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The Republican Campaign.

The work of probably the last nominating republican convention in Vermont has been finished and it placed before the voters of the state the following ticket: For governor, Charles W. Gates of Franklin; for lieutenant-governor Hale K. Darling of Chelsea; for secretary of state, Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction; for auditor of accounts, Walter F. Scott of Brandon; for state auditor, Horace F. Graham of Craftsbury; for attorney general, Herbert G. Barber of Brattleboro. The Hon. W. P. Dillingham was also unanimously chosen republican candidate for United States senator.

The nomination of Mr. Gates for governor was the first in many years tendered a man who would not become an active candidate for the position but it unquestionably represents the personal choice of an overwhelming majority of the republican voters of the state. With four declared candidates in the field, all men of ability, the fact was a very large proportion of the delegates preferred Mr. Gates to any other man and they declared that choice in a free and open manner. It was a popular choice entirely independent of any organization or clique. As such it must appeal to the public in an especially strong manner. Likewise the choice of the other candidates, where there was a contest, was decisive enough to warrant whole hearted support from every member of the party. So strong a ticket representing the popular choice is one of the big assets of the party in the coming campaign.

Equally as strong is the party in the platform it has put before the people and the endorsement of it required of every man accepting a republican nomination. The platform contains no negotiations but is a straightforward pronouncement of what the party will attempt to perform if placed in control of the state government. It has not declared for every personal whim and could not consistently do so after requiring the pledge it does of all the candidates of the party.

As we pointed out last week it proposes a safe and practical method of reducing state expenses wherever it can be done without reducing the efficiency of the government, the continuance of a road policy that keeps the state free from debt but gives it good roads, the equalization of the expense of educating the boys and girls for good citizenship, cheaper and surer justice in the courts, the further development of the state's natural resources, the establishment of a bureau of farm labor and markets, the investment of banking funds in Vermont industries, the publication of campaign expenses, the enactment of a primary law and a workman's compensation act. It has declared in favor of all things necessary for good and effective government.

With such a list of candidates and such a platform the party certainly merits the enthusiastic support of all citizens who desire the advancement of legislation on a permanent basis. The man who fails to work with the party this year will simply be someone who wants to see someone else get public office.

More About the Platform

The Bennington Banner, the Rutland Herald and other papers as well as the Free Press had called direct attention to the paramount necessity of explicit declaration of the party's attitude on various questions and in language that would be readily appreciated by the rank and file of the party, as well as people in general.

That which happened was precisely what the most reactionary element in the party and especially powerful influences wanted to happen, and what is likely to continue to happen so long as the people of Vermont are forced to contend against the handicaps of our present caucus and convention system of nominations.—Burlington Free Press.

Republicans will support the platform—that there is of it, and there is plenty of it, such as it is—but it will be clearly the duty of the republicans

can press to make the omitted doctrines republican gospel and the duty of the legislature to enact them into law, the platform and its parents to the contrary, notwithstanding.—Rutland Herald.

These excerpts from two leading republican daily newspapers are unusual to say the least. Each feels aggrieved that more subjects were not treated in the platform of the republican party and each enumerates some personal ideas as to what the platform should have declared for. Their criticisms raise the question whether the state of Vermont should legislate entirely by political convention or by the constitutionally created legislative body. In other words should Vermont laws be the voice of excited sentiment or represent the candid and deliberate judgment of men who have given both sides a full and fair hearing. We believe the latter.

The Herald would have had the party convention limited the time the legislature shall be in session, declare for or against the offices of attorney general and insurance commissioner, a definite educational program and a reorganization of the judicial department of the state. The Free Press in addition to these matters would have the matter of taxation of corporations, the exemption of all money loaned at five per cent. from taxation and state regulation of public service corporations. The inadvisability of having such important questions definitely settled by a mass of 500 delegates in an hour's time must be evident to any thoughtful man.

