

TEDDY WON'T ACCEPT ROOT AS CHAIRMAN

New York Senator Persona Non Grata With Roosevelt — Moses Clapp of Minnesota Considered as Choice for Chairman.

Contest for Delegations Overshadows Choice of Temporary Chairman in Committee Meeting.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—That Theodore Roosevelt and his followers will not accept United States Senator Elihu Root of New York as temporary chairman of the national republican convention, and will wage a stubborn anti-convention fight for the appointment of a progressive for the position was indicated here today when United States Senator Moses Clapp of Minnesota started for Jersey City to confer with Colonel Roosevelt at the former president's request. Although Senator Clapp asserted before leaving here that he had no official knowledge that he was being considered for the temporary chairmanship, it is generally believed here that he is the man Roosevelt and his supporters have selected to oppose Root.

The full national republican committee will meet in Chicago June 6, and this committee must decide between Root and Clapp. The fight for the temporary chairmanship promises to overshadow even the contest to be waged for contested delegations and will be the first test of the Taft and Roosevelt strength. It is believed here that the committee will postpone the selection of the temporary chairman until after the contests are decided.

CHICAGO, May 27.—Harry S. New, chairman of the sub-committee on arrangements of the republican national committee today formally took possession of the Coliseum in which the national republican convention will be held June 18. New said that all hotel arrangements had been made.

Fully 300 contests for seats in the convention are expected. Ormsby McHarg, the New York lawyer who will represent Colonel Roosevelt will arrive tomorrow to be on the ground before May 29, the last day on which contests may be filed.

FINDS \$1 GOLD IN CHICKEN'S CRAW

Gold Hill has long produced heavy in local markets, but the reason for it was not known until Saturday and chickens which are in great demand now the demand will probably be greater than ever before. They feed their chickens pure gold down that way.

Saturday one of the boys employed in dressing chickens at the fish market cut into a craw and found a small nugget of gold which weighs out a value of about 1. The nugget is perfectly formed and is very pretty. After this chicken craws will be subjected to a minute scrutiny at the market especially if the fowls come from the Gold Hill section.

CITY COUNCIL SAVES \$15,000???

A circular signed by the city council in defense of its position on the printing amendment which aims to substitute telephone posts for newspaper notices on assessment ordinances, asserts that \$6000 has been spent by the city for such printing, and that \$15,000 more would be expended in the next two years if the amendment does not carry.

This is not the truth. The amount expended for city printing during the era of public improvement, totals \$5,544.67, and a great deal of it was for proposed charter amendments, some of them entirely unnecessary.

This \$5,544.67 covers the expenditure of nearly \$1,500,000 in city improvements, and includes 16.77 miles

BOARD SAYS CONDITIONS IN SCHOOLS IDEAL

Sanitary Arrangements Fine and Health of Pupils the Best Ever—Teachers and Principals Sign Testifications as to Conditions.

No Medford School Has Had to Close for Any Fraction of a Day on Account of Contagious Disease.

That sanitary conditions in Medford's public schools are ideal and that the ladies of the Greater Medford Club did not know what they were about when they made their sanitary survey, is the substance of a "testification" which the members of the school board have had all the teachers sign. The following statement is issued by the board:

Board's Statement.

To the Public: As a testification of the conditions along the lines of sanitation and improvement, we the board of education and superintendent, submit the following report at this, the close of the school year.

It is not an easy matter to keep our schools in a high state of efficiency, and also keep the expense of so doing within our means, when we consider the vast influx of people, yet this has been accomplished. We have in the past four years built our High School, the Roosevelt School of 11 rooms, and the Jackson School of the same size. All modern in architecture and equipment.

During the past year approximately \$500 has been spent for disinfectants alone. Germo, a safeguard against contagious diseases; naphtholene, a powerful disinfectant, diluted in water and used by the janitors for cleaning of woodwork and iron, thus dispensing with the unsanitary plaster; chloride of lime, a perfect disinfectant and deodorizing agent; liquid soap, antiseptic and germ destroying; paper towels, and sanitary drinking fountains.

Furthermore, as a proof that the above agents have fully accomplished the desired results, our statistics for the past three years, show that no Medford school had to close for any fraction of a day on account of contagious disease, and the average daily attendance in all the schools

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WOLTER'S FUNERAL TUESDAY NOON

The funeral services for C. W. Wolters, who died Saturday, will be held from the late residence Tuesday noon, Rev. W. F. Shields officiating. Interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in this city at 2 o'clock under the auspices of Medford Lodge No. 103, A. F. and A. M.

