LIGHTNING RODS BEING PUT UP FOR VICE PRESIDENCY

Geographical Conditions Will Play Important Part, Is Belief.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 24.—Vice Presidential booms sprouted in the pre-convention warmth today. Most of the boosting wa sdone by friends f the candidates, most of those mentioned either being too coy to speak of it, or else determined to land firstp lace or none. The only open and avowed running mate was Mayor Preston, of Baltimore, who is backed by the Maryland delegation and the people of Baltimore.

The booms that blossomed today included those of Gov. John Burke, of North Dakota; Representive Francis Burton Harrison, of New York; former Gov. W. L. Douglass, of Massachusetts; former Gov. J. A. Montague, of Virginia, and Clark Howell, of Atlanta, Ga.

The Clark people say they want Governor Wilson to take second place if Clark heads the ticket; the Wilson camp says they would be satisfied with Marshall, of Indiana, or Burke, of North Dakota. Mayor Gaynor's friends say he won't consider the Vice Presidency, preferring to remain mayor of New York.

Governor Foss, of Massachusetts, and Governor Baldwin, of Connecticut, were much discussed as possibilities.

It is conceded on all sides that geographical conditions will play an important part in the Vice Presidential nomination. If an Easterner, such as Wilson, heads the ticket, the Vice President is most likely to come from the West or South and from the East or South if Bryan, Clark, Harmon, or any other Westerner is named for first place.

SOLDIER ON TRIAL FOR KILLING GIRL

William H. Sabens Said to Have Shot Ada Haynes Last August.

William H. Sabens, a soldier, charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Ada Haynes, who was shot in a house at 1322 D street northwest on August 11, last, was placed on trial before Justice Anderson in Criminal Court No. 1 this forenoon.

The Haynes girl was killed following an altercation with Sabens, it is alleged.

Justice Anderson convened court at 9 o'clock and the examination of talesmen began. Aspecial venire of seventy-five extra talesmen was summoned.

United States Attorney Clarence R. Wilson and Assistant Prosecutor S. McCamos Hawken appear for the Government.

Considers Harry Thaw A Persecuted Man

NEW YORK, June 24.—Harry Thaw is sane, and he is being kept in Matteawan State Hospital solely through official vanity, is the opinion of Dr. Britton D. Evans, the noted alienist and medical director of the Morris Plains Hospital for the insane.

"I consider Harry Thaw a persecuted man," said Dr. Evans. "If I thought I could be of aid to him I would cross into New York or any other State in the Union. Jerome is posing for the newspapers. I would go on the stand if Jerome really wished it, but he doesn't. I have no wish to cater to the vanity of an already inflated prosecutor, who would abridge the Ten Commandments to make a minor law point.

"Three elements are at work against Thaw's release. One is judicial courtesy. Judges dislike to overrule each other's judgments. Another is official vanity. Another is the professional sensitiveness of a group of alienists who would rather see a sane man end his life in a refuge for the criminal insane than reverse their opinions and acknowledge themselves wrong."

Clubwomen Gather.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 21.—One thousand delegates to the eleventh biennial convention of the National Federation of Women's Clubs are already in San Francisco, and others are arriving on every train. Fully 10,000 visitors are expected here before the convention begins its proceedings Tuesday. Before the convention opens the club women are occupied with the question of the presidential election, which is to be held on July 5, and which is likely tl be hotly contested. The rival candidates for the honor of heading the federation during the ensuing two years are Mrs. Percival Pennypacker, of Texas, and Mrs. Philip Carpenter, of New York.

Injured By Automobile.

Evelyn Littauer, seven years old, of 7 Iowa circle, was knocked down in Fourteenth street last evening by an automobile driven by John E. Cammack, of 148 Rhode Island avenue northwest. The child was bruised about the leg, but not badly hurt.

Kin of Liberator

MISS ITALIA GARIBALDI.

MISS GARIBALDI TO LEAVE CITY TODAY; SPEAKS AT CHURCH

Noted Italian Woman Visits Capitol and Library. Praises Both.

After a stay of three days in Washington, in which she spent part of her time in speaking at churches and visiting in the homes of the city's most prominent people, Miss Italia Garibaldi, granddaughter of the "liberator of Italy," leaves Washington this afternoon for New York. She will sail soon for her home in the old country.

Since coming to Washington Miss Garibaldi has been the guest of Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson, wife of Justice Anderson, 1531 New Hampshire avenue northwest. This morning she went sightseeing, going to the Library of Congress and to the Capitol.

"The Library is one of the grandest buildings I have ever seen," said Miss Garibaldi. She was a bit disappointed in not seeing the House or Senate in session, but was pleased with the Capitol.

Today at 1 o'clock she was the guest at luncheon of Mrs. Martin Littleton.

Miss Garibaldi is the daughter of Gen. Giuesseppe Garibaldi, one of Italy's greatest soldiers. She had two brothers fighting with the Madero forces in Mexico, one a general.

