made to the pavilion and new stock sheds be erected and unless the county helps with its regular donation, these improvements cannot be added. The capacity of the pavilion was crowded to the limit last year and as the coming fair promises to exceed that of 1907, still more room will be needed.

The board urges farmers to save out special exhibits and extraordinary specimens of fruit, grains and vegetables for the displays this fall. Ample room for every section of the county will be provided and it is desired by the board that every section be represented in detail.

The world is self-taught in a thousand cases where it is college bred in one.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT PILOT ROCK

The First Presbyterian church of Pilot Rock was formally organized last Sunday evening, with a membership of 23, and plans are now under way for the construction of a new church building at that place.

The organization of the church followed a week's revival meeting at that place, in which Rev. Levi Johnson, Rev. W. L. Van Nuy, Rev. A. J. Adams and Rev. J. V. Milligan took part and the young organization starts out with bright prospects. The meetings were held in a large tent and were attended by people from all the surrounding country.

GEORGE HEWITT LOSES \$300

Had Roll of "Long Green" Last Night—It is Missing This Morning.

WELL KNOWN HELIX FARMER IS ROBBED.

"Friend" Helps Him to Bed While Under the Influence of Whiskey and Is Believed to Have Helped Himself to Roll of Bills—Money Was Carried in Vest Pocket Without Purse—Officers Have Clue.

George Hewitt, the well known Helix farmer who has been in the city for several days from La Grande, Grande, where he has been living for the past five months, was robbed of \$300 in money by some party known to him, who accompanied him to his room in the State hotel at the corner of Webb and Cottonwood streets, at 1 o'clock last night.

Mr. Hewitt was about the city last evening and intended to go to La Grande on the 4:40 train, but owing to his inability to get his baggage to the depot he did not go and during the evening was about the streets with a "friend" who accompanied him to his room.

Mr. Hewitt was under the influence of liquor but remembers distinctly who the party was who accompanied him and it is almost certain that the police will apprehend the thief.

The money was in bills and was carried in his vest pocket and Mr. Hewitt is certain that he had it with him when he started to his room at 11 o'clock in company with a man who had been with him during the evening. When he was called to go east on the 2:55 train this morning he put his hand in his pocket to see if his roll was there, and was surprised to find it missing. As the door was locked and no one had been in the room he feels sure that the party who accompanied him to the room took the money from his pocket while assisting him to retire at 11 o'clock.

The roll was made up of one \$100 bill, two \$50 bills and eight \$20 bills. It was carried without a purse in his vest pocket.

For the past five months Mr. Hewitt has been in La Grande, and has not touched a drink of intoxicating liquor, but his visit here among old friends caused him to drink again and he was under the influence of whiskey during the afternoon and evening and displayed the money in several saloons where he was drinking.

O. R. & N. COMPANY SUED.

Martin and Riggs of Milton Ask Damages for Delay in Securing Fruit Cars.

Martin and Riggs, fruit dealers of Milton, has just brought suit for damages against the O. R. & N. company because that company failed to supply cars for fruit shipments to Kansas City last fall. Under a new law passed by the last legislature a railroad company is held liable for damage caused by a delay of 10 days in supplying cars for shipments of perishable products and the Milton company claims to have been damaged by such delay on part of the O. R. & N. company.

They ask for damages to the amount of \$316.50 and Attorney Charles H. Kahn of Boise city has filed the papers for the firm. This is one of the first suits brought in eastern Oregon under this law and will be watched with much interest by attorneys and shippers.

Chamberlain's Majority 1493.

Salem, June 16.—The official count from all the counties except Harney is in. The count up to date gives Chamberlain a majority of 1493.

Pete Eggers will send out a shipment of sheep over the Northern Pacific this evening to Cle Elum, Wash., where they will be held on pasture during the summer.

WILL IRRIGATE ORCHARD WITH PUMP

S. S. Shields, the Milton fruit grower and commission merchant, has just set out a 17-acre orchard of Winesap apples and installed a gasoline pumping plant with which to irrigate the same and is going to demonstrate that fine apples can be raised in that vicinity without a water right from the Walla Walla or Tumulum rivers. The raw land was worth about \$80 per acre and it has cost about \$300 to dig the well 36 feet deep and install the six horse power gasoline engine and Mr. Shields now estimates

the land to be worth at least \$300 per acre.

Last year an orchard of Winesap apples half a mile distant from this young orchard yielded \$1000 per acre and it is estimated that these trees will yield well at five years of age.

While the young orchard is coming on the land will be used for potatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes. Watermelons in the Milton and Free-water district yield on an average of \$100 per acre per year and the land may be profitably employed in this way while the orchard is growing.