

LODGE LAUNCHES KEYNOTE

G.O.P. Convention Strictly According to Hoyle, Says Abe

(Special To The Journal)
 Chicago, June 8.—The great national republican convention is on. At the first break of dawn delegates an' visitors thronged about the entrances of the vast Coliseum. Senator Alfred J. Beveridge, the celebrated, collar-wit-in' lawn tie orator from the Indiana literary-belt, is here dartin' about like a gold-fish, ever movement a picture. It may be written down as a fact that I walked down Michigan boulevard t' the con-



vention hall with a statesman high up in the councils of the republican party—a man who's sterling integrity an' keen insight I have no reason t' underestimate—a statesman who's been t' the Philippines an' t' France, an' t' Mexico, an' who has another long trip planned for this summer unless t' president holds him in Washington. This brilliant an' weathered statesman told me that t' presidential field had positively narrowed down considerably overnight an' that Nicholas Murray Butler was out of it, leavin' only Johnson, Hardin, Lowden, Wood, Coolidge, Watson an' possibly a couple o' dark horses, as t' real contenders for t' coveted nomination. The mornin' session lasted only a couple o' hours, but close political observers say there's nothing unusual in that. The "modern" facts that impress one most on t' opening day o' t' historic gathering—not idle conjecture, not mere statements based on nothin', but cold, stern facts that can't be controverted or distorted,



ed, are these—t' day's gone by when a congressman can square himself with a package o' seeds; a willin' worker in noon on a committee; optimism in all t' various camps is up t' t' standard; t' convention hall decorations are pleasin' t' most fastidious; the convention band was good an' played liberally; t' tuba horn belin' the biggest ever seen in any convention; t' colorful hand-gear o' t' women delegates broke t' monotony o' t' sea o' heads that confronted t' chairman an' newspaper writers; t' keynote speech was ful o' criticism an' well received, although t' applause was hardly as thunderous as Bryan used t' receive at Spencer, Indiana, an' other towns, accordin' t' a number o' close political observers; it was feared for a while that t' delegates might wear 'emselves out applaudin' thrusts at Wilson an' not be able fer duty Wed-

nesday, but they stood up under it anazin'ly well; nothin' was said about Mexico that hain't allus been said; light wine an' beer wuz gracefully sidestepped; capital an' labor are still goin' t' be brought int' harmonious union an' t' dye industry is t' be taken care of; also t' world war wuz balled up. Altogether t' keynote speech wuz a regular republican speech as it should o'course have been. Nothin' sensational happened, an' a sharp political observer laughin'ly remarked that it wuz t' calm before a storm which I judge it wuz considerin' all one hears. A very significant feature o' t' openin' session, somethin' that did not impress me until a wily Washin'ton writer called my attention t' it, wuz, to-wit: t' absence o' applause an' demonstration when great political leaders took their seats in convention. Murry Crane wuz unnoted, an' you might have heard a mornin' glory unfurl its dewy wings as Senator Borah fumbled fer his seat. But all seemed conscious o' t' great impendin' task jest ahead o' t'—t' elimination o' all the active candidates—candidates that have been trampin' dissension, stirrin' up ole hatreds, buildin' up new factions an' wearin' t' people out generally—an' gittin' t'gether on some good, strong, magnetic, well-t'-do, dark horse, whose opinion or position on any question is unknown t' anybody. Ole political observers as well as several young, virile Washin'ton correspondents, seem t' think that such a course is necessary if t' party is t' present a solid, unruffled front in November. "One thing is certain," said a nifty lookin' young Washin'ton writer who's lived in t' capital almost six months, "if t' convention don't watch out, an' anoint t' right feller even Carl Hagenbeck hain't goin' t' be able t' bring t' Borahs an' Penroses, natural enemies o' t' republican forest, t'gether after t' smokes blows away."

Convention Notes

A large, round, florid woman delegate, who talked freely, not caught in t' jam at t' Blackstone t'day. "Us women are really greedy t' be o' service, an' we are takin' t' t' duty o' citizenship seriously, an' have our clothes all made fer spirited campaign," she replied, when I asked her how it felt t' git away from housework. Somewh' a story got started this mornin' that Wilson's name would not be mentioned in t' convention an' it caused t' greatest consternation. In attemptin' t' run it down I fell exhausted near t' stockyards an' wuz picked up by a policeman.

Artesian Well Now Supplying Water For Aurora

Aurora, Or., June 8.—Some of the people of this city, who, a few months ago, raised serious objections to the proposition submitted by the city council of providing an adequate water system at a cost of \$1500, are now willing to foster the idea and assume all the credit due for the undertaking has proven to be a great success. In the early days of Aurora's history the city water supply was obtained from a spring near by. As the population increased this was insufficient and later a well was made near the spring. Fur-

ther increase in the consumption of water also made this inadequate and recently the city voted, by a small majority, to dig a well that would furnish a supply of water for all time to come. In this operation, which was completed a few days ago, an artesian well was found. Borah into the ground at great depth a vein of water was reached which rises and flows like a fountain owing to the pressure of stores of underground water at a higher level. It is said that the pressure is sufficient to throw water twenty or twenty-five feet above the opening, and produces a supply of 3000 gallons per hour. The water is pure and a careful analysis made recently by competent persons, finds it to be absolutely free of contagion or germs.

Little Hope Held For Recovery Of Cancer Victim

Silverton, Or., June 8.—According to reports received yesterday from the Salem hospital regarding E. H. Knoll's condition, an operation will be of no benefit to him. Mr. Knoll went to Salem the latter part of the preceding week expecting to undergo an operation for the removal of a cancer in his

stomach. Upon examination, it is said, the physicians recommended that the operation be postponed. It is said that his case is hopeless, and it is only a matter of a little time when the end will be reached. Mr. Knoll came here a few months ago from Salem and purchased the Silverton Bakery, and has been successful in building up a good business. Now he will have to abandon the work on account of his physical condition. Mrs. Marion Palmer has just returned from Portland, where she suffered an operation. It is said that her condition has not been benefited by the operation as much as was hoped it would be. Dr. H. W. Steelhammer, formerly of Silverton, and Miss Blanch DeArmon, a former Independence girl, were recently married a Vale, Or., where the doctor has been practicing medicine for some time. They will be in Silverton this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Steelhammer. Before entering the service Dr. Steelhammer practiced medicine in Silverton.

Charles McKinley, who has been employed by the state for some time serving in the capacity of guard at the penitentiary for three years and eleven months prior to that in the home of the feeble minded, has leased the Ernest

Palmer hop ranch north of Silverton this morning. Van Dalsem's resignation was handed to the state board for vocational education in session at Portland Saturday and was accepted. No successor has as yet been named. Van Dalsem became director for vocational education in Oregon last September.

Van Dalsem Quits

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