

TAFT HAS FORTY-TWO DELEGATES TO DATE

Situation on the Republican Side in the Presidential Campaign.

STATES THAT WILL DECIDE

147 Electoral Votes Expected to Determine the Result Next November.

The first session of the Republican national convention at Chicago will be held on June 18.

Up to the present time forty-two delegates to the convention have been elected from Florida, Georgia and Oklahoma.

The regular Republican convention of these three States has been declared for Taft.

The Taft people in those States as well as the Roosevelt people are made up of Federal officeholders and would be Federal officeholders.

The delegates from these Southern States already selected for Taft or for Roosevelt do not represent the great Republican constituencies which must determine the election in November next.

All Republicans from these Southern States as well as the best informed Republicans on the national committee are convinced that the national committee will be called upon in Chicago to determine more contents from these Southern States than the committee did in 1908.

There was no shadow of a doubt in the opinion of well informed Republicans yesterday that the supporters of President Taft will control the national committee at Chicago which is to determine the contents presented to it for settlement.

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In 1908 President Taft had a popular plurality of 1,269,804. This plurality will have to be overcome if a Democratic President is elected next fall.

The Democrats had 162 votes in the electoral college of 1908. They must have 206 votes in the next electoral college in order to win.

Republicans of high and humble station supporters of President Taft as well as adherents of Col. Roosevelt, believe firmly that the States of Indiana, New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Connecticut, Iowa and Illinois, with a total electoral vote of 147, are to determine absolutely the result in November next.

In 1908 the following were the Taft pluralities in the States mentioned: Indiana, 10,731; New York, 202,602; Ohio, 69,591; New Jersey, 82,759; Connecticut, 44,690; Iowa, 74,439; and Illinois, 179,122.

The indications are, after exhaustive inquiries, that President Taft will have almost solid delegations from New York, Connecticut, Ohio and Indiana.

All politicians keenly interested in the outcome of this year and who discuss the subject every day in the States, Taft or Roosevelt will be called upon in Chicago to determine more contents from these Southern States than the committee did in 1908.

These conclusions, however, are always attended by speculation as to whom the Democrats are to nominate.

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Go where you will to-day and these small Republican tradesmen are just as nettled, just as irritable over the uncertainties of business as they were in 1910.

The foregoing is the testimony of not one but hundreds and has been gained by exhaustive inquiries and from conversations with Republican politicians and Republican business men who constantly visit New York city from other States.

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PROGRESSIVES AWAIT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH

Declaration at Columbus on Feb. 21 Is Expected to Clear Situation.

GOOD NEWS FROM NEBRASKA

La Follette Followers Believed to Have Been Countered in Colonel's Interest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Roosevelt progressives are in an expectant attitude waiting for the speech which the Colonel is to make before the constitutional convention at Columbus, Ohio, February 21.

Many of the progressives are looking forward to the speech as a sort of Presidential pacemaker. There is some curiosity here to know just what Col. Roosevelt will say to the men engaged in the work of moulding a new Constitution for the State of Ohio.

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DRURY LANE COMPLICATIONS.

Arthur Collins Tells of the "Ben-Hur" Plans Now Given Up.

Arthur Collins, managing director of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in London, was asked yesterday whether there was truth in the rumor that he was seeking to compel Klaw & Erlanger, as a published report had it yesterday, to produce "Ben-Hur" at his theatre.

"Klaw & Erlanger arranged last August with me to produce 'Ben-Hur' at Drury Lane on April 6," said Mr. Collins at the Ritz-Carlton, "but now they say the show is out of date. They wanted to put on 'The Rounders,' and I spent three horrible days and nights on trains getting out to Kansas City and back just to see it. I found it was too bloody awful for London, and that over there it wouldn't be worth a tuppenny-ha'penny. So that the decision of Klaw & Erlanger means closing Drury Lane at a time when it ought to be doing big business."

"As to whether I am proceeding against Klaw & Erlanger, if I had suddenly told them that they could not have Drury Lane at the time appointed I rather fancy they would have taken some action to find out why."

"There is a possibility of our melodrama 'The Whip' being done at the Manhattan Opera House next fall. I am in negotiation with the Shuberts about it, and then later there may be such on the fair play 'Hop o' My Thumb' by G. R. Sims, Dix & Collins, which had such huge success at the recent pantomime season. 'The Whip,' which is by Cecil Raleigh and Henry Hamilton, ran two years at Drury Lane. It is the biggest money maker that ever played in England, surpassing even 'Henry Arthur Jones's' 'The Silver King.'"

