

phone on more than one knotty problem in the course of a busy day.

**MR. SHERMAN AWAITS MR. TAFT.**

Some of the members of the local committee told Mr. Sherman that all was in readiness for his reception at the house of Charles P. Taft, the Secretary's brother, and that he need not await the arrival of the Presidential candidate, but Mr. Sherman insisted upon doing so, and the compliment greatly pleased the enthusiastic Ohioans, who cheered lustily when they saw the Vice-Presidential candidate turn to walk down the platform where Secretary Taft's train was to arrive. The national committeemen went along and there was a large crowd to meet the Secretary when, accompanied by James T. Williams, of his political staff, he stepped off the train. The Secretary, whose train had for some time been travelling in the pelting rain, was amazed and delighted at the great number of persons who had gathered to meet him, and the famous Taft smile grew broader each moment after a wave of handclapping broke into lusty cheers.

Judge Taft, Representative Sherman, ex-Governor Herrick and President Egan of the Chamber of Commerce, got into the first carriage, the members of the national committee and of the reception committee stepped into the others and led, flanked and followed by the

He said he would also remain for the reunion of his class on Tuesday, when it is expected that not less than seventy of the 120 members of his class will be present.

"I shall also stay over Wednesday for the commencement exercises, and—now, don't you boys give me away—I am mighty anxious to see the boat race on Thursday."

"Can't you do it?" was asked.

"I don't know," replied the Secretary, thoughtfully. "I certainly would like to, although there's lots of work awaiting me at the War Department, I'm afraid. But I would like to play hooky and see that race, and maybe I'll do it, any way."

Mr. Taft said that from New Haven he would return to Washington to wind up his affairs at the War Department, and induct his successor, Judge Luke Wright, into office. He may, too, make a brief trip to Oyster Bay with Judge Wright to confer with the President. Should he do so he will return to the capital immediately, as he is to meet the sub-committee of the national committee there on July 1.

Beyond that the Secretary has not made any definite plans. He may spend the remainder of the summer here at his brother's house, or he may spend a part of August at Hot Springs, Va., which is cool and convenient to both West and East. One of the Secretary's callers was

of the Secretary and laughing joyously nestled again in his arms.

At all of the stations in the early morning crowds had gathered, but Secretary Taft remained in his drawing room, invisible. He was much fatigued from his work of the last few days and did not emerge from his stateroom until the train was within the limits of Cincinnati.

In an interview before the conference, Secretary Taft said:

"This homecoming is one of the sweetest incidents in my life. It was totally unexpected. I had thought I would slip into the city without notice, but here, with comparatively a moment's notice, I find scores of my friends present to greet me. So cordial has been this greeting that it makes a fellow's heart leap into his mouth. I am always glad to return to Cincinnati, but at no time have I been more happy to reach the old town than this morning."

**MR. HITCHCOCK'S HEALTH.**  
*Suffering from the Severe Strain of the Chicago Convention.*

Chicago, June 20.—Republican leaders from all parts of the country who have remained here for a few days after the convention refuse to accept as final the declination of Frank H.

and it was recalled that he had said to Charles P. Taft two days ago that he would not accept a subordinate position.

If Secretary Taft and Mr. Hitchcock should meet soon and the Republican candidate for President insist on Mr. Hitchcock's continuing to manage his campaign, his friends here are confident that he could be drafted. They stated emphatically that he owed it to the Re-

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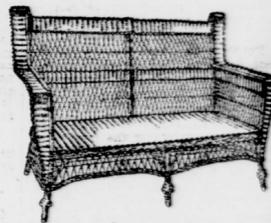
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**NEGROES ENLIST FOR TAFT CAMPAIGN.**

Chicago, June 20.—The Fred Douglas National Republican League was organized last night by seventy-five negro voters from the West, North and South, to gain the support of the negroes throughout the country to stand by the Republican national ticket.



DEMONSTRATION AND PARADE OF STATE DELEGATIONS FOLLOWING MR. BURTON'S SPEECH PLACING SECRETARY TAFT IN NOMINATION.

hands, the procession of some twenty carriages moved off. Many of the business houses flew flags and the Hotel Sinton was gaily decorated, despite the short notice which the people of Cincinnati had had of the arrival.

