

TAFT IS THROUGH WITH UNCLE JOE

Ohio Delegation Issues Statement That They Will Take No Orders Unless They Are "O. K.'d" by President Taft.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—President Taft is done with Speaker Cannon and hereafter the wishes of the president must carry more weight than the demands of the "house organization," according to the general interpretation of an announcement today.

The Ohio delegation issued a statement declaring that it recognizes President Taft as the "party's leader."

A member of the delegation stated that this means that the members from Ohio will take no more orders from Cannon unless they are officially "O. K.'d" by the president.

With Ohio falling in behind, it is reported that other states will take similar action, and persons who have been predicting the downfall of the speaker profess to see the "writing on the wall" more clearly than ever before.

GARNETT AGAIN IS NAMED PRESIDENT

Trade Topics Are Discussed at Annual Meet of Hardware Dealers.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—Men in close touch with the situation were of the opinion that the next convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers' association would be held in this city. This question will be decided at today's meeting. The sessions today will be largely executive and will be given over to the consideration of trade subjects. President H. C. Garnett is down for a paper on the topic, "Nuts to Crack." This paper will cover many subjects, including grievances against wholesalers and price-cutting by retailers. A lively discussion is expected.

Garnett Is Re-Elected.

There were 150 delegates in attendance yesterday when the convention opened, and as many visitors. The session closed in the evening with a banquet at the Commercial club, more than 300 covers being laid. President Garnett called the convention to order and the formal invocation was delivered by Rev. Luther R. Dyott. O. M. Scott of Portland delivered the address of welcome, to which response was given by J. J. Stangel. The address of the president and the reports of other officers followed.

The election of officers took place in the afternoon. President Garnett and Vice-President H. H. Frazer were re-elected. The executive committee, which will meet at the close of the convention, will choose the secretary. It is believed that Secretary Altner will be re-elected. C. N. Stockwell of Portland was chosen as treasurer, to succeed Frank Dayton, also of Portland. Two of three members of the executive committee were re-elected. William DeHaven of McMinnville was chosen in place of W. A. Johnston of The Dalles. The other members of the committee are Drew Griffin of Eugene, and George A. Blake of Baker City.

William Von der Hellen of Eagle Point was in Medford Wednesday on business.

Cindy's Logic.

Cindy was an old black southern "mammy" with all the lovable traits and inconsistencies of her kind. For many years she was cook in the Warren family and gave faithful and satisfactory service.

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A few days after the return of the family Cindy came bustling into Mrs. Warren's sitting room.

"I wants mo' wages," she announced.

"Why, Cindy," exclaimed the surprised mistress, "you are getting better pay than any cook I know of in a family the size of ours. You have a nice, comfortable room and good treatment. Think how kind it was of Mr. Warren to give you a long vacation with your full wages."

"Dat's it," grumbled Cindy. "Mr. Warren paid me dat money fur doin' ruthin'. An' now all you folks is come back fur me to cook fur an' wait on. An' I gits more money or I leaves."—Lippincott's.

TOO MUCH OF THE MATINEE IDOL IN ROBISON'S ACT

"The Wolf," a play by Eugene Walter, is something of an original creation, with an atmosphere of the northland with its forests, silent and majestic, its autumn tints of scarlet, gold and brown, and its snows of winter that creak beneath the tread of the lonely habitant. The plot of the play is one of intensity and consistent with the people that inhabit the frontiers in the region of Hudson Bay.

As to the players, they seemed to be, in most cases, unfitted for their parts, with the possible exception of Henry Sherwood. Mr. Robison we have seen in other parts, and he made a handsome and dashing Richard Carvel, but Mr. Robison is not a character actor. He has been a matinee idol too long to drop that grace of manner calculated to appeal to the heart of the eaters of bonbons. Mr. Robison should take into account that the character he portrays is the Canadian-Frenchman, a distinct type. His make-up would have been more suitable for a well-to-do vendor of bananas on Broadway than a voyager of the north.

The Scotchman overdoes his part, reaches his climax while the first act is yet very new. It's a pity he didn't see old man Stoddard play the "Bonnie Brier Bush" and let the lesson sink deep into his heart.

Henry Maitland did the part of the engineer very well. Of course, it is hard to judge one character in a cast when the balance of the company are neutralizing every point that is made by inconsistent acting.

Lynne Ovesman, as George Huntley, is playing a character that doesn't belong in the piece, and it was certainly a great mistake of the author to introduce a light comedy part that has been worn threadbare and ought to be set away in the garret with Little Boy Blue's tin soldier.

Of course, there should be some comedy to lighten the somber hue of the plot, but it should be character comedy.

Miss Brun Johnson, as Hilda Matvish, was not suited to the part, either by look or action. We do not wish to seem harsh or over-critical, and many actors and actresses that are good in certain parts are failures in others. This play of "The Wolf" deals with peculiar characters, and to portray them to the satisfaction of those who are familiar with the life of Northern Canada requires a close study, a careful make-up and a company of players who are suited to eccentric character acting.

The play as a whole, however, pleased the majority of the people. The scenery was beautiful and the plot fascinating. It would be worth one's while to see this play after it had been in the hands of David Belasco, allowing him to change it in places and pick the cast for its production, but being not worse stands in some rank of plays.

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MEAT PRICES ARE ADVANCED

Stock for Killing Being Fed Now and as a Consequence Prices Have Advanced Materially.

Everything in the line of fresh meat has advanced in price from 1 to 2½ cents, owing to the fact that stock for killing must all be fed and fed well at this time of the year.

Local butchers are paying 3½ to 4½ cents for beef, 7½ cents for pork, 5 cents for mutton, 5 cents for lamb and 7 cents for veal.

A further raise is expected before grass-fed stock comes into market.



If They Only Knew.
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