Each of these questions are legitimate subjects of public discussion and none of them are questions that can be justly settled—therefore settled at all—without full and deliberate consideration. Any party can declare for or against them but it cannot dictate what a legislature shall do regarding them. Any attempt to do so would only weaken the validity of party platforms and make legislation more volatile and much more expensive than it has been in the past.

The platform in the plank calling for an investigation of the duties and emoluments of the various state officers and the reorganization of the same upon a practical business basis offers the only safe way of dealing with these matters. It provides for an intelligent method of remedying any defects that may be found and should prevent any creation of new offices with new officials, new clerks and new stenographers to be supported from an already over-burdened state treasury. Discussion of these questions by the press and public is necessary and proper but editors should only demand the mature judgment of the public as a whole on questions of such import to the state.

Dillingham and Dale.

The unanimous nomination of Sen. W. P. Dillingham by the republican party of Vermont, to succeed himself must have been very pleasing to him. His address before the convention should be the keynote of the republican congressional campaign—the republican party has given the country more progressive legislation than any other political party and is the only party that has been able to keep enough money in the treasury to do business with. The senator gave facts to prove his statements and convinced his hearers that he is ready to work for all sane progress. His announcement that he had tendered his service to the republican state committee and was willing to give his time for the promotion of the republican cause, also to answer any questions the people may wish to ask him shows his confidence that he has been right in the long years of his service.

No better appeal for Senator Dillingham can be made than the closing sentences of the speech of Joseph A. DeBoer is seconding the nomination of the senator. He said:

We should not substitute experiment for certainty. We should return a man who has stood for a half century of constructive work and now enjoys a magnificent and enviable reputation as a master of affairs, a man who stands with uncovered head in the presence of the United States Constitution.

I defy the democrats or any temporary incidental faction to produce a man who can stand up and look his record in the face.

The campaign which is now upon us is the most notable in the history of the country, but we will meet our enemies at Armageddon.

The victory of Porter H. Dale in the second district convention came as a surprise to Alexander Dunnett and his friends but they realize it is

a victory honorably won and so will do everything possible to push him on to victory in the election. With the exception of a charge of a triple alliance against him, Mr. Dale has relied entirely on his personal merits and by his systematic visiting of the voters in all parts of the district he carried the day.

Of course the real test comes at the polls in November when he must secure a majority of the votes over either a fusion candidate or two other candidates. United and enthusiastic support of Mr. Dale by the republicans will make victory certain and they should give it to him.

Flight of the Country.

The democrats have condemned and recommended the Vreeland-Alldrich currency bill as the apex of undesirable legislation but they have turned to it with much enthusiasm as they saw the federal treasury being swept clean by their party. The republicans never had to resort to the provisions of that law to keep a plenty of currency in the country. The democrats have not only resorted to the law but have passed a bill raising the percentage of value of commercial paper that can be used as a basis of emergency currency from thirty to seventy-five per cent.

To illustrate, you give your note for \$1,000 due in three or four months to a bank and the bank can issue \$750 new currency for circulation. The currency issued is only a promise to pay a dollar for a dollar of the new currency and the only funds back of this promise to pay is a promise of some individual or firm to pay a certain note. That is a wide departure from the currency secured by a dollar's worth of gold behind every dollar in circulation and shows how serious a raid the democrats have made on the United States treasury.

To get enough money to pay the running expenses of the government they are discussing the imposition of a three per cent. tax on all freight and express in this country. This is another addition to the cost of living that they promised to reduce and shows how completely they have rifled the public vaults of their money. War taxes, depleted funds and an unstable currency are what the country has got in place of the democratic promises of prosperity and stability.