Last night she spoke at the Dumbarton Avenue Methodist Church. She told a large congregation that American help was needed in the work of spiritual redemption in her country.

She declared that she was a member of the "fighting Methodists" and was doing all in her power to advance the interest of that denomination in Italy. She said that two women's colleges in her country and one industrial school conducted by the Methodists were prospering.

Miss Garibaldi is strong in denunciation of divorce and thinks it one of the worst evils that the American home has to contend with.

Wolfrey's Assailants Are Still At Large

Efforts on the part of the police to get some trace of the five young men who attacked D. B. Wolfrey, of 630 Lamont street northwest, at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest and robbed him of a watch valued at $27, have failed. Mr. Wolfrey was waiting for a car about 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when he was attacked and robbed. He furnished the police with a description of his assailants.

The police are also endeavoring to get some trace of thieves who robbed the men who were sleeping on benches in parks Saturday night.

BOTANIC GARDEN SUPERINTENDENT IS IN GRAVE CONDITION

Smith Not Expected To Live Through the Day.

William Roberstson Smith, superintendent of the National Botanic Gardens since its founding, is not expected to live through today. He is critically ill of heart disease, and his physician and two attending nurses hold out little hope for his recovery.

He is eighty-four years old and came to this country in 1862. Upon his arrival in Washington he was associated with W. D. Breckinridge, of the Smithsonian Institute, although for a year before he reached this city he worked with the famous Buist Seed Company of Philadelphia.

He saw the founding of the National Botanic Garden and has for years through hard work and close study made it one of the world's greatest. It was in its beginning nothing but a small hothouse in the northeasten corner of the large grounds now in use. The territory about it was practically swamp land, but today it is one of Washington's most interesting insitutions. His knowledge of flowers and plants is said to be unequaled.

As an admirer of the work of Robert Burns, Mr. Smith has from time to time collected volumes written by the celebrated Scotchman, until today he has what is said to be the most complete collections of Burns' writings in the world. On many occasions he has been offered large sums to sell his Burns collections, but would never consent to a sale.

C. Leslie Reynolds and John Clark are Mr. Smith's assistants, the former having been at the gardens over twenty years and Mr. Clark eleven.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Smith are both natives of Athelstaneford, Scotland, and were boys together. Mr. Clark was asked to come to Washington in 1854, at which time he was engaged as an expert of gardener in London.

MRS. FRANK BROOKS TELLS OF ROMANCE

Tells Why She Jilted British Army Officer For Present Husband.

BOSTON, June 24.—Frank W. Brooks, jr., and his bride, who was Miss Carol Barnes Newberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry, of Detroit, are in Boston on their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Brooks, who jilted Capt. W. H. Alleyne, of the British army, and two weeks later was married to Mr. Brooks, says she did it simply because she liked him better than the army officer.

"I am not anxious to discuss what happened," she said today, "but I will say that I cared for some one else more than I did for Captain Alleyne, and that some one else is my husband.

"I guess all of my friends know this, and I cannot see why anyone else should be at all interested. Perhaps it was not quite the ordinary thing to do, but then Detroit is a part of the West, at least I have always ben taught so, and Western girls feel they should marry the men they love and take the other matters into consideration later.

"Was this a romance? Well, I hardly know. Perhaps it might be called that. I am not telling what I think it was. I had known Mr. Brooks for a long time, and I had known the captain a comparatively short time. I think that explains everything. I had known Mr. Brooks long enough to feel absolutely certain of how I felt, and perhaps how he felt."

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks will spend several days motoring on the North Shore.

Special Cars Run To Baltimore This Week

The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway Company will put on a special schedule between this city and Baltimore beginning tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock and continuing until the Democratic convention is adjourned. Cars will be run every fifteen minutes.

Large crowds of local persons are expected to go to the convention, and the special schedule was arranged for the convenience of those who desire to go by trolley instead of over the steam roads.

POSTAL CLERK IS ACCUSED OF THEFT

Trial of H. Linden Wheatley Will Begin At Alexandria Next Monday—Fourth Of July To Be Celebrated.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JUNE 24.

The United States court for the eastern district of Virginia, with Judge Edmund Wadill presiding, will convene in this city next Monday, July 1. Many cases of infractions of the internal revenue laws will be heard at this time.

Of particular interest to Alexandrians is the trial of H. Linden Wheatley, a young postal clerk, who was arrested about two months ago by Inspector Mosby, just as he had finished his work for the day and had left the office. Mosby accused Wheatley of the theft of $8, which had been placed in a decoy letter and sent here. A search revealed the money, which Mosby identified. For several years past there had been constant complaint of thefts of various amounts of money from the mails at this point, and every employe was watched, probably with the exception of Wheatley, who was regarded by Postmaster Eggborn as his most efficient man.

The young man was subsequently indicted by a Norfolk grand jury. He will be represented by Attorney C. E. Corgan.

It is not expected to assemble a grand jury at this session of the court.

