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STATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS PROFESSORSHIP TO MRS. E. S. PARSONS

Simultaneously with her defeat as a candidate for school director in this city has come the offer of a professorship in the University of Oregon to Mrs. Mabel H. Parsons of this city. She is now considering the offer and may accept.

Mrs. Parsons is offered a professorship in the English department of the university. She is well equipped for the position having won her Ph.D. in this line. Should Mrs. Parsons accept the position she will be missed in Medford as her work along civic improvement lines in the city as president of the Greater Medford club has made her very valuable.

FIGHT STARTS AT DROP OF THE GAVEL

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dates, make and pass laws.

"If it is in the power of 27 men to say what shall be considered a majority of a convention, then we have ceased to have representative government in our party."

"We know but one government in this country, and that is government by political parties, and if control of the parties can be maintained by those who make up the temporary roll, then we have a political oligarchy.

"It is the question now whether the delegates shall or shall not pass upon their own qualifications when their right to sit is protested. In 1884, a similar situation arose. The convention then decided that the committee was the servant and not the master of the republican party or of the convention. This question must, in its final analysis be decided either that the committee has a power not subject to change later or that the convention may later change it."

Hadley continued citing his contention, reading from a parliamentary point raised by Roscoe Conkling in 1864 which he claimed was his contention.

"So I offer to you today the precedent of 1864 that nominated for the second time Abraham Lincoln. I offer the statement of Senator Hoar that the motion to amend the temporary roll is in order.

Question of Principle

"But this question is more a question of principle than of precedent. It is said no fraudulent names are on this roll. As long as we don't act and fairly face this question, any man who goes out from this convention with a nomination goes out with a tainted nomination and can neither expect or receive the votes of the American people.

"You cannot settle a question of fundamental honesty by disregarding it. You cannot settle questions affecting the people by raising points of order, but I say that just so certain as you decline to answer any question the people will decide that you do not want to settle this question on the facts alone. You either must purge your rolls or admit that you want to confer a fraudulent nomination."

Former Governor Fort of New Jersey followed Governor Hadley for the Roosevelt forces.

"There has never come before a national convention in this wonderful party of ours, so vital a question," he said. "In 1880 the question arose as to whether it was in the power of a convention to determine questions of the roll before a vote could be taken. Senator Hoar of Massachusetts said that in the absence of any rule, the decision of any question rested with the chairman but subject to the rule of the convention.

"The convention, not the chair must determine whether the roll presented is such as this convention can accept."

Fort then referred to numerous committee decisions which, he said, gave the delegates there but to say who shall be seated and asked: "Shall we have in this convention such a scene as has been going on before the national committee."

Here the speaker was drowned out with a chorus of "noes" from the Roosevelt men and a similar shout of "yeas" from the Taft men.

"You don't want to have anyone say that you want to give the president of the United States a fraudulent nomination." Fort's time being up Congressman Watson then yielded ten minutes of his time to Congressman Sereno Payne of New York. The author of the tariff bill was both cheered and jeered, the Pennsylvania delegation demanding: "Where is Aldrich?"

"This is a proposition of order or chaos," he said.

"How about the tariff bill?" someone demanded. Payne was jeered and interrupted throughout. But he stuck to his ground.

"There is no other way a convention like this can organize — —"

"Oh, yes, there is," yelled a Pennsylvania delegate and another yell went up. Payne was plainly disconcerted as he gave way to Congressman James Watson of Indiana. Watson got a howling welcome from the Taft men.

Watson's Argument

"Governor Hadleys first citation is unsound because he refers to a time when there was no republican national committee."

More applause and cheers here interrupted Watson, who shouted:

"Don't cheer or applaud. I want to appeal to your reason, not your prejudices. The precedent cited by the other side proves ours. The decision of Senator Hoar came only after he had been chosen chairman, not before."

Watson then declared that in the convention of 1892 Governor Fort made a motion that the temporary roll of the convention be made the permanent one and then moved the previous question to cut off debate.

"Somebody must say who constitutes the temporary roll, or chaos must result," said Watson. "That is why this committee has acted. The national chairman, simply because he is the chairman has called this convention to order. That is all he can do. There he can ask you to elect your chairman. All he can say is:

"'I nominate the Hon. Elihu Root, as your temporary chairman.'"

A wild yell went up from the Taft men at the mention of Root's name and Hadley and Fort called time on Watson, but Chairman Rosewater shook his head.

"If you proceed as the opposition asks you to," said Watson, "then you must settle every contest before the convention actually meets. If the Hadley motion is carried there will be no need for a committee on credentials."

Here Watson moved to lay the appeal of Governor Hadley on the table.

"There has been no appeal," said Hadley and Rosewater nodded assent to the Missouri governor's state.

Then Rosewater rapped for order shouting:

"The convention will be in order."

Steam Roller Works

It took several seconds to secure order and finally Rosewater was able to make himself heard. He said that he had had the question under advisement several days and then directed the reading clerk to read a statement bearing on the Hadley motion. This statement was very lengthy and reviewed the action of the various republican conventions from that of 1884 onward.

In the main he reiterated the arguments of Congressmen Payne and Watson holding that the national committee alone was entitled to call up the temporary convention roll.

