

CONVENTION OF LEGION TO PAY A \$500 PROFIT

Local Conclave Not Only a Record Breaker in Size, But First in History to Pay Dividends—Expect to Clear \$500.

That the recent American Legion convention was unique in more ways than one, was shown by the report of the convention commission given at the post meeting last night by the chairman, Paul R. McDonald. For the first time in the history of the state Legion department the annual gathering of veterans was staged without incurring a financial loss to the host city. In fact, the Medford commission anticipates a profit of approximately \$500 will be shown after all bills have been paid.

According to the registration books, the attendance was the largest that ever gathered for a similar occasion, 2770 registered and it is estimated 1500 additional Legionnaires and Auxiliary members were present who did not register. Of the total number, 500 journeyed to Medford by train, 25 by airplane and the balance came by automobile.

Many letters have been received from Legionnaires and prominent men and women throughout the state who attended the three-day conclave, praising the hospitality shown by Medford and the way in which the convention program was handled. Through the Legion's clipping service the commission has received sufficient newspaper stories as published in Oregon papers, to fill two large scrapbooks. As all this publicity was of a commendatory nature, the commission figures that a corresponding amount of advertising space would have cost this community around \$8,000.

In commenting upon the work of handling the convention, Chairman McDonald declared there were very few features of the program which were not carried through exactly as planned by the commission, this record being made possible through the co-operation of the people of the city as a whole. The chairman declined to single out individual members of the post for commendation, but complimented the entire membership for their work by saying "you" were responsible for the success of the convention.

The Sam Jackson memorial emblem won by Medford post for outstanding community betterment work, was on display at the meeting. This emblem remains in the possession of the post during the year and was given to Medford principally due to the activity of the local veterans in establishing, with the aid of the city administration, various organizations and individual citizens, a playground for children. The Medford veterans have also received several citations from national and departmental headquarters for community work.

Gave Paul a Watch.
Following a short presentation speech by Vice Commander Ted Baker, a fine watch and chain were presented to Paul R. McDonald on behalf of the members of the convention commission. Attached to the chain was a personal gift from Legionnaire Bob Brophy in the way of a silver penknife. The recipient found it a bit difficult to reply to the praise accorded him for his work in handling the convention program.

Post Services Officer Newton Chaney reported six members of Medford post now in the veterans' hospital, all of whom are making satisfactory progress toward regaining health.

Feed Strang, brother of Herbert, Robert and Virgil Strang, attended the meeting last night as a visitor from Roseburg post.

Moving pictures of the convention were shown by Commander Ironside at the conclusion of the regular session.

STORM KILLS MANY

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As the tornado swept on toward Austin, farm buildings and crops were crushed. A heavy rain followed and roads were flooded and some pavement washed away. More than 50 automobiles were wrecked in Austin by the storm which seemed to pick out and follow Main street, the principal thoroughfare through the city. Starting at 4:35 p. m., the tornado, in less than eight minutes had covered a path two miles long in Austin, where the damage was estimated at \$500,000.

All the buildings at the county fair grounds, where the fair was to have opened today, were wrecked.

Doctors at the hospital worked over the injured under severe handicaps, because of lack of lights and electric power.

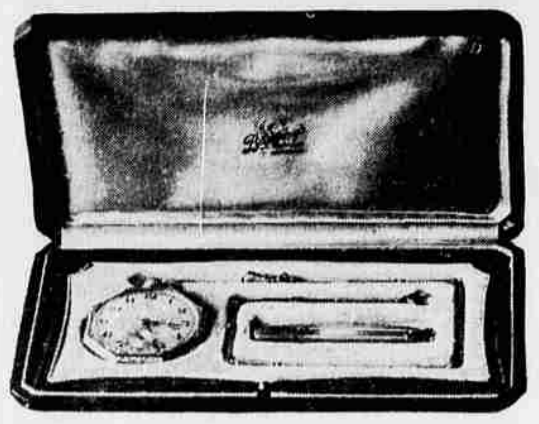
Governor As Ben Hur.

