

ATTERMATH OF THE BIG CONVENTION

The Proceedings Were Carried Out All "According to Program"

The Hermann Supporters Were in Dead Earnest—They Think God and Binger Made All Things That Are Good in This World—Gatch Comes Out of Contest With Clean Record—General Notes

(From Saturday's Daily.)
The Republican Congressional Convention for the First district at Eugene on Thursday, the 9th, was a remarkable one, and a meeting of contending forces that will be long treasured in memory by those who were present. It was exciting from the first move after the speech of Dr. T. W. Harris, chairman of the Congressional Committee, announcing that the meeting was ready for business—in which speech Dr. Harris took occasion to pay a glowing tribute of respect and honor to the memory of the life and services of Hon. Thos. H. Tongue, whose death at Washington on January 11th created the vacancy and made the occasion for the calling of the convention.

The first move was the naming of a temporary chairman, and it required a ballot, Geo. C. Brownell having been put forward by the Hermann forces and S. B. Huston of Washington by the opposing crowd. Members and the spectators held their breath. It was believed by the opposition crowd that the ballot would show a slaughter of the Clackamas county statesman, but they counted without their host, for the only Geo. C. came up smiling his blandest smile with 93 votes, 80 only being cast for Mr. Huston. The point was raised by Kay of Marion as to the eligibility of Brownell, as he was not a member of the convention, and he could not sit as a proxy among the Clackamas delegates. But it was answered that Mr. Brownell was a gentleman of such honor and renown that any county might be proud to give him a proxy, if no rule prevailed against it in that county. Mr. Brownell, so it transpired, had a proxy from Douglas.

It was quite generally believed, at least by the uninitiated, that the selection of Brownell for temporary chairman, which meant also permanent chairman, "according to the program," about settled the contest, that Mr. Hermann would be nominated on the first ballot. But it transpired that Brownell got some votes that were not for Mr. Hermann, not to begin with most of them from his own county of Clackamas.

Then Mr. Brownell proceeded to make his usual speech, telling how many obligations he was under for the great honor, and referring to the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, the War of the Revolution, George Washington (by way of comparison), the history, the glorious history of the grand old Republican party, the party of Abraham Lincoln, of Garfield, of Grant, of McKinley, of that peerless leader and statesman, Theodore Roosevelt. He thanked God that he was on that day, and that hour, a member of that grand old party that met the issues of a great war and wrote Liberty all over the Republic, and he remembered that this was the anniversary of the day when Robert E. Lee sheathed his sword, at Appomattox Court House. Then Geo. C. pleaded for peace and harmony and good will, and advised that the members do nothing in malice, bitterness or hatred—that, in fact, they have a great Methodist Republican prayer meeting and love feast; bury the little animosities; dig a little grave in the Convention and give them respect and decent interment; then, when the candidate is nominated, get out and take their coats off and elect him, and then send a dispatch to Theodore Roosevelt giving him the news—and Teddy will go out and kill a bear!

H. B. Cospier, of Polk, was the secretary of the convention, and Mr. Tomlinson, of Benton, assistant.

While Mr. Brownell was appointing the committees, Kay of Marion moved that the balance of the committees be announced by the chairman, "according to program," as the Clackamas statesman had announced that he would give the names of the first one created, "according to program." Brownell took up the matter with a smile and a wink, and actually put the motion, and it was carried, and he proceeded then and there to name the balance of the committees, with the members to serve thereon, "according to program," and the name of Mr. Kay himself appeared on the committee on resolutions. It was a trick that could have been done and taken only by the peerless, unmatchable, and only, Geo. C. Brownell. No one else in this great and otherwise productive state trots in his class.

Nominations being in order, Kay of Marion presented the name of Hon. Claud Gatch. He dwelt upon the fact that Mr. Gatch had always been a Republican, always in accord with the best principles of his party; in accord with the views of the present administration. His nomination would create real enthusiasm in the ranks.

