

NOMINATION OF TAFT IS CERTAIN

DECLARE LEADERS OF PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN

Every Roll Call Increases Strength of Organization Vote — Have Now Passed Six Hundred Mark—Proceedings to Be Rushed So as to Adjourn by Saturday Night—No Contests Thrown Out

CHICAGO, June 21.—Chairman Root called the convention to order at 12:26. The report of the committee on credentials on the Ninth Alabama contests was submitted after invocation by Rev. John Shaw.

The report recommended the seating of the Alabama Taftites. Roosevelt presented a contrary minority report. Hadley moved to vote on whether 72 contested Taftites could vote. Watson moved to table Hadley's resolution.

Roll call was then taken. During the roll call Heney and Johnson challenged the votes of Tyron and Meyerfield of California.

Root ruled they were out of order, and amid great confusion the count proceeded. The final vote to table the Hadley motion stood 569 against 499, not voting, 10.

Taftites Gain in Vote
When Hadley moved to adopt the minority report of the credentials committee, Walker moved to table the motion.

Roll call. Hadley's motion was tabled. Ayes 607, noes 461; not voting, 12.

The credentials committee report on the Ninth Alabama district was then adopted by viva voce vote. Then the Arizona contest report was presented.

The Taftites were delighted at the vote passing the 600 mark. Leaders declare that Taft's nomination is certain. Efforts are to be made to rush the proceedings and adjourn by Saturday night.

RAILWAY WAGES AND THE COST OF LIVING

The bureau of railway economics has completed the second of its comparative studies of railway conditions in the United States and the principal countries of Europe. This relates to the wages paid railway employees and the cost of living, and is based on the latest years for which comparative data are available.

The average daily compensation of railway employees of all classes for the year 1910 was, in the United States, \$2.23; in the United Kingdom \$1.05; excluding supplementary allowances negligibly affecting the average, it was in Prussia-Hesse 81 cents, and in Austria 89 cents. The lowest paid railway employee in the United States, the ordinary trackman, receives a greater compensation than many of the railway employees of France, even those of higher grades and with responsible duties. The compensation of railway employees is from two to three times as high in the United States as in Italy.

A recent report of the English board of trade on railway wages shows that the average weekly pay of engineers in the United Kingdom in 1907 was \$11.17; of firemen, \$6.67. In the same year engineers on the American railways received an average weekly compensation of \$25.80, counting six days to the week, and firemen \$15.24. Recent returns make it clear that in 1912 engineers and firemen in the United States are compensated at rates of pay for specific runs that are two, three and four times as high as the corresponding rates on representative English railways. The annual compensation of engineers in the United States, as reported by two representative railway companies, now ranges from \$1,100 in switching service, to over \$2,800 in passenger service, and of firemen from \$700 in switching service to over \$1,700 in passenger service.

For Continental Europe official returns in requisite detail are not available for a later year than 1908. The salaries and allowances of the typical engineer in Germany amounted for that year to \$646.88, in Austria to \$870.80; of a fireman in Germany to \$424.59, in Austria to \$532.03. The annual compensation of engineers on two of the principal railways of France ranged in 1908 from \$505.66 to \$906.91, and of firemen from \$324.24 to \$595.98. In Italy engineers

received in 1908, salary and allowance included, from \$581.10 to \$812.70 a year; firemen from \$30.30 to \$475.05 a year. In these continental countries the maximum compensation is received only after many years of service.

The average annual compensation of engineers in the United States in 1908 on an estimated basis of 300 days' service, was \$1,335; of firemen \$792. In this country the rate of compensation to these employees does not depend on length of service.

In Belgium engineers received in 1907 from \$23.16 to \$38.60 a month; firemen from \$17.37 to \$23.16 a month; conductors and station employees from 46 cents to 96 cents a day. In the United States, in the same year, 1907, engineers averaged on the basis of 25 days' service, \$107.59 a month; firemen \$63.50 a month; conductors \$3.69 a day; station employees from \$1.78 to \$2.05 a day.

The rental of a three or four room house or flat is almost as high in Berlin, Paris or London as throughout the United States, but in England and on the continent it generally runs from \$30 to \$50 a year less. The quantity of food and fuel estimated by the board of trade of England as the standard consumption of a typical workman's family costs in the United States 17.8 per cent more than in France or in Germany; 35.3 per cent more than in Belgium, and 38 per cent more than in the United Kingdom.

It is well within the truth to estimate in a broad and general way that while the cost of living of a railway employee in the United States is less than 50 per cent higher than that of a corresponding employee in the United Kingdom or on the continent, his compensation averages over twice as great.

THE MCCORMICK TIMBER IS SOLD

BIG BASIN LUMBER COMPANY BUYS TIMBER AND ALSO TAKES OVER SAW MILL IN WEST KLAMATH FALLS

The Big Basin Lumber company has purchased the timber of Thomas McCormick, near Keno. The tract contains about 4,500,000 feet of timber, mostly pine. The Big Basin has also taken over the Innes-Clarke saw mill on the West Side, which was reported sold a few weeks ago to Daly & Morrison. The Big Basin had contracted for the cut of the mill, but the deal was about to fall through when they decided to take over the mill and operate it themselves.

