

WILL ROGERS CRASHES AGAIN AND LIKES IT

Not An Accident but An Incident, Says Popular Wit When Airplane Spills Him for Second Time—Getting Easier.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 7.—(6)—"Incidents, not accidents," was Will Rogers' comment on two mishaps on his aerial journey from Los Angeles to Chicago, when his plane overturned at Las Vegas, N. M., and again when his plane was disabled at Cheyenne, Wyo., 189 miles west of Cheyenne, last night.

Rogers yawned and stretched, but said he wasn't sleepy, as he caught a few winks from Cheyenne to Cheyenne. "Too early in the morning to talk," he said. "But," he added, "I've had a horse throw me once in a while where I've been underneath and I'm topmost, but never was thrown as easy as today out there in Nevada."

The plane was re-fueled at Cheyenne and when an attempt was made to take off one wheel dropped into a spher hole and the landing gear strut was bent. A relief plane was flown out to pick up the mail and Rogers and returned to Cheyenne in one hour and eleven minutes. Rogers left Cheyenne at 1:15 this morning for Omaha, the next stop.

"They're getting easier," Rogers said of the second spill of the day. "The first wasn't so bad and the second one was a pleasure."

These were the first aerial mishaps, Rogers said he had ever had. "I had my order all ready to buy me a plane but when she called over and got on top the order was cancelled. I'll let these boys fly me. One mistake in your airplane and you're out a plane."

U. S. FARM BUREAU FAVOR DAWES OR GOVERNOR LOWDEN

CHICAGO, June 7.—(7)—Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation met here today to finish a plan on farm relief which they will submit to the republican national convention at Kansas City next week. In the legislative committee report submitted by Vice President E. A. O'Neal of Montgomery, Ala., the directors will find their material for the farm relief plank. O'Neal's report also dwelt at length on the Muscle Shoals legislation now before President Coolidge.

Sam H. Thompson, Quincy, Ill., president of the federation said the McNary-Haugen bill twice vetoed by Mr. Coolidge is in harmony with the federation's views.

William Hirth of Columbia, Mo., chairman of the corn belt committee, declared that only Frank O. Lowden and Vice President Charles G. Dawes can win farmer support. "Unless the Kansas City convention nominates Lowden or Dawes I will advise the corn belt leaders to try to reach a friendly understanding at Houston," observed Hirth.

The nomination of Senator Curtis of Kansas would not win farmer support, Hirth believed.

WHERE DELEGATIONS SIT AT REPUBLICAN CONCLAVE

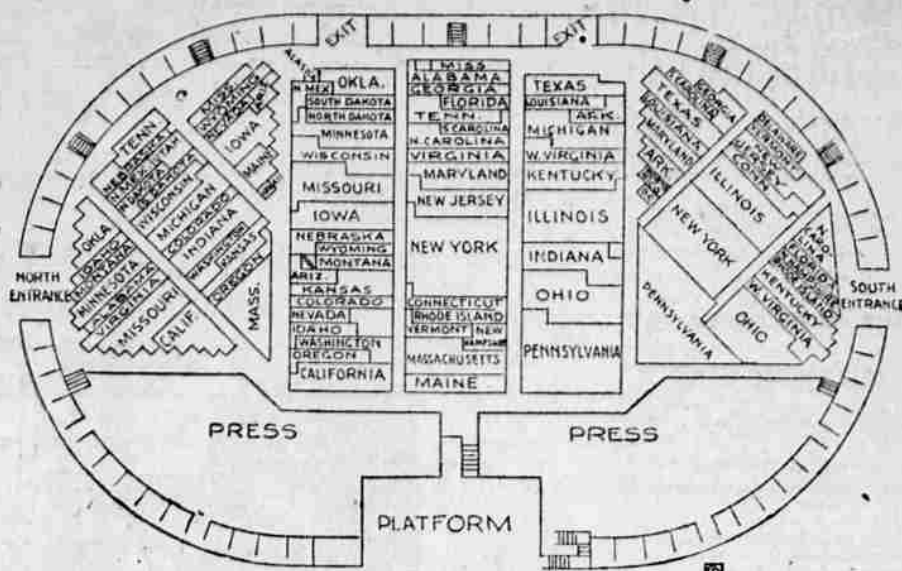


Chart of the convention hall at Kansas City, Mo., scene of the Republican national convention opening June 12. The plan shows where the state delegations sit.