Newbury nominated Wawter. Then Brownell called Mr. Huston to the chair and proceeded to deliver a nominating speech in the shape of an eulogy and symposium of the grand qualities and broad statesmanship and untiring industries of Hon. Binger Hermann. He said it was not a question of what he liked or what any one in the convention liked, but it was a question of who could do the most for this great and growing state and the First Congressional district and the people thereof. (He did not mention himself in particular in this regard, nor did he refer to the office of United States District Attorney, but it could be seen by the discerning that he meant to include himself among the "people" when he wanted the man who could do the most for the people. But this is a digression.) He said it was a great mistake to change experienced men. He once had the presumption to think this principle might be disregarded, and he went over to the McMinnville Convention with the hope nursed in his breast that he himself might be nominated for Congress; but he ran up against this undying principle, and he went home a wiser but sadder man—and he had preserved this wisdom for the occasion in hand. Politics is business, science, knowledge, explained Mr. Brownell. It takes a man in Congress who understands methods, who can approach men, who can manipulate things, who has social qualities. Such an one is far superior all along the line of accomplishing results to the one who is a great orator or genius in other ways. The time was when a Webster could make a great speech in Congress and have a bill passed, or a Clay could charm by oratory and secure an appropriation. But the times have changed. He declared that Mr. Hermann has the confidence, esteem and respect of Mr. Roosevelt, and the differences of Mr. Hermann with Mr. Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior, when he was Commissioner of the General Land Office, were merely differences of administration.

Judge H. H. Hewitt, of Albany, named Percy R. Kelly of Linn. Then Geo. M. Brown, of Roseburg, spoke for Hermann, followed by Walter L. Toozie of Woodburn, for Gatch. Mr. Toozie made a very pleasing speech, one of the best if not the best, of the non-inflating speeches. The closing one of the nominating speeches was made by E. H. Belknap, of Benton, for Hermann, eulogizing the Douglas county statesman as a worker.

The contest that was waged by Hon. Claud Gatch has not injured that gentleman in the least in the estimation of his friends. In fact it has made him many new friends and given those who were already favorable to him larger and clearer conceptions of him as a man and a gentleman and a political contestant. He made a clean fight. That it was not a winning one in the final test is regretted by those who were his supporters, but no one is to blame for it. The opposition was organized. It was determined. It was led by bright men, big men, experienced in political methods, active and alert for every advantage or point of strength or weakness of their opposition. They had their forces well in hand. They were made up of a nucleus of men who were for Hermann in dead earnest—for there are a great many people in Douglas, Coos, Curry, Klamath and Lake, and in Josephine and Lane, and in Jackson, Benton, Lincoln, Tillamook, and even Polk, and perhaps in some of the other counties of the seventeen in the First district, who think God and Binger Hermann made all things, including the rivers and harbors and the improvements with Federal money money thereto, and that God would have left a great many good things undone but for the active co-operation and astute suggestion of Mr. Hermann. These people know Mr. Hermann. He knows them and their wives and children, and when all the babies were born, and they have received numerous visits from him and letters from Washington, and garden seeds, and favors of divers and various kinds. He has secured postoffices for them, and increased their pensions, and got appropriations for their harbors. He has kept in touch with them. The representatives of these people in the Convention wanted Mr. Hermann for their nominee. They clung to him, and probably some thirty-eight of them would have been voting for him yet, if necessary, without stopping to eat or sleep. It was a hard matter to break in there. And the other local candidates would not quit. They thought they had a chance, and clung to it like a drowning man at a straw until it was too late—until the "band wagon" boys thought they saw the band wagon going in the direction of Mr. Hermann—and they wanted in before it was everlastingly too late.

Things might have been different with Mr. Gatch if they had been different. But they were not. The other candidates, Wawter and Kelly, would not let go, or their supporters would not let go, fast enough and in time enough, so that the band wagon boys could be taken in. It is hard to see where Mr. Gatch and his supporters could have done differently, under all the circumstances, and achieved a victory. Mr. Gatch made a fair and clean fight. He comes off with all the laurels of victory excepting victory itself, and this is preferable to victory achieved by questionable methods.

Convention Notes.

Captain Ormsby is about the only one of the Marion county crowd that came back perfectly happy. He went up awfully lonesome, but he was not at all lonesome on the return trip.

The friends of the defeated candidates held the usual post-mortems yesterday.

A large number of the friends of the defeated candidates were initiated into the Ancient Order of Defeated and Disgusted Routers.

There were 1934 Salem rooters, more or less, returning by the various trains

yesterday who could not tell just how it happened, but they all knew it did happen.

The Eugene people treated the delegates and their friends very well. They gave them the best they had, and what they had was good enough for anybody.

The Salem rooters consider that they got licked, "according to program." They would feel much worse if they imagined it was not done according to program.

Ask Frank Toews how it happened that he also paid a brief visit to the beautiful and prosperous city of Junction.

Now some of the Marion county boys can realize how the Hermann crowd felt after the Albany convention. No man ought to butt into the great free-for-all of American politics unless he can stand a licking once in a while, or even twice in a while.

There were twenty-four ballots taken, but only twenty-three announced. That is the reason some of the newspaper reports say the result was reached on the twenty-fourth and others on the twenty-third. It was on the twenty-third officially announced ballot. The one that was not officially announced had too many votes—more than there were delegates in the Convention. Some that were announced also had too many votes. This was not occasioned by any attempt at fraud. All the principal candidates had printed ballots, and in voting the delegates would put in two when they aimed to cast only one.