Manager Fish stated this morning that they expected to begin operations with the mill on July 5th, and would continue as long as they were able to get logs.

COMMISSION APPOINTED TO DRAFT NEW CHARTER

At the adjourned meeting of city council Thursday night it was decided to appoint a commission of eleven men to have charge of the drafting of a new charter for the city of Klamath Falls, to serve without pay. The commission, however, was authorized to engage three attorneys, if necessary, at the expense of the city, as legal counsel of the commission, and to perform the actual work of drafting the new instrument in accordance with the views of the members. The commission was requested to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the city hall for the purpose of organizing.

Each councilman appointed one member of the commission and the mayor one, as follows:

By Alford—C. S. Moore.
By Goeller—J. W. Siemens.
By Miles—O. M. Hector.
By Crisler—Fred Melhase.
By Hamilton—R. H. Dunbar.
By Underwood—W. A. Delzel.
By Savidge—D. B. Campbell.
By Owens—Hunter Savidge.
By McGowan—W. O. Huson.
By Doty—A. A. Mehaffey.
By the Mayor—Judge Leavitt.

CHAMPION JOHNSON IS INDICTED FOR SMUGGLING

CHICAGO, June 21.—Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion of the world, and his wife, Etta, were indicted here by the federal grand jury on a charge of smuggling a diamond necklace.

TO GET DATA ON FARM RESOURCES

REPRESENTATIVE HERE FORM AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TO INTERVIEW FARMERS AND STOCKMEN

E. W. Curtis arrived here Wednesday from Corvallis. He is here as a representative of the Agricultural College. In order to get accurate data regarding the farming resources of this section, Mr. Curtis will spend an indefinite period here, interviewing the successful farmers and stockmen. The statistics to be gathered will be kept at the college for reference in connection with school and experimental work. Curtis will travel to all sections of the county on a bicycle. He is a young man, taking the regular college course.

BEND HOLDS FIRST WOOL SALE AS RESULT OF RAILROAD

BEND, June 21.—Since the completion of the railroad to this point Bend has had many "firsts," and the initial wool sale in the town's history is scheduled to be held today. Wool began coming in the first of the week, and 500,000 pounds are now in the warehouse. This came from Lake county to the south and from South-eastern Crook county and the Harney county.

At the same time that the wool is going out by rail, sheep are being shipped in. This is also something new here, as well as to the sheepmen. The animals are being brought from the Antelope and Shanks country on their way to the mountains to graze during the summer. They are loaded on cars at points north of Madras and shipped here, the railroads having made rates low enough to make shipping cheaper than the sheepmen can trail the animals in the old way. There will be 25,000 to come in this way this season.

The unusually heavy spring rains have made grazing much above normal this year, and an abundance of wool and mutton is predicted this season.

LORELLA LOCALS

Mr. Nelson Cowley of Washington is visiting his brother, Mr. R. Cowley, and, being greatly pleased with this country, may decide to remain here permanently.

The annual school meeting for District No. 12 was held at the Lorella school house on Monday, June 17. Considerable interest was taken, and the following board of directors was elected: T. F. Boggs for one year, Fred E. Fleet for two years, and Walter R. Campbell for three years.

George Noble, Fred Thompson, Charles Walker, Clifford Vermillion, Ed Young, H. E. Winnard, W. A. Duncan, E. L. Hamaker and Fred Fleet left for Klamath Falls Wednesday to go before the grand jury as witnesses in the Winnard-McLaen controversy.

A consulting engineer from Seattle has been engaged by the Horseshoe project irrigation board, who will continue the work of surveying and estimating. He arrived in Klamath Falls Wednesday and was taken to Bonanza Thursday by Walter Broadsword.

A. J. Gale went to Klamath Falls Wednesday on business pertaining to the Gale-Shidler case.

Richardson—Lauderbaugh
Miss Eva Hazel Lauderbaugh was united in marriage Wednesday night to Harry Richardson. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Garrick, and was performed by Rev. Geo. H. Fesse of the Methodist church. Following the nuptial rites a wedding supper was served. Both of the young people are well known in Klamath Falls, the bride coming here from Yreka. The groom is one of the successful young business men of the city, being proprietor of the Bonboniere.

NEW LONDON, June 21.—Harvard won from the Freshmen eight by half a length. Harvard outclassed Yale in the 'varsity four, winning by twenty lengths.

JURY FINDS FOR THE DEFENDANTS

LEWIS LOSE DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST D. B. CAMPBELL, THE KLAMATH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND WORDEN

After about half an hour deliberation, the jury Thursday brought in a verdict in favor of the defendants in the case of Iva S. and Arthur C. Lewis vs. D. B. Campbell, the Klamath Development company and Chas. E. Worden.

The suit was for \$500 damage with interest and costs, and grew out of an injunction secured by the defendants on July 30, 1906, and preventing the plaintiffs from running water through the dyke along the shore of Klamath River onto their land for irrigation purposes. The loss is claimed to have been caused by the failure of the crop. The injunction suit was dissolved on July 30, 1907. The defendants had given a bond in the sum of \$500 for any damages that might accrue on account of the injunction granted by the court.

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