WINNEMUCA, Nev., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Nevada's highest executives, both ranch men, will compete in a chariot race at the rodeo to be held here September 1-3.

At that time, Governor Fred H. Balzar and Lt. Gov. Morley Griswold will track themselves in trick chariots of the type used by Ben Hur and compete for the championship of Nevada. The challenge was issued by Governor Balzar.

Klamath county expects to ship about 200 cars potatoes this fall.

Paul McDonald Receives Watch From Legionnaires



Attractive Green watch and knife, which were presented to Paul McDonald, head of the commission, which headed the recent Legion convention in this city, at last night's Legion meeting.

SHIP OVERDUE FROM SEATTLE LOST 14 MEN

Mystic Liner, Feared Lost Off Coast, Turns Up at Panama After Terrific Fight With Sea and Wind—All Passengers Reported Safe.

PANAMA, Aug. 21.—(AP) The story of a fierce battle with sea and wind, in which fourteen lives were lost, is recounted in the log of the Mystic line steamer W. S. McKenney which docked here last night long overdue from Seattle. The log shows that on August 8, when the men perished, the ship near midnight, while fighting a strong gale, lost its steering control. The engines were cut down to half speed and an unsuccessful attempt was made to bring the steamer's prow to windward.

A heavy sea struck the vessel, stuffing the forward deck load. The port rigging foremast was broken off, the mast crashing over the starboard side of the ship, and the whole deck of lumber went overboard.

The engines were stopped and all hands were called on deck to cover the hatch, the cover having been washed off by a tremendous wave that swirled over the ship tearing away everything on deck from stem to stern. The windows of the upper chartroom were broken, the chart wheelhouse flooded, the doors to the saloon smashed in and the lifeboats carried away.

It was while the crew was attempting to cover the hatch that a wave washed fourteen sailors into the sea, none of whom was rescued.

The weather continued unfavorable throughout the next day but the day following, the steering apparatus having been repaired, the skipper turned his vessel about and returned to the place where the men were washed overboard, hoping they might have been saved by clinging to some of the lumber that had gone into the sea just before them.

Although the McKenney cruised about in the vicinity of the tragedy for half a day and recovered most of the lumber, no trace of the men was found.

The Nelson line steamer American Star, which arrived at Balboa last night, also was caught in the storm. Although it rode out the gale without casualties, it was badly battered and the passengers experienced a considerable scare.

Captain Patterson of the American Star estimates that the wind attained a velocity of 120 to 130 miles an hour, lashing the water into such fury that mountainous waves swept over the ship, water pouring down the smokestack and drowning out the cries of passengers.

AL DENIES OREGON TRIP

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Norman H. Davis, under secretary of state and assistant secretary of the treasury in the Wilson cabinet.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the governor's running mate, and Senator Pitman of Nevada, who will deliver the notification address, will be house guests of the nominee tomorrow night. Chairman Insob of the national committee, will stay at a hotel adjacent to the capital.

"Will everybody be here?" the governor was asked.

"Everybody that's anybody," he replied.

WAR VETS TO SUE STATE

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Disbursements from the educational aid fund have totaled \$1,508,111.98 since the act first became effective, and success would add practically this full amount to the states liability in the item of compensation for war veterans.

C. M. Brinton buys North Powder News and Haines Record.

SMITH DEFENDS RECORD; READY FOR ZERO HOUR

Democratic Nominee Hits Back at Kansas Editor and G. O. P. Committee On Eve of Big Speech Tomorrow—Expect a Crowd of 100,000 People

(By D. Harold Oliver, Associated Press Staff Writer.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 21.—(AP) Democratic legions swarming into Albany from all sections of the nation to see their new leader officially notified of his presidential nomination tomorrow night, today found Governor Smith calmly waiting his hour of triumph as well as the reaction to his sweeping counter threat at critics of his long record in the New York legislature.

Early tomorrow evening, on the last stage of the night, the nominee will deliver a speech formally launching his campaign for the presidency.