Editor F. E. Howe of the Bennington Banner, one of the candidates for the republican nomination for governor, has made in his paper one of the frankest and fairest statements we have seen regarding the nomination of C. W. Gates for governor. He expresses some of the embarrassment the other candidates felt who would have cheerfully left the field to Mr. Gates had he said he wished to be a candidate and credits the Dillingham organization with great activity in behalf of Mr. Gates, but he says the convention undoubtedly chose the man most desired by a majority of the republican voters of the state. We can understand the embarrassment of the other candidates but it must be remembered that Mr. Gates never consented to become an active candidate. There was such a strong sentiment for him that he said he would accept the nomination if the people demanded it and they did. The Dillingham men were only giving to the people what they wanted. The broad and fair position of Mr. Howe will not pass unnoticed and it places him in a position for further political honor at some future date.

Congressman F. L. Greene presided over the republican state convention with great tact and ability. He also gave the republicans many catchy expressions that will count in the coming campaign. One of them was the democrats had always brought on the wars in this country and although they were unable to give the country a war now they are giving it a war tax.

The republicans of Vermont have named a ticket that will bring them a victory. Let us hope the republicans of Caledonia county will do the same. But they might as well realize before beginning they cannot win by giving men who have carried the party to defeat the best places on the ticket. The duty of these men is to suppress their chronic desire for office and turn in and help someone else win.

Don't apologize, go ahead.

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Senator William P. Dillingham.

William Paul Dillingham of Waterbury, who was nominated for U. S. senator at Montpelier last week, was born at that place December 12, 1843. He was admitted to the bar in 1867. He represented Waterbury twice and Washington county twice in the General Assembly of Vermont; was governor of Vermont 1888-1890; was elected United States senator to succeed the late Hon. Justin S. Morrill, October 13, 1900; was re-elected in 1902 and 1908, and at the present time ranks twelfth in length of service among the members of the senate. He is a member of the senate committees on Appropriations, Judiciary, District of Columbia, Immigration, and privileges and elections, and has served as chairman of the two last named. He was also chairman of the United States immigration commission, 1907-1910, and at present is chairman of the senate committee of the University of the United States. The Republican Nominee for Governor.

Charles Winslow Gates, the republican nominee for office of governor of Vermont, was born in Franklin, January 12, 1856. His parents being Harrison Gates and L. Rebecca (Shedd) Gates. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and attended Franklin academy, where he afterwards served as principal. He is also an alumnus of St. Johnsbury Academy. He was married in Underhill, in April, 1890, to Mary E. Hayden, whose death occurred in 1913. Two children born to them are living. A daughter, Miss Edna R. Gates, a graduate of the University of Vermont, is a successful teacher. A son, Paul Gates, is a student at the state university.

When Mr. Gates has not been busy with highway matters, much of his time has been devoted to his farming and dairying interests at Franklin. In 1884 he entered the mercantile business in connection with the Farmers' Exchange in 1905. He has been president of the Franklin County Telephone Co. and the Franklin County Fair association, in both organizations his judgment and counsel are still sought. Mr. Gates is a director of the Enosburg Falls Savings Bank & Trust Co. and is a prominent member of the Grange. From 1898 to 1899 he served his native town in the house of representatives and Franklin county sent him to the state senate in 1900. December 1, 1904, he received his appointment as state highway commissioner from Governor C. J. Bell. How well he has served his state in this important mission, any man who walks the roads, drives a team or operates an automobile on the highways or byways of Vermont can tell and his testimony is pretty sure to reflect creditably upon Mr. Gates.

Sketch of Hale K. Darling.

Hale Knight Darling of Chelsea was born in East Corinth, January 28, 1859, and went to Chelsea in 1884. He is a lawyer. He was educated at Chelsea Academy and in the law department of the University of North Carolina. He was a member of the Vermont house of representatives in 1904 and 1906, and of the Vermont senate in 1912; was state attorney of Orange county, 1896 to 1900; was a commissioner to revise and edit the Vermont public statutes, 1905 to 1907; and is county clerk of Orange county.

SUTTON

Political Caucuses Coming Thick—Personal Matters Mentioned.

A republican caucus is to be held at the Brown Hall Tuesday evening, September 22, at 7:30 o'clock, to choose delegates to attend the county convention at St. Johnsbury, October 1, also to choose town committee of three for the next two years and to transact any other incidental business when met.