All members of the local Masonic lodge are requested to meet at the hall at 1 o'clock. Mr. Wolters was a member of Medford lodge, the chapter at Jacksonville and the commandery and shrine at Ashland. Local Masons will meet the funeral procession at the south city limits on Riverside avenue. Commandery members are asked to meet in uniform and act as an escort.



GETTING THE SMALL END OF IT.

LORIMER REFUSES TO RESIGN OFFICE TO FIGHT IT OUT

CHICAGO, May 27.—Declaration that United States Senator William E. Lorimer of Illinois has refused to resign and that Vice President Sherman carried such a message to Washington, is made here today by the Chicago Tribune. The Tribune says:

"The outcome of the situation, apparently, is that Lorimer will force his friends in Washington to go the limit, probably until the eve of the deciding vote and then, perhaps, resign."

Vice President Sherman arrived in Chicago Saturday and a report from Washington said that he came here to inform Lorimer that a secret vote in the senate showed that his (Lorimer's) expulsion from the senate was a certainty.

Following publication of the Tribune's story, William Lorimer, junior said:

"It isn't in father's nature to surrender. If he goes down it will be fighting. He is suffering from Bronchitis today, but it is nothing serious."

The normal amount of rainfall for May has been reached. Only brief showers are expected to occur during the remainder of the month.

COMMISSIONERS MAKE CHANGES AT HONOR CAMP

Following a visit to Westville and an examination of the work done by the honor men on the Crater Lake highway, Commissioners Owens and Brown have ordered a number of changes in the work, and have appointed a new foreman of construction. The commissioners plan to have the honor men cover more work and not build the grade this side of Florence Rock so wide or make the rock cuts so deep. In other words their work will be made to cover a greater length of road. Chris Natwick, who had the contract for the construction of the Punicee grade on the highway, will be put in charge of the work June 1, to succeed John Grieve, who has asked to be relieved.

"The honor men are doing good work and I have no fault to find with them," states George Brown. "They are in fact doing much too good work on the grade and we plan to have them cover more ground believing that in this way their work will prove of greater benefit on the highway. They have been devoting much of their attention to certain grades and making the road wide. This will be stopped and the same amount of labor spent over a longer length of road."

Chris Natwick will start work as

BATTLE WAGED ALGERIAN LINE BY FRENCH AND MOORS

PARIS, May 27.—Fighting between the Moors and French troops at Fez and at Merada, near the Algerian frontier, in which hundreds met death is told in wireless despatches received from Fez today. An attack on Fez was repulsed by the French troops, the Moors losing heavily in the engagement.

Another report is that 100,000 Moors attacked the camp at Merada and that the government troops lost 150 killed and 380 wounded, and the Moors 100 killed and 3,000 wounded. The minister of war here, however, discredits the Merada despatch.

A force of 5,000 additional troops, it was announced this evening, is to be rushed to protect the route between Rabat and Fez.

foreman of the road work June 1, succeeding John Grieve, who asked to be relieved. We have no fault to find with Mr. Grieve as he retired of his own accord."

Fire nearly destroyed the commissary at the camp last week but the honor men succeeded in controlling the flames after they had destroyed the board sides of the tent. All of the contents of the commissary were saved.

INTERVENTION NOT PLANNED ISLE OF CUBA

President Taft Tells President Gomez That United States Is Sending Marines Only to Protect American Lives and Property at Guantanamo.

Two Divisions of Atlantic Fleet Meanwhile Steam to Scene of Negro Uprising.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Assurance that the United States will not intervene in Cuba was enabled to President Joseph E. Gomez by President Taft. The president explained that the United States was sending marines to Guantanamo now only to protect American lives and property.

Meanwhile the third and fourth divisions of the Atlantic fleet, with the Washington as flagship, and all under the command of Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, are steaming to Key West at about 15 knots speed. This formidable array of war vessels will reach Key West Wednesday night or Thursday morning at latest, barring accident.

Despite President Gomez' firm protest against the landing of United States troops on Cuban soil and President Taft's assurance that America would not intervene now, state department officials here declared today that these exchanges will not affect the preparations of the army to land an expedition on the island if conditions in Cuba do not speedily improve.

Diplomats here believe that President Gomez' protest was chiefly designed for its political effect.

It is regarded as doubtful here if Gomez will be able to restore peace. American property in the province of Oriente, worth \$30,000,000 is entirely at the mercy of the negro rebels.