Clearing his desk for the momentous event, the governor made public a detailed reply to William Allen White's charges that he favored the saloon and was lenient toward gambling and prostitution in his votes on a long list of bills while an assemblyman—an answer which he said must be considered final.

Declaring his legislative record "as an opponent of immorality is fixed and secure," and that he was satisfied the people of New York state did not concur in the "slandering attack" the nominee assailed the republican national committee for "openly associating itself with a matter he regarded as personal."

He named the rejoinder principally at the Kansas editor, but he intended it to apply to his other critics, including Dr. John R. Straton, New York Baptist minister, who has charged the governor with being the greatest foe of the forces of moral progress in the country today.

Unmanly and Un-American.
After taking up each bill covered by White, the nominee denounced the whole thing as "unfair, unmanly and un-American," and added:

"I have the satisfaction, however, of knowing that it is not conformed to by the people of my own state who have year after year expressed confidence in me, notwithstanding that a large part of this matter is referred to was laid before them in the past by agents of my political enemies."

"I am sure that I am right," he continued, "when I say it is not conformed to by the fair-minded, intelligent, thinking people of the country."

He said he was "glad to have this matter out of the whispering stage and put in the open." He regarded it as "purely political," and said "when the campaign begins I do not propose to have the issue of that campaign befogged by controversy over irrelevant things, such as the discussion of my votes as legislator some 20 or more years ago."

A Cowardly Course.
"No one in all of the 25 years of my public life has ever dared to make the vile suggestions which emanated from Mr. White, with the approval of Henry J. Allen, publicity director of the republican national committee," the reply continued. Then, referring to White's cablegram from Europe, denying he had "retracted" his charges as to gambling and commercialized vice, and which Governor Smith said was given to the newspapers by the committee as an "official release," it went on:

"What a cowardly course the republican national committee pursued! It issued a slanderous statement through its official publicity bureau and then after its general publication in the press, attempted to evade responsibility by the childish claim that it had been given out by accident. That is no fair play."

Tackling first White's charges dealing with liquor measures, Governor Smith said there had been a "deliberate attempt" to show that "my votes dealt with a far greater number of so-called liquor bills than in fact they did," that the intent of many had been misrepresented, and that almost invariably republican leaders had voted as he did on them.

Saloon Vote Explained.
Referring to the claim that he had voted to allow saloons within 200 feet of a church or state school any place on Manhattan island

Agrees to Pose.
Mrs. Hoover, who is an amateur photographer, became director of the scenario. While the cameras clicked she instructed Hoover and Newt Butler in their roles. Next she snatched an ear of corn and passed it over to "Betty," who tossed it into the crowd of spectators, and smiled broadly as men and women scrambled for the ear.

"Mop your brow, it's hot," declared Mrs. Hoover, and the candidate and his schoolmate readily complied as the scene was recorded on the films.

Hoover's classmates called on him in a body, pushing through the crowd that jammed the rooms and hall adjacent to the one set up as his offices during his day and night stay in West Branch. The nominee greeted each with some personal word of pleasure or with a recollection of some incident in the past.

south of 59th street, he asserted that was unfair as the bill in question applied only to the Hotel Gotham which, while within 200 feet of a church, was permitted under court order to serve liquor to its guests by the device of renting a house outside the 200-foot limit, having a hotel employe purchase the liquor in this house and then carry it to the guests in the hotel itself.

"Fair-minded men," he said, "were confronted with the decision as between a license for the sale within the premises of the hotel and the spectacle of bellboys walking through the street with cocktail shakers and wine baskets in their hands."

"I chose to end the hypocrisy of such a procedure, and in view of the high character of the hotel, I was entirely satisfied that if liquor was to be consumed within the hotel it might just as well be sold in it."

As to commercialized vice, the governor took up his vote against a bill introduced in 1919 and which proposed to regulate the renting of rooms in hotels. This measure, he contended, was "unquestionably unconstitutional and unworkable."