The electrical storm that passed over this city shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon did considerable damage, many trees being blown down, and a number of telephone lines put out of commission. As if in refutation of the old adage to the effect that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, that experience was undergone by John Gorham and family, who live on Washington road, Alexandria county, a bolt shattering the south side of his house. The occupants were stunned, but not seriously injured. A week ago, the chimney of the same house was struck.

Another bolt struck the house of John Grauman, near by. No damage was done.

Arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration at George Washington park are progressing satisfactorily. Invitation was made today to members of the National Press Club to be present on this occasion.

The poles for the tournament were erected today. Many entries have already been received from the sir knights, who will participate for the prizes which have been offered.

Invitations for the marriage of Miss Eloise Morselle Roberts to Augustus Wedderburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Wedderburn, have been issued by Mrs. Richard Roberts, mother of the bride. The ceremony will take place next Thursday at Holy Trinity Church, Collington, Prince George county, Md. After a reception at the home of Mrs. Roberts, the young couple will leave for an extended Eastern trip. On their return, they will make their home at Wedderburn, Fairfax county.

Samuel W. Pitts and Robert E. Knight, who were delegates from the local post to the convention of the Travellers' Protective Association at Peoria, Ill., have returned. While in Peoria, they were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olin Pattison at their home on Peoria avenue. Mrs. Pattison was formerly Miss Eva S. Hudson, daughter of W. D. and India Hudson of this city.

Mayor F. J. Faff has issued a proclamation calling attention to the fact that dog licenses are due on June 30. The number of persons who have already paid their licenses is this year nearly a hundred less than the same day last year.

After July 1, a list of the delinquents will be furnished the police, and failing to pay the tax, will be subject to a fine of from $5 to $50.

It is expected that the dog wagon will make its annual rounds within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Carrie Prettyman, wife of David W. Prettyman, died at the family residence, 112 North Pitt street, shortly after 8 o'clock last night. Besides her husband, she is survived by two children, Rozier and Miss Ruth Prettyman, both of Spencer, N. C. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

The funeral of Theodore M. Acton will take place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Downham, at 605 Princess street at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. J. L. Allison will officiate.

Charged with the theft of a slot machine from the Martha Washington lunchroom, Michael Rees was fined $20 in police court this morning. Preston Withers, alias Clarence Jones, colored, was fined $10 for an assault on Lizzie Drayton, and Ida Hawkins, colored, was given a sentence of thirty days in jail for the theft of a $5 bill from H. C. Robinson.

A leap year dance will be given by members of the Old Dominion Boat Club at their club house tomorrow evening.

The election of city officers for the town of Potomac, Alexandria county, which was scheduled for June 11, will be held tomorrow. Owing to a misunderstanding, in the appointment of poll officers, it was necessary to defer the election. The only contest is in the mayoralty, Robert A. Zachary, a young Washington newspaper man, opposing Henry Kremer for re-election.

Raspberry Season Is In Full Swing

The raspberry season is now in full swing in the market here, and crates filled with the red and black berries occupy a considerable share of the available space. In the restaurant and dairy lunches they are to a great extent rivaling or replacing the strawberries, which for the last month have played so important a part in the menu.

Just at phesent the prices are a trifle higher than they were last year at this time. Saturday's quotations running from 12½ to 20 cents.

The raspberries are gladly welcomed; for their flavor is a pleasant change; and what berries there are are easily disposed of to the public.

Wants Majority, Not Two-thirds

BALTIMORE, June 24.—Committeeman John T. McGraw, of West Virginia, today submitted to the subcommittee on arrangements of the Democratic national committee, a resolution substituting the majority rule for the two-thirds rule to be used as the basis of selecting Presidential nominees.

Committeemen from Baltimore and from States adjoining Maryland have been given the greatest number of tickets.

MORE CARS NEEDED FOR ORPHANS DAY FEATURE THURSDAY

Races At Laurel and Week-end Trips Also Of Interest To Motorists.

By HARRY WARD.

With the annual Orphans' Day celebration Thursday by the Automobile Club of Washington, the motor car races at Laurel Friday and Saturday and preparations for week-end trips over July 4, the motorists will have a busy week. Offers of cars in which to carry the orphans to Glen Echo have been made by many motorists, but the committee still requires twenty-five or thirty more cars in order that every orphan in the city may take part in the celebration. Any automobile owner desiring to lend his car for Thursday afternoon should communicate with Rudolph Jose, captain of the Automobile Club, or the automobile editors of the Washington newspapers.

The fact that "Wild Bob" Burman is scheduled to perform on the Laurel track the last two days of this week has excited the interest of racing fans here, and it is expected a large crowd from this city will be on hand to see the "speed king" perform. The program is the most extensive one ever offered in this section, and as there are a number of open events for amateur drivers, the well-known "speed merchants" of this city are likely to enter.

Operate On Gen. Drain.

An operation for appendicitis was performed on Gen. James A. Drain, of Washington, president of the National Rifles Association of America, yesterday, at Buenos Ayres. It is reported a success.