"I have arranged also with Henry W. Savage a partnership for the production of 'Everywoman' in a West End theatre in London. I have also arranged with Klaw & Erlanger to produce 'The Silver King' at the time appointed I rather fancy they would have taken some action to find out why."

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SPEAKS TO CHICAGO FROM 1,000 MILES AWAY

Yale Alumni Listen to President Hadley's After Dinner Address Over Telephone.

RECEIVERS AT EVERY PLATE Speaker Makes Playful Comment on the Revolution in Postprandial Oratory.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 17.—With a speech through wire from his home in a special train to the Hotel Blackstone in Chicago, President Arthur T. Hadley tonight delivered the longest long distance telephone speech to the largest number of listeners in the history of the service when he addressed the Chicago Yale alumni at their annual banquet. Each of the thousand or more diners had a watch case receiver. The wire was reserved for Mr. Hadley's exclusive use for one hour between 9 and 10 o'clock.

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WILL "PROTECT" ROOSEVELT.

His Columbus Host, the Rev. Dr. Gladstone, Harkens to an Appeal.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt is to be here next week and he has written his old friend and brother author, the Rev. Dr. Washington Gladstone, to "protect" him from the politicians during his brief stay. Dr. Gladstone has consented. He will meet the Colonel at the station, escort him to his parsonage and barricade the doors against all comers.

At 11:25 o'clock, guarded by Dr. Gladstone, the ex-President will be driven to the State House and there will be carefully protected by Walter F. Brown, John D. Rockefeller, E. J. Long and others of the reception committee.

JEWISH BIG BROTHERS.

Mortimer L. Schiff Praises the Work and Brings a Greeting.

The Jewish Big Brothers met last night at the Hotel Imperial for their third annual dinner and business meeting. After the report for the year's work had been read Mortimer L. Schiff was introduced by Mortimer M. Menken, the toastmaster, who referred to him as "a man whose name we all love to hear mentioned and the greatest friend of our work."

Mr. Schiff got a warm greeting from the two hundred diners present. He said that he had come merely to give a greeting from the parent organization, the Jewish Protective and Aid Society, of which he was president.

"I want to congratulate you," said Mr. Schiff, "upon the work that you are doing. In my opinion the aid and counsel that is given to the boys of this community constitute the best work that can be done for the welfare of this nation at large. It is on account of my great interest in the young men of this country that I have been led to take such a large part in the Boy Scout movement."

Among the other speakers were Judge Joseph F. Mulqueen of the Court of General Sessions, and Dr. Max G. Schellap of Cornell University Medical School, who spoke on "Increase of Crime Among Juveniles."

MARYLAND SOCIETY DINNER.

Fourteenth Annual Meeting Listens to Praise of the Old State.

Eighty members of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution last night listened at the St. Regis annual banquet to Charles H. Dickey, chairman of the committee that got the coming national Democratic convention to Baltimore, extol the merits of the city and "above all the civic spirit which is leaving nothing unattempted and which, tempered on the battlefields side by side with New Yorkers, will never fail of appreciation of that incomparable metropolis."

Justice Francis Key Pendleton, grandson of Francis Scott Key, responded for New York, which he called a "surgic, struggling, struggling American of the nations of the earth," fusing American citizenship in one gigantic melting pot.

Toastmaster J. Nevett Steele led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," "Maryland" and "Dixie." Presidents of all the New York Southern societies were at the guest table and ranged around were J. Nevett Steele, Jr., Adrian Ieelin, Jr., Augustus Van Wyck, W. G. McAdoo, Carroll Sprague, Burden B. McKim, Lyman Vandergast, William Sulzer, James Smith, Jr., Singleton Van Schaik, Albert Ritchie, Luther Lay Gidd and W. H. Milnor.

THE ONONDAGAS DINE. Former Up-State Residents Get Together and Talk Old Things and New.

The Society of the Onondagas, composed of former residents of Syracuse and neighboring towns now living in this city, gave its fifth annual dinner last evening at the Waldorf. Eighty members, most of whom were candidates for office in the society, heard Mayor Edward Schoenock tell them how proud Onondaga county was of her sons who had been successful here.

These officers were chosen: Andrew I. Klogg, president; Eugene J. McKinley, first vice-president; Collin Armstrong, second vice-president; Ambrose R. Clark, third vice-president; Don C. Buell, historian; L. Bertrand Smith, treasurer, and Frank H. H. Leonard, secretary. A band of governors, with a membership of nine, was also chosen.