BIG BUDGET OF COMPLAINTS

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GOVERNMENT WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DEPREDATIONS—PRESIDENT CASTRO WILL SUSTAIN MINISTER BOWEN UPON HIS STAND.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Diplomatic exchanges between the United States Legation, at Bogota, and the Department of State, at Washington, which will appear in the forthcoming volume of "Foreign Relations of the United States," discloses that numerous complaints were made by the American citizens during the revolution in Colombia of the action of the military authorities of that Government appropriating their mules and other property. The attitude of this Government toward the seizure by Colombia of the property of Americans for military purposes is shown by the following instructions sent by Dr. Hill, as acting Secretary of State, to the American Legation at Bogota:

"You will notify the Colombian Government that this Government will hold it responsible for any proven cases of seizure of American property for military purposes without due compensation."

Among other subjects to the diplomacy exchanged between Washington and Bogota contained in this volume are the seizure of vessels and the alleged discriminations against American enterprises in Colombia; the reopening of the United States missionary school at Barranquilla, Medellin and Bogota, closed by the Colombian authorities, and the question of neutrality of the aliens.

Washington, April 10.—The news was received here today from Venezuela to the effect that President Castro will remain firm and sustain Herbert Bowen, Venezuela's Plenipotentiary in the attitude he has taken respecting the settlement of the claims against Venezuela and in favor of referring the question of preferential treatment of the blockading powers to The Hague for determination.

The statement contained the information that no overtures have been made to President Castro directly by the representatives of allied Governments for settling the controversy, but overtures with this object in view have been made to the Government by some financial syndicates.

Bowen has opposed bitterly a settlement through financial syndicates and Castro sustained Bowen. Now that the matter is settled, protocols remaining to be agreed on prior to reference to The Hague will be concluded before very long.

MUCH-MOOTED QUESTION

IS AMERICAN RAILWAY SUPERIOR TO BRITISH, OR VICE VERSA?

NEW YORK, April 10.—Seven representatives of the London & North-western Railway Company and three officials of the Caledonian Railway Company have arrived in Liverpool from the United States, where they have been inspecting the principal railways and engineering works, says the Tribune's London correspondent. One of their number asserts that the British railways have nothing to learn from the Americans with regard to general comfort and frequency of service, and that the British railways are far ahead of the Americans in safeguarding the lives of their passengers.

PENNELL INQUEST.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 10.—The inquest into the death of Arthur R. Pennell and his wife will begin at 2 o'clock this afternoon before Police Judge Murphy, who conducted the Burdick inquest. So far as can be learned, J. Frederick Pennell, the dead man's brother, has not been served with a subpoena, but one has been prepared for him.

IS PRESIDENT OUT SHOOTING

On the National Preserves in Yellowstone Park?

A REPORT IN CIRCULATION

To Effect That He and Park Commander Are Out Hunting

IS SUPPOSED TO BE ONLY TAKING A VACATION AND STUDYING NATURE OF ANIMALS BIRDS AND VEGETATION—BUT ROUGHS NOT WITH HIM.

CINNABAR, Mont., April 10.—Secretary Loeb has received no word from President Roosevelt today. The President is in the mountains at a camp forty miles from his headquarters. When he started for this place yesterday morning it was his intention to remain there for a number of days and perhaps a week. Snow fell today in the vicinity in which the President has gone, but the fall was not heavy.

John Burroughs, the naturalist, did not accompany the President yesterday as he was suffering from a slight cold. This has almost disappeared now, and it is Burroughs' intention to join the President tomorrow. While Burroughs will be with the President off and on during his stay in the park, he will not accompany him on all his trips. The President is studying animal and plant life in the park and is enjoying himself there.

Is He Hunting Lions?

Butte, Mont., April 10.—A Cinnabar special says: It is generally believed here that the President, with Major Pitcher and an escort, are off in the vicinity of Vancys on a mountain lion hunt. They have taken most of the dogs from the post with them. These are the very dogs which the soldiers have been training for several weeks to track mountain lion.

Dr. Rixey, Surgeon General of the Navy, who came down from Mammoth Hot Springs yesterday, left Livingston today for Washington. He will remain in the East until about time for the President's departure from the park when he will again join the party.

QUICK SETTLEMENT

COLORADO SOUTHERN'S CONFERENCE ON WAGE SCALE LASTED FIFTEEN MINUTES.