"On this bill, and this single bill alone," he said, "William Allen White would have my wife, my children and my friends believe that in my long public career I was a friend of public prostitution."

All of the gambling measures referred to by White had to do with race track betting, the governor said, explaining that he had voted with Governor Hughes against them, but later, at a special session, voted "the other way" as a protest against the "unjustified action of the governor in calling the legislature back into extraordinary session after the matter had been fully thrashed out and disposed of at the regular session."

Race Track Vote Upheld.

The governor referred to another bill in the charges to prevent oral

betting at race tracks, and said: "How impossible such a statute was of administration I need not say."

Declaring he would define in no "uncertain language" his attitude toward the saloon in his acceptance speech tomorrow night, the governor fired this parting shot: "I have been called by my party to the leadership in a great campaign. I am hoping to be put in a position to do for the people of this country what I have accomplished for the betterment of the government of my own state, and from now on I shall refuse to be drawn into any further discussion of these matters."

Motoring this afternoon to the home in Stockbridge, Mass., of Norman H. Davis, assistant secretary of the treasury and under secretary of state in the Wilson cabinet, the governor figures on at least nine holes of golf before returning to the executive mansion in the evening.

City officials are looking for at least 100,000 visitors here for the notification.

Robinson Agrees With AI
NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—(AP) Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic vice-presidential nominee, declared in a statement today that Governor Smith constituted a "formidable and complete vindication" of his record.

"It is clear that Mr. White's reflections on Governor Smith were recklessly made and without foundation," the senator said. "The published review by the governor of the facts emphasizes the importance of fairness and justice in conducting a great political campaign such as is now in progress."

"Mr. White has enjoyed a reputation for honorable dealings with his fellow-men which this incident destroys. It is regrettable that he should have permitted himself to be used in the circulation of inaccurate and untruthful statements

concerning a fellow citizen by an unscrupulous republican campaign organization unwilling to assume responsibility for the methods which they inspire."

Baseball Scores

Table with columns for American League and National League scores, listing teams like Cleveland, Philadelphia, Detroit, Boston, St. Louis, New York, Chicago, and Washington.

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Widows Live Long

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—There are at least 103,858 widows of American war veterans more than 75 years old. Pensions of \$40 a month to that number have been authorized.

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Sutherland—Hotel Sutherland being improved by new owner.

MANN'S—The Best Goods for the Price, No Matter What the Price—MANN'S
WEDNESDAY—Day of Unusual Values
FALL WEAR SPECIALS
Coats: For early fall wear, we are showing a group of all wool coats in tweeds, and "Caljer" cloth, shoulder and waist lining, scarf and Johnny collar nicely tailored, all sizes, 14 to 44. \$27.50 each. See Window Display.
Wednesday Special in Dresses: A group of new fall dresses in satins, georgette and velvet combinations printed velveteen and flat crepe, black and navy predominating and a few colors such as Independence blue, wine, fern, green and wood shades. Dresses that should sell for \$19.75 for Wednesday, special \$16.95.
Sweaters: All our better summer sweaters from "Marionette" and "Natti Knit", pastel shades, funny and jaquard weaves, also plain colors, reduced 20% of original price. \$7.95. Reasonably priced.
BLANKETS: A pre-season special of unusual value, buy now and save and be prepared for cool nights. 66x80-inch heavy cotton twilled blankets comes in broken plaids in rose, lavender, gold, blue grey, and tan. Regular \$2.95 values, special \$2.45. See Window Display.
Stamped Goods: Stamped luncheon covers with napkins on good grade Indian head, two patterns to choose from. Regular \$1.95 value, Wednesday special \$1.69.
Men's Shirts: Men's Fancy Broadcloth shirts \$1.19. 3 for \$3.45. A regular \$1.50 value. A new shirt free if it falls in any of these points: 1. Absolutely fast color. 2. Body cut full and roomy. 3. Stylish shaped collars. 4. Freshly neckbands. 5. Correct in size and perfect fitting. 6. Custom style center-pleat to bottom of shirt. 7. Fine tailoring and finish.
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