It was held that up to the formation of a temporary organization against the ring such as the present was not a convention but a mass meeting. At the end of the reading of the statement Rosewater ruled that all proceedings were out of order excepting the reading of the temporary roll. Hadley at once appealed from the decision of the chair.

Water moved to table the motion. Rosewater ruled both motions out of order and Rosewater then declared that all he could do was to present the name of Hon. Elihu Root, for temporary chairman.

THE FIRST BATTLE.

No real reform is accomplished without persistent effort, long continued struggle and many apptrent defeats. So the failure of the first effort of the women of Medford to secure representation on the school board to accomplish needed reforms should not discourage the women.

Defeat only strengthens a just cause and the cause represented by the women in this election, direct representation for half the people of Medford, scientific and up-to-date changes in the educational system, and an intermediary for the mothers in the person of one of their own sex on the board of control, is a just one and bound to win eventually.

The school election showed the surprising survival of unreasonable prejudice in an apparently progressive community. Many indicated that they were unalterably prejudiced against the participation of women in public affairs. An eleventh hour campaign canard that the women's candidate was a Roman Catholic conjured up a popish plot to capture the public schools, and aroused religious bigotry remeniscent of the old A. P. A. days. Mrs. Parsons happens to be a member of the Congregational church, but what has religion to do with public affairs in this supposedly enlightened age?

It is because Mrs. Parsons is herself a public school product, beleives in the public school system, saw its present defects and earnestly desired its increased efficiency, that she consented to become a candidate. No one in the community is as well qualified for the task, and her defeat is Medford's loss.

At least two of the five members of the school board should be women and it is to be hoped that the women will continue their efforts until they are crowned with success. Only a few women were qualified to vote and every interested woman should see that her name gets on the assessment roll this year so she can vote next year.

The campaign furnished valuable political experience for the women. Having hauled over three hundred to the polls who promised to vote in their cause, and having promises from several hundred others, they polled but 180 votes, and probably agree with King David that "all men are liars."

REDUCE THE RENTS.

ATTENTION of property owners in the business district has several times been called to the necessity of co-operating with merchants by a reasonable reduction of rents, which are exorbitant.

One West Main property owner has already realized this necessity and voluntarily cut his rentals 25 per cent. The other property owners should do the same.

The population of Medford and its surrounding territory does not justify the high rentals charged merchants, which are higher than those charged in Salem, Eugene and other larger towns. The merchant can only do business in proportion to the population he sells to, and cannot afford to pay more than his business justifies.

Most of the landlords have placed an inflated valuation upon their property—far in excess of their real investments. Many of the stores which in former years returned good interest upon the real investment now bring two and three times the rentals, due to comparatively few store rooms existing during the period of rapid expansion. New buildings have resulted in a sufficiency of store rooms and a consequent falling off in the demand.

The landlord who does not realize the necessity of co-operating with his tenant, works an injustice upon the latter, which will eventually leave him with a vacant store.

STORY OF BALLOT

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vote being 16 for McGovern and none for Root. Nevada was unanimous for Root, the state vote being six for the New York senator with none for the progressive candidate.

New Hampshire's uninstructed eight votes also went for Root.

New Jersey voted solidly for McGovern, the total being 28 for McGovern and none for Root.

New Mexico gave McGovern 2 votes to 6 recorded for Root.

When New York was called Root declined, as a delegate at large, to vote at all. The two delegates from Roosevelt's home district voted for Root, but Tim Woodruff created a stir when he shouted McGovern, the Brooklyn boss being the first to vote with the Roosevelt forces. Comptroller Prendergast was also cheered when he voted for McGovern.

Depew got a gladhand when he voted for Root, and beamed with satisfaction as he settled back in his chair.

Cornelius M. Collins, former state superintendent of prisons, who had been claimed by the Roosevelt forces because he was the colonel's representative in the last state convention, voted for Root.

George W. Aldridge, boss of Rochester and old-time machine leader and his associate from the thirty-eighth congressional district, voted for McGovern.

The state vote was recorded: Root 76, McGovern 13, not voting 1.

North Carolina recorded only three votes for Root, the remaining 21 being cast for McGovern. When North Dakota was reached Delegate Robert M. Pollock said that he voted for Walter L. Houser for chairman. The vote was announced as nine for McGovern and one for Walter Houser. The Taft managers insisted on the state being polled again but the announced result was the same.

Ohio was then called and the "big six" declared themselves for Root they were applauded. This was especially so in the case of Charles P. Taft.

The Ohio delegations split the vote, being: Root 14, McGovern 34.

Oklahoma was next called and amid confusion so great that the tellers seemed almost unable to follow the vote. It resulted: Root 4, McGovern 16, which was in line with the Taft figures. "Bill" Flinn was on his feet yelling when Pennsylvania was reached, and there was plenty of noise from the Pennsylvania men.

The delegates at large voted solidly as was expected for McGovern. Black, William S. Yare and E. Stotsbury voted for Root amid cheers from the Taft men. John Wanamaker was not in his seat but his alternated voted for Root.

TEDDY'S BANNERS OUSTED

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Roosevelt men already in their seats, but it lasted only a couple of seconds. It was plain that the delegates were saving their breaths for later action.

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