The short drive to Mr. Taft's house was quickly made, and there the Secretary found another crowd of citizens waiting to welcome him. Mr. Sherman and the national committeemen returned to the Sinton Hotel for breakfast and about 10:30 o'clock returned to the Taft home for the conference. Before the sub-committee arrived, however, a delegation from the Ohio Republican organization, including ex-Governor Herrick, Attorney General Wade Ellis, State Auditor Walter E. Gusebert and Walter E. Brown, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, called on Judge Taft to extend their congratulations and to confer with him over local political conditions.

**PLANS OF THE SECRETARY.**

Mr. Sherman and the members of the sub-committee of the national committee were the guests of Secretary Taft and his brother at luncheon, and after luncheon the Secretary received the newspaper correspondents, many of whom had come on from the convention at Chicago. Mr. Taft greeted each one cordially, making some personal remark to those whom he had met before and answering their questions with great frankness. He explained his political plans for the immediate future, saying he would leave Sunday afternoon for New Haven, where he must attend the meeting of the Yale Corporation, of which he is a member, on Monday.

General Frank S. Streeter, former national committeeman from New Hampshire.

This has been a torrid day in Cincinnati, and the combination of heat and humidity probably little inclines the Secretary to spend the summer here, but old Cincinnatians claim that the weather to-day has been exceptional.

When Secretary Taft and Representative Sherman were chatting to-day they discovered that they were both "78 men," as they expressed it. Mr. Taft graduated from Yale in 1878, and Mr. Sherman from Hamilton College in the same year, so each will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of his graduation this year.

**THE TRIP FROM WASHINGTON.**

Secretary Taft's trip from Washington was not an eventful one, although at several places crowds had assembled at the stations to get a glimpse of the candidate. A pretty incident occurred at Piedmont, W. Va., last night, just before the Secretary retired. W. E. Bowen boarded the train while it stood a few minutes at the station. He was accompanied by his son, of four years.

"You are a fine little man," declared Mr. Taft, patting the youngster on the head. He picked up the little lad in his big arms, and, tossing him into the air affectionately inquired, "Won't you give me a kiss?"

The child laughed and nodded his curly head vigorously. Mr. Taft kissed him and then sat him down in a seat beside him. "You have been kissed by the next President of the United States," remarked Mr. Bowen, proudly to the child. The little fellow looked up into the eyes

Hitchcock to accept the chairmanship of the national committee, which carries with it the management of the campaign for the election of the Taft and Sherman ticket. When it was learned to-day, through a dispatch from Cincinnati, that Mr. Hitchcock had asked Secretary Taft not to consider him for the chairmanship, a delegation headed by Senator William Warner, of Missouri, immediately called on Mr. Hitchcock at his rooms in the Auditorium Annex.

"Is this true?" asked Senator Warner, exhibiting the dispatch as printed in an afternoon paper.

"It is," replied Mr. Hitchcock. "After considering the subject carefully I decided that it would be best not to permit my name to come up in connection with the appointment. The fact is that I am physically exhausted and need rest. My health demands that I take rest. My friends have very kind. It is only because of their zeal in my behalf that I regret the necessity of retiring."

The members of the delegation protested that Mr. Hitchcock was qualified to manage the campaign, and when they left his rooms they declared they would not consent to his retirement, regardless of his wishes in the matter. Mr. Hitchcock looks worn and tired. On two nights in course of the convention he did not go to bed at all. On Tuesday night the credentials committee held a fourteen hour session, throughout which Mr. Hitchcock kept in touch with the proceedings. On Thursday night there was a conference on the subject of the Vice-Presidency. Party leaders were at his rooms until after 5 o'clock in the morning beseeching him to ascertain Secretary Taft's choice for a running mate. When the Presidential nominee declined to dictate the nomination for second place on the ticket it remained for Mr. Hitchcock to harmonize the differences between representatives of the various candidates. From 3 o'clock until the convention met, at 10 o'clock, Mr. Hitchcock worked to line up the Western delegations behind Mr. Sherman, who had developed the greatest strength of all the candidates. As a result he has undermined his health.