DENVER, April 10.—A settlement of the question of wages of the trainmen of the Colorado & Southern Railroad has been effected. Fifteen minutes after General Herbert, of the Colorado & Southern, went into conference with Grand Master Lee, of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, and Grand Conductor Shepherd, of the Order of Railway Conductors, the demands of the men had been granted, and Mr. Herbert announced that the settlement was very satisfactory. The basis of the agreement is a 12 per cent increase for the freight men and 15 per cent for passenger men. Regarding double-header the company agrees that no more than four engines shall be run at one time on narrow gauge roads. A train on the main line is to consist of thirty cars, with double engines if necessary.

Today the employees of the Colorado Midland train service will take up the matter of an increase with General Manager Schlacks. They will insist upon the same terms just granted the Colorado & Southern men.

BROKE UP IN A ROW.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 10.—An effort to hold an insanity commission on Rufus Cantrell, the negro who is charged with grave-robbing, broke up in a row today. Charges of bribery were openly made by one of the attorneys representing Cantrell. It was also charged that an effort was being made to "railroad" Cantrell to the Insane Asylum so that he could not appear as a witness against Dr. Alexander, whose trial is set for next week.

After listening to arguments of attorneys who claimed to represent Cantrell, the commission granted a continuance to May 4th.

IT IS ONLY A TALE.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—No hint of the negotiations reported to be in progress between the Government of the United States and Great Britain relative to the British commercial privileges in the Panama Canal has yet crossed the Atlantic, save in the brief dispatch of yesterday. The officials here say they know nothing of any such project, and point to the fact that there is scarcely a precedent for negotiations on such an important subject, nearly a generation in advance of the probable opening of the canal. It is also suggested that the "most favored nation" clause in the majority of our treaties would make it difficult to confer any privilege of this kind upon England to the exclusion of other powers.

BIGGER PURSES TO BE OFFERED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—While no official announcement has been yet made, it is an open secret, says the Chronicle, that the new California Jockey Club will make a bid for prominent stables next season by offering increased purses and stakes. The matter has been thoroughly discussed by the directors of the association, and there is a strong feeling that in order to get first class horses from various racing centers it will be necessary to offer several substantial purses and handicaps. It is not unlikely that there will be several \$500 purses every day and a \$600, \$750 and \$1000 handicap every week. New and valuable stakes are also to be added to the present list.

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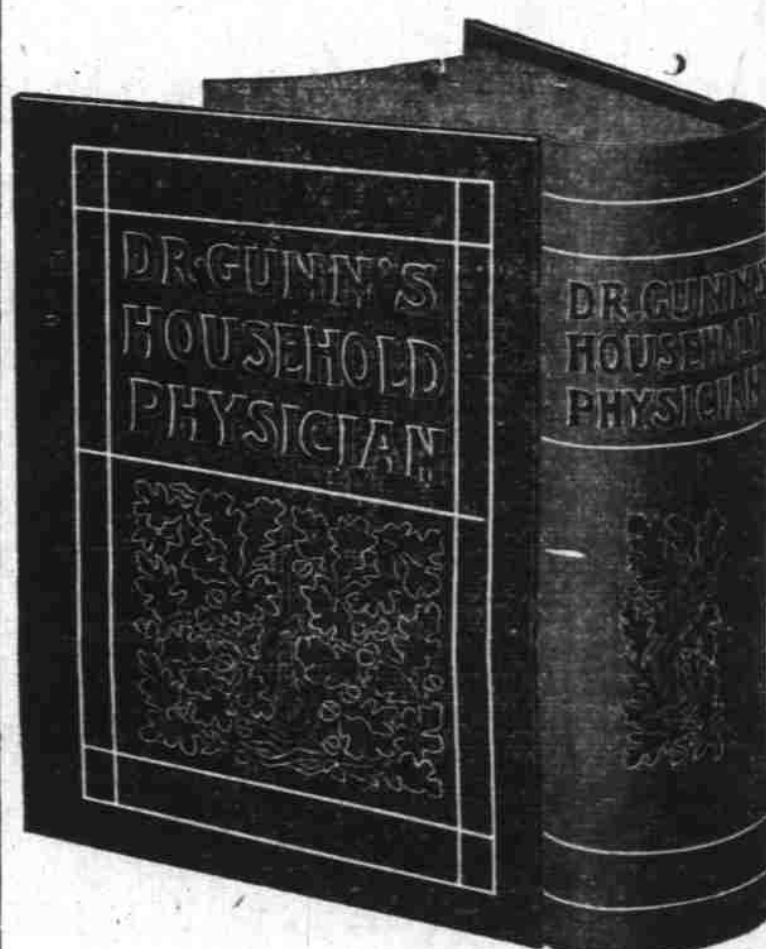
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