REPORTED DEAL FOR OWEN RAIL R. DECLARED FALSE

Emphatic denial was made this afternoon by James H. Owen, general manager of the Owen-Oregon company holdings in this section, to the widely circulated report in the city and county, that a contract had been signed with the Hill railroad system, for trackage rights on the Medford logging railroad.

"I am president of the Medford Logging railroad, and if a contract had been signed I most certainly would have had a finger in it," said Mr. Owen. "There is absolutely nothing to it."

"I don't know how such reports start," continued Mr. Owen. "I have received calls from Portland and San Francisco gentlemen, who wanted to get an option on the logging road. If it is ever disposed of, it will be by an outright sale, and not by option. Whoever buys the railroad also buys the plant. I would be in a pretty fix with a sawmill and no railroad."

The Medford Logging railroad is 22 miles long, standard gauge, extends to Butte Falls in the heart of the Owen-Oregon timber holdings, and represents an investment of over a million dollars. It is held a vital link in any future railroad development in this section from the Klamath country.

John S. Owen of Eau Claire, Wis., 79-year-old president of the Owen-Oregon company, who has been visiting relatives and looking over his interests in this city and county, left yesterday for Crescent City, to spend a few days visiting old friends and looking over his holdings in the redwood belt. He is expected to return to this city tomorrow. Mr. Owen is an ardent admirer of Crescent City and its prospects.

Ralph G. Christ of Detroit, Mich., multi-millionaire, and a man of varied industrial interests, and rated, next to Henry Ford, "the biggest man in Detroit," spent yesterday in Medford, visiting James Owen, and left this morning to join John S. Owen at Crescent City.

The pair have been cronies for many years. Christ owns extensive redwood holdings in Del Norte county.

John S. Owen, during his stay here, has inspected the local plant and logging operations in the Butte Falls district.

Attorney Gus Newbury made a business trip to Salem yesterday and returned today.

GRAIN HEARINGS DELVE INTO FARM SHIPPING THORNS

SEATTLE, June 7.—(7) Economic problems of grain growers re-appeared today at the interstate commerce commission grain rate hearings.

The commission started on its new line of inquiry when it called J. K. McCormack, president of the Union Securities company of Spokane, as a "non-interested independent witness." McCormack is recognized as an expert on agricultural conditions was subpoenaed yesterday by the commission.

McCormack detailed the farm situation in eastern Washington, but refrained from voicing an opinion as to how rates to export markets effected the price market.

In answer to a direct question he said that he did not believe that relief for farmers had been reached by any action that should tend to destroy the railroads.

"Do not pull down one activity to build up another," he said. Harry C. Johnson, Washington state supervisor of banking, discussed bank failures in agricultural regions and Carl J. Barnes, state director of agriculture, presented exhibits relative to farm crops and crop movements.

WOMEN FAVOR BIBLE STUDY IN SCHOOLS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 7.—(7) In the face of active opposition from the floor of the convention, the General Federation of Women's Clubs today passed a resolution urging all members to attempt to introduce the study of the Bible into public school curriculum.

It was the first question that caused any debate during the convention and almost the last one considered during the ten day session.

The resolution was introduced by the Tennessee delegation and urged the teaching of the Bible to combat the spread of atheism among children.

Farrell Appointed.
WASHINGTON, June 7.—(7) Patrick B. Farrell of the District of Columbia was given a recess appointment to be a member of the interstate commerce commission by President Coolidge today.

ED ANDREWS IS BACK AGAIN AN AIRPORT BOOSTER

Ed Andrews, well known opera comedian nationally, and a former resident of Medford for years, having first come here 24 years ago, arrived here today from New York City for an extended visit at the home of his brother, George.

"There's one thing that I would like to impress on the people of this town and that is the importance of the airport here," the actor said in telling of reading in the New York Times about the possibilities of Medford as a landing place for planes.

Although he has played "Coco" in "Mikado," approximately 2200 times during the 40 years of his stage career, Mr. Andrews claims it still is his favorite role. He is also said to have played the sheriff in "Robin Hood" better than anyone on the stage today.

Carolyn Andrews Werner, famous coloratura soprano radio star with her daughter, will join her father here sometime this month after completing engagements at Mankato, Minnesota, and Portland.