Farmers are filing their silos and harvesting their grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark and son were at Judith Clark's, their mother, over Sunday.

The C. E. society are to hold a social at the Aid hall Saturday evening.

Mrs. Judith Clark has returned from her son's, Gray R. Clark, home at Enfield, N. H. Gray's wife and son, Charles, came with her for a visit.

At the progressive caucus Saturday evening, W. N. Robinson and B. M. Bundy were chosen delegates to the state convention; F. A. Holmes and Carroll Lafoe to the district convention to be held in Burlington, and W. B. Melcher, C. E. Lafoe, John L. Gray and D. M. Goodwin to attend the county convention to be held at St. Johnsbury. W. N. Robinson, B. M. Bundy and C. E. Lafoe were chosen town committee for the next two years.

Mrs. J. C. Harrison and her mother, Mrs. Watkins, from New Jersey are spending some days with friends at North Troy, Mrs. Harrison's home before coming to Sutton.

Next Sunday is to be observed as rally Sunday at the Free Baptist church for the Sunday school and church. A nice program is to be presented.

L. W. Gordon and wife, Arthur Curtis and Bennett Curtis attended the Vermont yearly meeting of the Free Baptist churches at Waterbury Center from Thursday over the following Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Philbrook from Greensboro are visiting her sister, Mrs. Stephen G. Chesley, and other relatives in town.

Mrs. Jonathan Stevens is at Sherbrooke for a week or more with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John McLane.

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ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

Meetings of the Grange and Other Local Societies—Personals.

A very interesting and pleasant meeting was given by Wide Awake Grange on Saturday evening. The hall was decorated with corn and flowers. After the program a corn chowder supper was served.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union is invited to meet with Mrs. S. K. Huse next Friday afternoon at 2:30. There will be an interesting program and important business to transact.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church will meet with Miss Ella McLaughlin, Thursday afternoon.

Rev. S. F. Goodheart left Monday for a ten-days' vacation. Part of the time he is to spend with his daughter in Watpole, Mass., but will visit Boston, New York and Philadelphia before his return on September 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paul of Lawrence, Mass., have been visiting at Willis Pierce's.

Mrs. Clara Kelley, who has been spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Dickerson, has returned to her home at Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Harvey of St. Johnsbury has been the guest of Mrs. P. N. Granger.

Mrs. Jessie Gage of West Somerville, Mass., has been calling on friends in Watpole, Mass.

The ladies of the Universalist Sewing society will meet with Mrs. Mary Hallett Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Page left Friday for Bennington where they will make their home.

Mrs. Winslow has gone to St. Johnsbury to spend several weeks with her daughter.

School began here on Monday with Misses Farran, Simons and Folsom for teachers, Miss Farran boards at Mrs. Woodman's, Miss Simons at Mrs. Bonnett's, and Miss Folsom at Mrs. Susan Hill's.

Harry Henderson of New York is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knoblock spent Sunday with relatives at St. Johnsbury.

Word has been received here of the marriage of Mark Brook and Miss Helen Greenwood Davenport of North Beverly, Mass., September 16.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. S. F. Goodheart, the services will be omitted on Sunday at the Congregational church.

Mrs. Charles Eastman, who has been visiting her mother at Barre, has returned home. Her daughter, Bernice, who has been spending the summer there, returned with her.

WEST DANVILLE

A Double Wedding at the Church—Locals.