DEMOCRATS BAR NEGROES AT POLLS

WASHINGTON, May 27.—With Washington's 90,000 negroes barred from the polls, the democratic primaries for the District of Columbia were held today. There were three tickets, two instructed for Champ Clark and one uninstructed.

The voting started at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and ends at 8 o'clock tonight.

Watchers kept the negroes away from the polls, and but few blacks tried to vote. Fraud charges were numerous.

ELIMINATION TRIALS IN BIG AUTO RACE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 27.—Cars representing America, Italy, France and Germany competed here today in the elimination trials in the second annual 500 mile automobile race, to be run here Thursday. All cars were required to make 75 miles an hour for 2 1-2 miles to qualify. The winner of the race will get \$20,000; second \$10,000. In all \$50,000 in prizes will be given. Thirty-one cars are entered. It is estimated that 75,000 persons will see the race on Thursday.

TAFT ASSAILS UNSOUND VIEWS OF ROOSEVELT

Says Recall of Judicial Decision Lays Axe to Roots of Tree of Liberty— Names Poodle Dog Presented T. R. as His Bark Is Worse Than Bite.

All Candidates Confident of Sweeping New Jersey and Predicting Success for Themselves.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., May 27.—Renewed denunciation of the recall with special reference to Colonel Roosevelt's plan for the recall of judicial decisions featured President Taft's address at Perth Amboy today. The president spoke to 13,000 workmen, discussing his record in regard to labor. Commenting on Roosevelt's attack upon himself, he said: "You will remember what Roosevelt said about me four years ago. I think he was nearer the mark in his opinion than he is now."

Referring to the recall of judicial decisions, President Taft said: "The proposition would lay the axe to the roots of the tree of liberty. It presents a crisis which ought to make you pause before you permit the introduction into office of a man with such unsound views regarding the constitution."

TRENTON, N. J., May 27.—Governor Woodrow Wilson and Democratic State Chairman Grosscup came out here today in a point statement that they were positive the New Jersey state delegation at Baltimore will be solid for Wilson.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 28.—Predicting that he will sweep the state in tomorrow's election, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt arrived here today where he will make a speech tonight. He will then return to Oyster Bay, where he will remain until after the Chicago convention.

RED BANK, N. J., May 27.—Presented with a French poodle pup here at the conclusion of his speech by a man suspected of being a Roosevelt admirer, President Taft "got back, in form."

"I'll christen him T. R.," said the president. "His bark is worse than his bite."

WEST VIRGINIA WINS BOUNDARY

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Twenty years of dispute between Maryland and West Virginia regarding the location of the boundary line was ended here today when the United States supreme court handed down a decision in favor of West Virginia's contention. The question involved was whether the high or low water mark of the Potomac river constituted the line, West Virginia contending that the low water mark was the boundary.

LONDON, May 27.—The strike of 100,000 stevedores and lightermen, which for several days has completely tied up British shipping, was abruptly ended here this afternoon when both factions met and adjusted all difficulties. Both sides made concessions, government officials bringing pressure to bear for an early settlement.

MORSE TO FIGHT WALL ST. ENEMIES

NEW YORK, May 27.—That Charles W. Morse, back in America seemingly as well and strong as when he was the dominant figure in the ice trust which forces the price up during hot summer when little children died like flies because their parents were unable to pay for the cooling substance, intends to fight for vengeance was the opinion of his old time associates here today. Down in the "street" where Morse and his methods are best known, there was no doubt of his intentions. The finan-

cers, who were instrumental in the collapse of his pyramided financial institutions were getting ready and there was a general sharpening of knives and tomahawks that indicated war was expected and would be welcomed.

Morse, it is now known, is far from being broke. While in Atlanta he distributed more than a million dollars among his relatives. That money and a great deal more is believed to be available for his fight for financial power.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MEDFORD.

You will be called upon tomorrow to vote at a special election upon two propositions.

First, to vote bonds for \$20,000 for aiding in the construction of a new bridge across Bear Creek.

The money for this bridge should have been saved from the road fund, but it was used for current expenses by diversion to other funds, thereby preventing higher tax levies.

The present bridge is inadequate, there is more traffic over it than all other bridges in the county combined. The new bridge is needed badly, therefore everyone should vote for the bonds.

The second proposition is the amendment to the city charter gratifying the spleen of the city council, by substituting telephone poles for newspapers in the publication of assessment ordinances.

If you believe in publicity of city affairs, that newspaper printing at legitimate rates is a better source of information regarding the assessments made upon your property, than posting on telephone posts, you will vote no upon this amendment.

The community is judged by its newspapers, and the better support given, the better the newspaper resulting.