An opera company is being formed at Portland under the direction of John Britts, formerly of New York. Mr. Andrews and his nephew, James Stevens, will probably appear in it there during the summer.

"No single factor has put Medford on the map, has made this city so nationally known, as its airport and the fact that it is an air-mail station," said Ed Andrews, the widely known light opera comedian, and always a booster for Medford since he first arrived in the city and with his relatives purchased an orchard 24 years ago, but who has been making New York City his headquarters for the past year, who arrived in the city last night to spend the summer here.

His daughter, Mrs. Dorion Werner of New York (Caroline Arledge), who has become one of the country's famous singers, and whose husband is the leader of one of the metropolitan city's largest theater orchestras, and her four-year-old daughter, are on the way to Medford, also to spend the summer here, having stopped off at Mankato, Minn., the former Andrews home, where she will give a concert, and will arrive next week.

No sooner had Ed greeted brother George and Mrs. Andrews and the other relatives and retired for a few hours of good sleep, than he was up early this morning, stilled up and came down town to greet his many friends in the city over generally to note the many changes since his last visit here.

Running across a Mail Tribune reporter on the street, after the usual greeting and small talk, Ed felt the urge coming on him and began to dilate on the national prominence Medford had attained through its present airport and the necessity of retaining that port. He knew nothing of the port except the impressions he had gained through reading the national magazines and the New York papers, but it was sufficient to fire his enthusiasm to boost his home town and to warn its people that they must go on with their airport and keep Medford on the national publicity map.

He was agreeably surprised when told that the natives here realized this importance, and that at the city council meeting last night it was decided to place a bond issue of \$170,000 before the voters for a new and modern airport.

Gathering momentum from this conversation, Ed a short time later visited the Chamber of Commerce office to dilate on his ardent admiration, and the national prominence the city had attained through being one of the air-mail stops. He gave Secretary Ted Baker, whom he had never met before, quite an earful of this. He meant every word of it, too. "Why, you simply must keep up your airport," he said. "The airplane developments nationally and internationally are the leading topic of conversation everywhere, and most people in any section of the county—anyhow, those who

read—know Medford is one of the cities on a prominent airplane line and an airport.

"Soon passengers on airplanes from all sections will pass through or stop at the Medford airport, and go back home and spread the news about the enterprising little city out in the far west, on the airplane traveling schedules. Then, too, most of these passengers, in preparation for their plane trips to the coast will look up the schedules beforehand and learn that Medford is one of the important air stations."

"I first learned of the Medford airport through reading the national magazines in New York, as Medford is shown in every published map, as one of the stations. Why, I even read about it in the newspapers of New York City. Isn't that astounding? You simply must keep that port. It gives Medford national publicity."

"Why, you ask any New York hotel clerk or postoffice clerk, and he will tell you of his knowing Medford as an air-mail station."

TRUCK SUIT IS SETTLED HERE

The civil suit of Wesley Egger vs. C. S. Stewart, operator of the Medford-Klamath Freight line, was settled before it reached trial this morning in circuit court, when counsel for plaintiff and defendant agreed on a settlement.

The suit was filed by Wesley Egger for a collection of a sum over \$700, which he claimed was due him on a contract for a truck. However, Stewart claimed the money had been ready for payment for sometime to the owner of the truck, H. P. Egger, who had signed the contract over to his son, Wesley.

While Stewart has been ready to pay the due amount, he was unable to do so by court orders, inasmuch as a number of garnishments had been filed against the \$700. Shortly after the garnishments were filed, Egger, according to Stewart, signed the contract over to his son for collection. Settlement was made today when H. P. Egger accepted the amount due and gave Stewart a clear title to the truck.

Monoplane Christened.
ROCKFORD, Ill., June 7.—(7)—The monoplane which Bert Hassell hopes to fly from Rockford to Stockholm next month was christened today.

Five year old John Hassell, son of the aviator, broke a bottle of beverage over the nose of the Greater Rockford.

Another County Heard From
AMSTERDAM, Holland, June 7.—(7) Uruguay today defeated Italy

3 to 2 in the semi-final round of final as Argentine yesterday defeated Egypt. Uruguay won the championship in 1924.

ADRIENNE STEWARD

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