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LONGWORTH DEFENDS WORK OF MR. TAFT

ROOSEVELT'S SON-IN-LAW LAUDS ADMINISTRATION AS ONE OF GREATEST.

TELLS OHIO REPUBLICANS TAFT FOLLOWS ROOSEVELT

Forced Thru Congress, He Declares, Program of Constructive and Progressive Legislation—Pays Compliment to Insurgents—Garfield May Be Nominated for Governor.

Columbus, O., July 26.—A conference between Senators Burton and Dick, State Chairman Ellis and other republican leaders broke up at 2 o'clock this morning and left the contest for the gubernatorial nomination in tomorrow's state convention still open. James R. Garfield still is considered one of the possibilities, with Warren G. Harding and Carmel Thompson in the list.

Congressman Nicholas Longworth was temporary chairman of the convention, and in his address lauded President Taft, declaring that he was successful in carrying out the Roosevelt policies. He said in part:

"Whatever the people may have thought a few weeks ago there is no question about it today. President Taft has made good. Few men realize what fifty of purpose, what strength, sagacity, good humor and patience were required to bring order out of the chaos that existed during the closing weeks of this session of congress. Some people mistook his good humor for weakness, his patience for pliancy; events have proved how sadly mistaken they were. Today there are few who do not know that the Taft smile is but a mask for dogged determination and an iron will.

"Seldom has it fallen to the lot of any man to surmount greater obstacles in carrying out his promise than to the president. Beset on all sides by violent and unjust criticism, harassed by factional disputes, he remained serenely confident to the end, and his end was a triumph. He determined from the beginning that party pledges were made to be performed. Today these pledges are the laws of the land.

"No such program of constructive and progressive legislation has ever been enacted in American history. It is a record of magnificent achievement and the glory belongs first to the president of the United States."

Speaking of the republican insurgents, Mr. Longworth said he did not doubt that the majority of them are anxious for the welfare of the party.

"The principal issue upon which we, the republican party of Ohio, will appeal to the people in this campaign is and must inevitably be the tariff. We could not dodge it if we would; we ought not to if we could. We are responsible for it in the fullest sense. It would be a dereliction of duty to attempt now to shirk our responsibility."

CAR OF MERCHANDISE BURNED.

Fire Destroys Goods Consigned at Boone for Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, July 26.—A car of merchandise, consigned from Boone to Cedar Rapids, caught fire on the local freight No. 42, east bound. The car was on a side track and the car and contents were completely burned. No other damage was done. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WOMAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Death of Mrs. A. F. Bayless, Cromwell, During Storm.

Cromwell, July 26.—Mrs. A. F. Bayless, of Cromwell, was struck and instantly killed by lightning yesterday afternoon, during a storm. She was the daughter of T. S. H. Daugherty, of this place.

Young Farmer Burned Out.

Special to Times-Republican.

Buffalo Center, July 26.—The farm house of Jacob Haubauer burned to the ground early Saturday morning, caused, it is supposed, by a small child starting fire in a chamber of the second story. There was only \$750 insurance on the house and none on effects or contents. The loss falls especially hard on Mr. Haubauer, a young farmer, just starting out for himself, having bought and taken possession of the farm last March, but generous citizens are taking up a subscription to partially reimburse him for his loss.

Thirteen Horses Killed by Train.

Anita, July 26.—Thirteen head of horses belonging to Frank Crawford, were killed by west-bound Rock Island train No. 26, one and one-half miles east of Anita. The same engineer, Bill Stuart, was at the throttle that ran the engine that killed Lester Harris near Atlantic. The train was coming down grade about 12:30 o'clock in the night and the horses were in the right of way.

Predicts Wreck of A. F. L.

Watertown, Wis., July 21.—An attack upon the American Federation of Labor by Frank J. Weber, business agent of the Milwaukee federation, was the feature of the opening day's session of the State Federation of Labor.

"There are now 119 national and international unions affiliated with the

A. F. of L.," he said. "Each one is encroaching on and claiming part of the work of some other union. The factional strife of jurisdictional disputes will be the rock on which the American Federation of Labor will be wrecked."

Victor L. Burger, leader of the socialist movement in this country, was named chairman of the resolutions committee. The question of industrial insurance will be one of the chief matters under consideration. The report of the state organizer deals with child labor and the move to introduce into the schools military training for children.

Mayor Seidel, the socialist executive of Milwaukee, will deliver an address this evening.

PARK MATTER PROBE.

Cedar Rapids Council Orders Investigation, Following Offer Confession.

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EXPRESS ROBBER IS CAUGHT

Wanted at Lima, O., and Arrested at Marion, Iowa—Confesses Crime.

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HEAT INTENSE IN CHICAGO.

New Record for the Year Predicted by Forecaster.

Chicago, July 26.—Within an hour about noon today the thermometer rose from 83 to 94 degrees. Forecaster Cox predicted it would continue to grow warmer, with the likelihood of establishing a new heat record for the year.

RAWN'S DEATH NO BAR

Hearing of Illinois Central Car Repair Cases Resumed, in Which Dead Monon President Was to Have Been Chief Witness—His Wealth Estimated at \$2,000,000.

Chicago, July 26.—Despite the death of Ira G. Rawn, former president of the Monon road, who was to have been the chief witness, taking of the testimony in the Illinois Central car repair cases was resumed today before Thomas Taylor, master in chancery. It is a part of the present purpose of the hearing to determine whether any money is due the road from officers and employees involved in repair contracts and the amount.

The wealth of the Rawn estate is estimated at \$2,000,000 by the head of the law firm, who has made an investigation into the affairs of the former railroad man, in the interests of the Illinois Central road.

DUBUQUE GIRLS IN DANGER.

Attempts Made to Lure Them Away, Ostensibly for Stage.

Dubuque, July 26.—That the white slave traffic is being operated in Dubuque is not known. That it is feared is definitely known and investigation is being made by those in a position to make the report.

Of late a number of notices have been sent broadcast throughout the city urging young girls to enter into the life of the stage, thru the vaudeville, and making the requisite that they be young and that they must be willing to leave the city.

The allurements of the stage life as a partner or partner in vaudeville acts, are held out and it is positively known where a young man residing in the city at the present time, has sought to induce young women to go away from Dubuque under promise of advantageous positions in the vaudeville life. And this when the girls were of tender age and wholly unfit to go into any such strenuous existence.

The matter, when discovered by the parents of several young women of homes of refinement, and who had been approached with the offer to enter into the life of foot-lights, was promptly reported to the police and a rigid investigation is being made with fruitful results.

Masons Attend Rugg Funeral.

Providence, R. I., July 25.—Members of the Masonic fraternity from many parts of the United States attended the funeral of Rev. Dr. Henry Warren Rugg, grand master of the Knights Templars, who died Thursday.

Land Buying an Investment.

[St. Paul Pioneer Press.]

James H. Hill is not an speculation for a farmer who has money to buy land. The talk about land speculation, he maintains, is exaggerated, and he is right. There are land companies and land dealers who have bought and are buying on the prospect of a rise in prices. They may be said to be speculating, although there seems little of the speculative in what they are doing. Speculation involves risk and a chance that prices may go down instead of up. With the present conditions, and the temper of the people there is a little chance for much of a slump.

The man who buys a farm in the northwest because he wants the land is not very greatly concerned about the market price of that land, after he has paid for it. A farm that will yield an investment to the farmer, and it is an investment to the farmer, no rise in value will affect the crop yielding quality of the land, nor will a decline in the price of the farm. The man who buys a farm to speculate, however, is in a different position. He is not buying the land, but the speculation, and he is not buying the land, but the speculation, and he is not buying the land, but the speculation.

BRYAN IS MAKING FIGHT OF HIS LIFE

COMMONER AT NEBRASKA CONVENTION PREPARED TO BAT-TLE FOR OPTION PLANK.

CRUCIAL CONTEST ON FOR NEBRASKA LEADERSHIP

Republicans of Nebraska Also Wrestling With County Option Question, With Senator Brown and Norris Leading Two Factions—Politics Holds Nebraska Stage.

Grand Island, Neb., July 26.—Delegates gathered early about the tent where the democratic state platform convention is being held today. The presence of W. J. Bryan and the belief that he was to make one of the most notable speeches of his career in what is regarded as a crucial contest for his political leadership also served to draw hundreds of spectators.

With the arrival of Bryan all the dominant figures of the convention are on the scene. Mayor Dahlman, of Omaha, now arrayed against his former political leader in the pending county option contest, headed a large delegation from Omaha today, which loudly proclaimed the candidacy of Mayor Dahlman as the successor to Governor Shallenberger. The headquarters of Congressman Hitchcock, of Omaha, and Richard L. Metcalf, of London, candidates for nomination for senator, were crowded during the morning and much partisan feeling was evinced. The convention will take no action on the candidacies for state and national offices.

Platform the Big Question.

Save for the probable endorsement of the administration of Governor Shallenberger, the convention will confine its efforts to drafting and endorsing a platform on which the party will contest the coming election this year. It was indicated early that the temporary organization of the convention will be made permanent and that Constantine J. Smythe, of Omaha, as temporary chairman, would deliver the keynote speech of the convention.

Counting on the democratic side during the night were attended by several populist delegates, whose conversion also will be held here today, and efforts to adopt platform planks that will not conflict radically were made. It was deemed probable, however, by the populist leaders that the county option feature would be shunned by the larger convention and would be one of the populist planks.

Bryan Beaten Two to One.

Fight for supremacy, with quarter neither given nor asked, between the former followers of Bryan and their one time leader was the situation presented when the democratic convention was called to order. County option was the issue that divided the delegates, and the insistence of Bryan that a county option plank be inserted in the platform was combated by a majority of almost two to one. Bryan refused to listen to the advice of friends, and those opposing the option plank stood against granting an concession to him on the question, and it was apparent that the long-time democratic leader was to meet his first defeat at the hands of the Nebraska democrats. This was the situation when the convention opened and indications were the contest would carry the convention to a hot night session.

Bryan Stands Pat.

Peeling among the delegates that Bryan might adopt a conciliatory attitude in the face of a decisive majority opposed to his county option views and might acquiesce in placing the question later before the legislature for final decision, received no encouragement from Bryan or his supporters. It was indicated that in his speech on the floor of the convention he would place the matter squarely before the delegates. Governor Shallenberger was anxious the convention endorse the enforcement of law, while Mayor Dahlman and his followers were more desirous that it be endorsed by given.

A Word for Bryan.

C. J. Smythe, temporary chairman of the democratic state convention, in his address to the delegates, said in part:

"There never was a time in the history of our country when the people were more anxious to accept democratic principles than at the present moment. The mask has been torn from the republican party by some of the purest and best of its own members. For years that party has masqueraded as the friend of the people and has deceived many into believing that it was, but no one who desires to know the truth may be deceived any longer."

Referring to William J. Bryan, Mr. Smythe said: "In considering the great questions that may come before us today, let us be tolerant of each other's views. Impute unworthy motives to no one except on the most conclusive proof. Deny to no man that liberty of opinion which you claim for yourself. It may be necessary today for some of us to refuse to follow a leadership which for almost twenty years has given lustre to our party in the state and the nation. If it should, let no man say that it argues any abatement in the esteem of him who, embodies that leadership. When this convention shall have adjourned our differences, I am sure, will be forgotten, and we will all fall into our accustomed places, the leader in his and the subordinate in theirs, to fight for our platform and our party."

Concluding he said: "This convention does not end things. There is a hard campaign ahead, no matter what views prevail today. This stands in

entirely must be swung into place. It is ripe for democratic victory. Nothing can defeat it but our own. There was a warning, forget our plagues and jealousies; sink pride of personal opinion in the judgment of the majority; fix our eyes on the glorious day star of civic welfare, and party success, and victory is assured."

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS.

Convention Also Wrestles With County Option Question.

Lincoln, July 26.—So far as the public is aware, there was no change in the situation this morning as regards the republican state convention. Many delegates came in during the night, and held conferences at all hours, but no one had any announcements to make as to results.

Congressman Norris arrived early this morning. He had been quarantined on account of scarlet fever in his family and had to climb out of a second story window and submit to fumigation by the health authorities before he could come at all. He declined to talk politics until he had conferred with other leaders.

Talk in the lobbies this morning strongly indicated a fight for permanent chairmanship on the floor of the convention. Anti-county option leaders declared that in many instances the instructions for county option by county conventions were irregularly adopted and would be repudiated by the delegates on this ground and based their hopes of winning permanent control of the convention, with Senator Brown in the chair. The supporters of Congressman Norris declared their man will have a good majority, even if some of the delegates do renounce their instructions, as more than enough delegates personally favor their idea and their candidate.

Brown Makes Tame Speech.

In assuming the temporary chairmanship of the Nebraska republican state convention Senator Norris Brown spoke only along general political lines. He reviewed the record of the democratic party in his ground and based his platform party pledges. They promised free lumber, postal savings banks, free coal, and free iron ore, but voted against all these in congress. On the other hand he said the republicans, who he termed the "standpat" element, had failed to carry out their platform with regard to the tariff. Democratic success will be predicted, based particularly on the strife between the "standpat" element and the progressives headed by Senator Cummins.

DOCTOR USES HIS FISTS.

Old Feud Between Newton Men Results in Street Fight.

Newton, July 26.—The mutual dislike which A. J. Chenoweth and Dr. M. H. Hamner have entertained toward each other for the past six years, since the latter's return from the state penitentiary at Fort Madison, came to a sort of a climax Saturday night between 9 and 10 o'clock when Dr. Hamner assailed his old time enemy who was passing along the sidewalk on the north side of the public square. The local physician took his opponent unawares and landed a good drive back of his ear before Mr. Chenoweth knew what was happening or what was about to happen. The doctor kept behind and to the side of the object of his contempt and was able, he says, to rain in about a half dozen blows before Mr. Chenoweth could organize any defense.

AVERT BIG STRIKE

Negotiations Under Way to Prevent Tie-Up of Building Operations in Chicago—Many to Ignore Strike Order.

Chicago, July 26.—Final negotiations to prevent the strike of construction mechanics and the tie-up of all building trades, scheduled for tomorrow morning, were begun today, when officials of the building trades council arranged to meet representatives of the Otis Elevator Company in an effort to adjust the differences. Contractors who have in hand construction of buildings also planned to intervene during the day to prevent the strike of 37,000 working members of the building trades council affected by the strike order. The carpenters, brick layers, structural iron workers, electricians, laborers and plasterers, comprising 28,000 men, it is said will ignore the strike order.

Grand Trunk Strike Situation.

South Bend, Ind., July 26.—The strike situation this morning is quiet. Police and deputy sheriffs patrol the Grand Trunk yards, where the company is making a showing of switching freight cars.

OSKALOOSA BOY DROWNED.

Des Moines River Claims Another Victim, an 8-Year-Old Lad.

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Oskaloosa, July 26.—Kenneth Bowles, aged 8 years, son of Alfred Bowles, was drowned in the Des Moines river last evening. He was wading near the bank with a boy companion, and stepped into a hole and was swept into the current. Neither could swim. The body was recovered.

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Lost in Stock Gambling.

New York, July 25.—The counsel for Wido, the missing cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, this afternoon admitted his defalcation amounted approximately to \$600,000, the greater part of which was lost in stock speculation.

Market for Evil Literature.

[Dubuque Telegraph-Herald.]

A London publisher declares that women write, an obnoxious, far more than men, books classed as morally objectionable. Perhaps for every male reader of "Eleanor Glynn's 'Three Weeks'" there were ten female readers.

Story County Gets Rain.

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New York, July 26.—A bounteous rain which began falling here about 7 o'clock last evening and continued until midnight saved the corn crop of the county. The rain is reported as general over Story county, probably an inch, and a half falling slowly and without the "occasional" accompanying wind storm. There was a heavy electrical display throughout the rain.

Cities of Dense Population.

In the matter of density of population, Paris and Berlin lead all the European cities.

IOWA DEMOCRATS WILL BE FERNIST

PARTY IN CONVENTION AT OTTUMWA TO BE CONTENT WITH OLD IDEAS.

STATE AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS SCORED

Nicholas Reed, July Will Head State Central Committee—Judge Van Wagenen and J. Wolfe Have No Opposition Candidates For Supreme Judge.

Ottumwa, July 26.—The recent primaries having settled the matter of candidates except two supreme court judges, the delegates to the democratic state convention expect to dispose of other business, at a one-day session tomorrow.

A new state central committee will be chosen, with Nicholas Reed, the present treasurer, in all probability as chairman. Judge H. G. Van Wagenen, of Sioux City, and J. B. Wolfe, of Clinton, for the supreme court bench, so far have no opposition in sight. Jerry B. Sullivan, of Des Moines, will be temporary chairman and Congressman Jamieson, of Shenandoah, is slated for permanent chairman.

The platform will point out the alleged failure of the republican state and federal administrations to enact legislation of real benefit to the people, charging that the republicans failed to carry out their platform with regard to the tariff. Democratic success will be predicted, based particularly on the strife between the "standpat" element and the progressives headed by Senator Cummins.

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The Weather.

Iowa—Generally fair, except possibly thunder showers in the east tonight or Wednesday.

Illinois—Partly cloudy, with local thunder showers tonight or Wednesday; warmer in the south tonight; cooler in the extreme northeast Wednesday.

Wisconsin—Generally fair, except local thunder showers tonight or Wednesday in the east; warmer tonight in the southwest; cooler Wednesday in the extreme east.

Missouri—Partly cloudy, with local thunder showers tonight or Wednesday in the east; warmer tonight in the southwest; cooler Wednesday in the extreme east.

South Dakota—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight.

JAPS DON'T WANT WAR

SECRETARY DICKINSON CABLES VIEWS AFTER VISIT TO ISLAND EMPIRE.

New York, July 26.—"War with Japan is not a possibility unless wisdom is discarded," says Secretary of War Dickinson in a cablegram from Manila to a New York newspaper, in reply to a request for his views as to the relations between the United States and Japan. "There is nothing to warrant the prediction of impending strife between the two nations," says Dickinson. "Those who originate them are enemies of mankind, and are not doing patriotic work. Level-headed people of both countries should not only discredit but condemn them. All I heard in Japan was confirmatory of the opinion which I have previously reached that there is no reason for hostilities between the United States and Japan, and that the real interests of neither government could be promoted by war. Differences may arise, but they should be settled by diplomacy, arbitration or appeal to the Hague tribunal. Japan is struggling under a heavy national debt. Her industries and commerce are expanding in all directions, and it is irrational to suppose that under such conditions Japan will provoke war with our country. There is no sphere of such necessary antagonism as would make war possible unless wisdom is discarded. The United States will not seek such a war and will resort to all honorable means to avert it."

RATHER ROMANTIC WEDDING.

Elaborately Planned But Groom's Mistake Makes It Appear Like Elopement.

Sioux City, July 22.—When Cupid pierced the hearts of Miss Grace Zane, of Marcus, Iowa, and Marcus Dally, of Taft, Cal., he neglected to instruct the groom in geography and the statutes "made and provided" as a result of the young bride's capricious change of mind had been planned to be an elegant wedding into what appeared to be an elopement, in which the bride's father and her aunt assisted. They had expected to be married in Marcus Wednesday noon. Instead they were married at Bishop Garrigan's house at 8 o'clock yesterday.

Miss Zane is a member of a prominent family in Marcus and after the parental consent had been given the date was set and the invitations issued. Everything was in readiness for an elaborate wedding and a reception was to follow.

Wednesday the bridegroom arrived in Sioux City from California on his way to the bride's home. He suddenly thought of a brilliant scheme whereby he could save time by getting the license in Sioux City. Thereupon the happy young lover went to the court house and soon secured the requisite and left on the next train for Marcus. It was not until he reached Marcus that he was told of the mistake he had made and that he could not be married in Cherokee county on a license secured in Woodbury county. The problem was a difficult one, but the groom man faced it and won. He secured an automobile at 8 o'clock that night, and taking Miss Zane, her father and her aunt, Mrs. A. Natfziger, of Wayne, Neb., they made a hurried trip to Sioux City. They appeared at the bishop's house and were married by Rev. J. J. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dally will remain in Marcus for a few days, after which they will leave for Taft, where the groom is engaged in the oil business.

IOWA MINERS AID ILLINOIS.

Will Loan Striking Unions \$100,000 to Carry on Fight.

Oskaloosa, July 26.—The Iowa Mine Workers' by practically unanimous vote have signified their willingness to loan the Illinois mine workers, who are on strike, \$100,000 or more from its relief funds.

U. S. Cavalry at West Liberty.

West Liberty, July 22.—The Sixth United States cavalry will stop here Oct. 5, where they will camp an indefinite time. The cavalry is on its way from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. to Fort Des Moines. The regiment is made up of 650 men and 750 horses, and of course will require a large supply of provisions. The officer in command is eager to secure a camping ground for this purpose, besides supplies for the men and horses. As he desires a tract of at least twenty-five acres, it is thought that the fair grounds, where the state university cadets camped, will be chosen for the

AMERICAN VICTIMS OF FOREIGN FIRE

REV. W. H. McCAUGHAN AND WIFE, FORMERLY OF CHICAGO, MAY, DIE.

CUT OFF FROM ESCAPE BOTH JUMP TO PAVEMENT.

Skull of Each Fractured and Condition Critical—Others Dead and Injured—McCaughan Resigned Nine Years' Pastorate of Presbyterian Church in Chicago to Accept Belfast Charge.

Belfast, Ireland, July 26.—Fire swept thru the Kelvin Hotel today, burning to death three employes, while several guests received frightful injuries, five guests were dangerously burned and others are in a serious condition. Rev. William John McCaughan, for nine years pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Chicago, Ill., and his wife, so badly injured by jumping from a window that their condition is considered critical.

The McCaughans were caught on an upper floor and in attempting to find an exit thru the hall were terribly burned. Their escape thru the usual exits being cut off by the flames, the minister and wife finally threw themselves from an upper window. Both struck the pavement with great force and when they were removed to a hospital it was found that the skulls of both were fractured.

McCaughan resigned his pastorate in Chicago in May, 1907, to become pastor of the May street congregation, in this city.

GOLF RECORD BROKEN.

Harry Legg Equals Phenomenal Stunt of Monday.

Minneapolis, July 26.—Harry G. