

'WET' AND 'DRY' ISSUE ENTIRELY SIDE-STEPPED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—The platform committee of the Democratic national convention completed its labors at 12:15 this morning with the decisive defeat of both the "wet" and "dry" planks. The committee draft of the platform which will be submitted to the convention today contains no mention of the prohibition enforcement issue.

After the committee voted, 30 to 12, against all planks offered which attempted to insert a declaration in regard to enforcement of the Volstead act, W. J. Bryan, field marshal of the "dry" adherents, announced that he would carry his fight for a bone-dry declaration to the convention floor.

Bryan Full of Fight
Mr. Bryan further stated he had amendments to offer to the platform as drafted by the resolutions committee, affecting other matters. He did not state the planks he would attempt to alter on the floor, saying that he did not feel at liberty to disclose his plans as the committee draft of the platform had not been made public.

The financial plank condemned the "pernicious attempt of the Republican party to create discontent among the holders of bonds of the government" and to "drag our public finance and our banking and currency system back into the arena of party politics."

Failure to enact tax revision measures "through sheer political cowardice" also was charged against the Republicans, congress having made no move, it was asserted, "toward a re-adjustment of tax laws which it denounced before the last election and was afraid to revise before the next election."

Claims of Republican public economy were branded as "false pretense" but the attack on the Republicans reached its climax in a separate plank devoted to "Republican corruption."

"Slash" Funds Charged
This section discussed the "shocking disclosure of the lavish use of money" by candidates for the Republican presidential nomination and the "conviction of a Republican senator" from Michigan charged with having violated campaign expenditure laws, to draw the inference that there is indicated "the re-entry under Republican auspices of money as an influential factor in elections" and a "stern popular rebuke" is invoked.

Armenian Sympathy
Armenian plank also expressed sympathy but was silent on the question of acceptance by the United States of a mandate.

The Mexican plank asserted that the administration, remembering in all circumstances that Mexico was an independent state, had been "unwilling either to profit by the misfortunes of the people of that country or to endanger their future by imposing from outside a rule upon their temporarily distracted councils" order was "gradually reappearing" there as the result, it added, and "at no time in many years have American lives and interests been so safe as now."

A new Mexican government should be recognized when it had proved its ability to maintain order and signified its willingness to meet international obligations and had given foreigners in Mexico the rights as well as duties," the plank continued. It served notice, however, that until that time, "Mexico must realize the propriety of policy that asserts the right of the United States to demand full protection for its citizens."

The platform sharply included a warning of "well defined indications" of an impending assault upon the "vital principles" of the federal reserve system in the event of a Republican victory in November.

Night Session Futile
After a futile session, given over principally to waiting for the "wet" and "dry" fight to come off, the Democratic national final platform committee, unable to report and without prospects of making a report before this morning, adjourned at

BRYAN CARRIES THE FIGHT ON TO FLOOR

AUDITORIUM, San Francisco, July 2.—At 10 o'clock the long awaited report of the platform committee was formally brought before the convention. It was the opening gun of the day's fight. William J. Bryan was waiting to offer minority reports on five planks.

CZECH TROOPS DENY LOOTING

TOKIO, June 1. (By Mail).—The Czech-Slovak minister in Tokio, Karel Pergler, has refuted the report that the Czech troops leaving Siberia by the President Grant were taking hundreds of tons of gold, silver, copper, machinery, sugar and other loot. Mr. Pergler said: "The fact is that whatever the Czech-Slovaks are carrying away from Siberia, in this case on an American transport, is their own property purchased with their own money."

"The Czech-Slovaks have been in Siberia for a long time. These soldiers are educated men, many of them university graduates or intelligent artisans and craftsmen. As soldiers they were allotted a certain amount of pay. Instead of spending their pay they pooled their financial resources and founded a large trading company and also a bank, the bank of the Czech-Slovak Legionaries. These resources were increased under Russian conditions because the pay was fixed in francs but paid in Russian equivalent of French currency. These institutions bought considerable supplies and it is those supplies which are now being transported to the republic."

"The men were especially anxious to buy cotton which is needed for our textile industry and their purchases became so extensive that last October the Russian economist advocated a limitation of Czech purchases of cotton in Siberia, thus incidentally proving that we are dealing with legitimate trade, based upon the ordinary methods of sale and purchase."

STORM BRINGS .23 OF AN INCH OF RAIN

A severe electrical storm visited the valley last night. Heavy thunder, and distant lightning flashes in all directions, indicated an extensive storm area. Rain started to fall about 10 o'clock and the reclamation service gauge this morning showed a precipitation of .23 of an inch.

Grain and hay crops which were beginning to suffer badly from drought on dry farmed lands will be revived by the rain. Ranchers say that it will do an immense amount of good and that few, if any, crops are so far advanced that any damage will result.

10:25 o'clock last night until 10 o'clock this morning.

While the convention marked time in the big hall, tucked away in one corner of the big building the platform committee continued to harmonize its reports. After practically closing the question once, the committee decided to give William J. Bryan another opportunity to present a prohibition plank. Apparently Mr. Bryan made such headway with his arguments that the committee, which it was once thought would soon make its report with a majority determination to leave the prohibition issue out of the document, found itself unable to make any report at all.

Permanent Chairman Robinson had a conference with Senator Glass of the resolutions committee and it was finally announced that there was little prospect of the committee being ready to make its report before morning. Amid yells of disappointment from a record-breaking crowd which called for "Bryan, Bryan, Bryan" and "we want to hear Bryan" until the convention adjourned.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSE COMING TO THIS CITY

Attracted by the stories of the tremendous strides this city is making, C. I. Blotky, who with his father, owns The LaVogue Suit and Cloak house, a concern operating stores in Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff and Redding, came to Klamath Falls this week for the purpose of making a personal investigation as to the availability of this point for one of their branches. The result was the signing yesterday of a lease for the room in the Odd Fellows' building, Fifth and Main streets, now occupied by the K. K. K. store, possession to be given as soon as this company removes to its new home next the Rex cafe.

It is the plan of the LaVogue house, according to an announcement made by Mr. Blotky prior to his departure this morning for his home in Marysville, to make the store in this city, in point of equipment and furnishings, equal to any on the coast. Orders are to be placed immediately for show cases, cabinets and furniture, and it is expected that these will be here ready for installation as soon as the remodeling that is to be done after the removal of the K. K. K. store is finished.

Only women's ready-to-wear merchandise is to be carried, and this is to be of the ultra-fashionable kind. Mr. Blotky, senior, who does the buying for the LaVogue, is now in New York and he has been advised by wire of the proposed extension to this city and he will make the purchases of stock for the house here.

WOMAN VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

Mrs. Jennie Josephine Anderson, aged 59 years, wife of Andrew G. Anderson, died early this morning at the Klamath general hospital, from apoplexy. She was stricken last evening in the camp on Sixth street, where she and her husband have resided for the past six weeks. She leaves no children. The burial will take place here Monday morning.

The decedent was a native of France but had lived in the United States since early girlhood. She and her husband came here from Durham, California.

FORT KLAMATH WILL OBSERVE FOURTH

Fort Klamath will hold one of its old time Fourth of July celebrations and is inviting everyone to participate. The neighboring tribes of Indians will join the Klamaths at their old celebration grounds on Wood river, opposite the old fort. There will be the usual program. Religious services will be held Sunday evening, July 4, the Rev. Mr. Cookingham officiating.

Monday the Rev. Mr. Cookingham will deliver the oration of the day. Immediately afterward the big celebration will be turned loose. Some of the best running and bucking horses will be there, also many of the best riders. Ball games in the day time and war dances at night. The festivities will last about seven days.

LEAVE TO BUY EQUIPMENT FOR SHIPPIGTON MILL

Equipment for the mill at Shippington on the site secured by E. W. Doe and associates last week will be purchased at once. Mr. Doe left yesterday for Delta, Cal., where he will inspect the machinery of the mill that has ceased operations and if suitable will purchase it. He was accompanied by O. Peyton. It is planned to put through the construction of the mill as rapidly as possible.

ROOF GIVES WAY BENEATH WEIGHT OF STORM WATER

Rain fell so fast last night that the roof of the La Prairie garage was unable to shed it and finally caved in beneath the weight. Two cars, Dr. Westerfeld's Ford car and a small Reo were wrecked by the falling roof. Besides the damage to the cars, repairs to the building will cost several hundred dollars.

THREE DAYS OF FAST BASEBALL IS SCHEDULED

If the Fourth produces nothing else in the way of a Fourth of July celebration it will produce a series of red hot ball games, Saturday, Sunday and Monday—one game each day—according to members of the local nine, who will clash with a team from Corning, Cal., to decide the championship of southern Oregon and northern California.

Corning will arrive tonight, if the schedule is followed, in a special car, carrying with them 25 picked rooters, who have brought their art to a point where he is calculated to get the goat of the most seasoned player or hardened umpire. The Corning team has the reputation of having the pick of Sacramento valley semipro in its lineup and is ranked as one of the strongest of California's semi-professional ball playing organizations.

Opposed to the doughty visitors the locals will have the following choice of lineup of veterans of many a diamond struggle on various league fields: Howard, third base; Kelley, shortstop; Callaghan, center field; Noel, left field; Clark, catcher; Montgomery or Oliphant, right field; Walker, first base; Turner, second base; Hilton, Turner or Willis, pitchers; Bressleau, outfield substitute.

The locals are counting on the mound work of Hilton as a big winning factor. Hilton has been coming along all season and the stride he is taking is expected to land him in big league class in another season or two.

Turner, second baseman, is from the Three I league, a big fellow with lots of speed and a tremendous swing on the willow.

Walker is the scrappiest member of the club and covers first like a blanket. Montgomery is an all round player, a valuable asset to any club.

Kelley is one of the fastest semi-pro players on the coast. He has refused contracts this season with Portland, San Francisco and Vernon in the coast league, and Little Rock in the southern league. Howard is leading the club this season in hitting and fielding. He is small but mighty.

Callaghan's experience in the Southern league and American association stands him in good stead. He is credited with being the brains of the outfield. He is a southpaw and generally lands a swipe at least once in the game that rattles the boards in the right field. Bressleau is another hard hitter. Willis, another possibility on the sending end of the bat, has everything on the ball. It is claimed, and is a marvel of speed.

The man responsible for the performance of the aggregation is Jimmy Clark, manager, the receiving member of the battery. He is a heavy stickler and has a quick eye for base runners and fast delivery.

The game will be called each afternoon at 2:30 at Modoc park, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The admission is half a dollar.

BULLETIN

AUDITORIUM, San Francisco, July 2.—The ballot of wets and dries got under way in the Democratic national convention this afternoon when, after the platform had been read without making mention of the prohibition plank, W. J. Bryan was recognized to offer a bone dry plank as a minority report. Two hours and seven minutes were required to read the platform.

BACK FROM AUTO TRIP

C. V. Holmes and wife returned last evening from an auto tour of the Northwest that extended over a period of more than two weeks and took them to most of the principal points of interest in Oregon and Washington. They were accompanied by L. F. Hansen, wife and daughter. No mishaps marred the pleasure of the trip, every mile being one of pleasure and enjoyment.

S. P. WILL ENLARGE FREIGHT CAPACITY

Division superintendent J. W. Fitzgerald has announced immediate intention on the part of the Southern Pacific company to enlarge freight accommodations at the local station. The freight warehouse and office will be enlarged and the house track extended to take care of 20 merchandise cars. The present capacity of the track is six cars.

The contract for the work will be let at once, it is reported. When it is finished it will provide not only warehouse space and trackage to handle present business, but will make provision for the growth of several years to come.

AGED INDIAN AUTO VICTIM

Ben Johns, aged 68 years, an Indian from the Klamath reservation, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when the car in which he was riding with his daughter, Mrs. Amy Jackson, and 18 year-old grandson, Freddie Jackson, turned turtle on the old Fort Klamath road about three miles from town. Johns' neck was broken. Mrs. Jackson's face was badly cut but the boy escaped all injury.

Coroner Whitlock's investigation showed that the car was coming down the hill, toward this city. The brakes were faulty and before starting down the driver put the car in low gear. It was proceeding safely when, according to Mrs. Jackson's testimony, her father, apparently wishing to go faster reached out and shifted the gears neutral. The car started forward, and the driver, having no brakes, could do nothing to stop it. At the turn it plunged over the side of the road and capsized.