Several of his warm personal friends argued with Mr. Hitchcock to-day that he would have plenty of time to rest before it became necessary to open national headquarters, but he gave them no satisfaction whatever.

That there is a considerable number of members of the national committee opposed to the selection of Mr. Hitchcock to manage the campaign is admitted. No doubt this is responsible in no small degree for his determination to withdraw from the race. He informed some of his friends to-day that he had accomplished all he had undertaken, that the nomination of Mr. Taft having been made he could retire with good grace, and the Secretary, without embarrassment, could select a manager.

A report that Mr. Hitchcock had been invited to meet Mr. Taft on Tuesday could not be confirmed, but it is known that he intends to start for the East on Monday night. He declined to discuss his plans for the future, beyond saying that he was going to have a vacation.

Many names have been mentioned for the chairmanship since the news of Mr. Hitchcock's declination was received. Among these are Postmaster General Meyer and former Governor Myron T. Herrick of Ohio. It was stated that neither of these men wanted to assume the responsibility of managing a long campaign, but nevertheless they seemed to be the only men mentioned seriously. It was said also that the intimate relations between Postmaster General Meyer and Mr. Hitchcock might induce the latter to take the vice-chairmanship and an active part in the management of the campaign if Mr. Meyer were chosen. Mr. Hitchcock declared that he would not think of such a thing.

publican party to do what he could for the election of the Chicago ticket.

**SECRETARY TAFT'S PLANS.**

*He and His Wife Will Spend the Summer in Cincinnati.*

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, June 20.—Mrs. W. H. Taft, wife of the Republican Presidential nominee, was among the group at the new Union Station before 9 o'clock this morning to say good-bye to the President and his family upon their departure for Oyster Bay. She wore no coat, but looked very attractive in a shirtwaist linen suit of white and a hat of brown straw, trimmed with a bunch of green and brown plumes.

Mrs. Taft will leave Washington on Sunday evening for New Haven, where she will join Miss Helen Taft, who went there the day following her father's nomination, and they will be joined at the Yale commencement exercises by Secretary Taft, who will go there direct from Cincinnati. The Secretary's eldest son, Robert Alphonse Taft, a sophomore at Yale, who had been attending the convention at Chicago as a spectator, also returned to New Haven to-day.

After the commencement young Mr. Taft and his sister will go to Murray Bay, Canada, to pay some visits, and Secretary and Mrs. Taft will return to their Washington home to pack up all their furniture and other possessions. Soon after July 1 they will go to Cincinnati, and expect to make that city their headquarters for the summer. While there they may divide their time between the homes of Mrs. Taft's father, Judge John W. Herron, and of Charles P. Taft, one of the Secretary's brothers. These dwellings face each other in a street in the downtown section of the city, from which a great number of Cincinnati families have moved uptown or into the suburbs. It is, however, a delightful neighborhood, and convenient for the great number of political pilgrims who will visit Cincinnati during the campaign.

**GERMANS WELL PLEASED.**

*Confidence in Mr. Taft's Election and Friendly Relations.*

Berlin, June 21.—Referring to the nomination of William H. Taft, the official "Norddeutsche Zeitung" says:

"We have no doubt that should Mr. Taft be elected Chief Magistrate of the United States in November, as seems evident, the great transatlantic bridge will give itself in him an excellent President. He will be called on to continue the policy of the Union along the same lines as his predecessor. This policy included the fostering of friendly relations between the United States and Germany, and in this respect we may regard Mr. Taft as President Roosevelt's successor with confidence and sympathy."

**MR. SHERMAN GOES TO CLEVELAND.**

Cincinnati, June 20.—Representative Sherman, the Vice-Presidential nominee, started to-night for Cleveland on the "Big Four" road. He was accompanied by former Governor Myron T. Herrick and a few other friends. He will pass Sunday in Cleveland, and expects to leave that city to-morrow night for Buffalo on a steamer. He will reach his home in Utica on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Sherman has been informed that the citizens of Utica are preparing to give him a royal welcome on his homecoming.

**SAYS NEGROES WILL STAND BY TAFT.**

The conviction that the colored Republicans of the country would support the Chicago ticket loyally, in spite of statements made by some of them in opposition to Taft before the convention, was ex-

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