A beautiful double wedding took place at the Methodist church September 7 when Miss Vera Ayer was united in marriage to Walter Sweet of Danville by the Rev. W. M. Sharples, and Miss Edna Ayer to Leon Perkins of Barre by Rev. F. E. Currier. The church was beautifully decorated with golden glow and ferns. Miss Vera Ayer was attended by Miss Alice Coveny, maid of honor, and Anna Brackett, bride's maid, and Marjorie Mitchell, ring bearer, and Mildred Gile flower girl. Albert Ramsey was best man for Mr. Sweet. The bride wore a dress of blue mesaline trimmed with shadow lace. Miss Edna Ayer was attended by Mary Ayer, maid of honor, and by Miss Gladys Perkins, bride's maid, and Donald Farrington, ring bearer, Hazel Perkins flower girl and Stanley Garfield was best man for Mr. Perkins. The bride's dress was white crepe meteor trimmed with pearl trimming. After the wedding refreshments were served in the dining room. The wedding cakes were made by Mrs. Hanson White, groom's mother to the brides and Mrs. Amos Scott, grand mother to Mr. Perkins.

Betsy Lougee, wife of Joseph Brown, died at the home of her son, Willis Brown, here, September 1, at the age of 79 years. Most of her life had been spent in New Hampshire. Prayer was held at the house by Rev. W. M. Sharples and burial was at Warner, N. H.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Fellows August 31.

Mrs. John Conley and children of St. Johnsbury are visiting at her father's, George Armstrong's, home.

George Gile, Mr. McReynolds, Mr. Barnes and Simeon Whittier took an auto trip to Newport and Canada last week.

Miss Madene Hunt of St. Johnsbury spent a few days with her grand mother, Mrs. Nancy Hunt.

Mrs. A. J. Goss went to Boston Friday on account of the illness of their son, Austin, who is ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Clayton Farrington has been quite sick the past week.

Mrs. Ella Flynn has been visiting her brother, E. N. Swasey.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Freeman and daughter, Beatrice, of Lisbon, N. H., visited at John Brickett's several days last week.

EAST HARDWICK

Harry and Lyman Bole have gone to Ithaca, N. Y., to attend Cornell University.

N. S. Hardy is to move to Brondale.

Miss Fleda Hassam returned to Goddard Seminary in Barre last week Monday.

Sussie Currier returned to Barre last week.

Bertrand Kittredge and friend are visiting at Herbert Kittredge's.

F. V. Hassam has a new driving horse.

Mark Allbee of Townsend visited his brother, Guy Allbee last week.

Mrs. T. M. Allbee of Brattleboro visited her son, Guy Allbee, last week.

returning to her home Saturday night.

Roxy Talbert was home from her school in Morrisville over Sunday.

Mrs. George Chamberlain of St. Johnsbury called on friends in town Saturday.

Rita Bole went to Simmons College Tuesday.

Park Holland and wife and child of Townsend were at Guy Allbee's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Stevens have returned from their trip to Rochester and Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark of East Montpelier were at B. C. Jennings' Sunday.

Henry Wright is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wright.

The Sunday school convention held here last Friday was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell were in Burlington and vicinity last week, returning Saturday.

WALDEN

Mrs. Maud Kittredge has returned from her visit to Manchester, N. H.

Herbert Walker has recovered from his sickness sufficiently to take a trip to his home in Maine.

Marion Rogers and Marion Badger have returned to their school work in Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gillis and Rev. Edgar Davidson visited at G. H. Kingsbury's last week.

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GREENSBORO

Messrs Terrell, Bellaney and Dawson have purchased of Myron Kinney his land between Mr. Dawson's cottage and the Dr. Daley road from the highway to the lake front.

Mr. Terrell left for New York Saturday morning.

Professor Mitchell of Columbia University, New York is putting in the foundations for three new cottages to be erected in the spring on the land he recently purchased of F. J. Chase.

Dr. George Woodruff and family of Barre are at the lake for a few days.

Frank Dufur remains about the same.

Herbert Johnson is sick with pneumonia.

EAST BARNET

Mrs. Sue Harvey and son, Lyman Harvey, from Passumpsic spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson.

Alvah Blandin went to Coaticook last Thursday and will return this week.

Mrs. Martha Farrar is at Mr. Danforth's in Danville taking care of a very sick child.

Oliver Amnell is having a bath room put in.

Several from here attended the reception given Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fraser at Oscar Fraser's in Monroe last Thursday evening.

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