BONANZA WANTS SOLONS TO VISIT

The people of Bonanza, the clover leaf city, have phoned to the chamber of commerce that they are anxious to assist in some way in entertaining or assisting in the handling of the congressional committee which is to be here on July 7 to look over the Klamath reclamation property.

H. D. Newell, the project manager, states that the schedule of their itinerary, as submitted to him, will not admit of the party visiting Bonanza or Langell Valley, as only a half day is allotted to the entire project. The party is to leave Klamath Falls at 8 o'clock on the morning of July 8, returning to Klamath by noon and going to Crater Lake in the afternoon. The people of Langell Valley and Bonanza have very important problems pertaining to navigation and chamber of commerce officials hope that some representatives from that section can attend the informal reception at Klamath Falls on the evening of July 7, when the congressional party is to arrive.

ARGUMENT HEARD ON INJUNCTION

After hearing argument by J. H. Carnahan, representing the plaintiff, and District Attorney Duncan for the defendants, in the suit brought by Mrs. Sophia S. Henley against Klamath county, the county court, state highway commission, Oskar Huber, contractor, and others, to restrain alleged trespass on her ranch in the Henley district by builders of the state highway from Klamath Falls to Malin, Judge Kuykendall late yesterday declined at this time to grant the temporary restraining order prayed for.

The court stated that he would go further with the case and would issue an order on the permanent injunction that is asked in the pleading, after answers have been filed by

TELEPHONE MGR. SAYS MAYOR IS IN ERROR

Mayor Struble was in error when he said that the state law provides that electrical wires shall be strung 22 feet above the ground, according to a statement by E. T. Ludden, local manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, today. The statement was made by the mayor in a written resume of reasons for vetoing the original ordinance passed by the council, providing for the manner and cost of cutting wires to permit of moving buildings through the streets of the city.

According to Mr. Ludden the statute fixes the height at 18 feet, and he asserts that the matter has been called to the mayor's attention and Mr. Struble has admitted his error, but is still insisting in the new ordinance, which replaced the one vetoed by the mayor and was introduced and read at the last meeting of the council, that 22 feet shall be the specified height in the city ordinance. The telephone manager says that the members of the council are favorable to the 18 foot provision.

Mayor Stands on Franchise
"While the state law, as I understand it, fixes the height for main wires and cables at 20 feet and service wires connecting with buildings at 18 feet, the franchise under which the telephone company operates in the city specifies that the height of wires shall be 22 feet," said Mayor Struble this morning in commenting upon Mr. Ludden's statement.

"The telephone company owned the franchise originally, and presumably in good faith, and I believe that they should carry out the contract. I am acting in this matter with a desire to be fair to both the housemovers and the corporations, but I believe that franchise is a binding contract and should be observed."

"Outside the service wires, I have not found, the telephone wires low. Mr. Ludden says it is almost impractical to put all these service wires at the specified height. While this may be true I am certain that the moving contractors should not be required to pay for raising such wires, or for their cutting. My only desire in this matter is to see an adjustment that will be fair to both the house movers and the companies."

Companies Hard Hit
The telephone, power and telegraph companies are considerably encroached over the situation. Mr. Ludden states that all of the telephone company's wires are 18 feet off the ground, except where service wires run down off the poles to connect with low buildings in the residential districts. Should the city raise the height to 22 feet, however, it would make changes necessary that would cost the companies thousands of dollars, and naturally they are fighting the possible adoption of the ordinance, which has passed its first reading with the 22 foot clause inserted. It is said that the California-Oregon Power company would have to spend at least \$10,000 in raising the system of wires and cables.

DANCERS FORCED TO TAKE WATER

The dancing party at Parker's open air pavilion almost became a swimming party about 10 o'clock last night, when the heavy rain that accompanied the electrical storm broke. Dancers were deluged by the falling torrents and within a few minutes the platform was a lake of water, an inch or more deep.

The crowd fed for home, or other shelter, but Mr. Parker and two assistants worked throughout the night drying the platform. The water was swept off and several coats of sawdust applied to soak up the dampness. As a result of their work Mr. Parker said this morning that the floor was absolutely uninjured.

William Dean Howells was ill of influenza on his 83rd birthday, which fell on Monday, March 1.

defendants in the suit. Defendant's attorney was instructed to prepare answers.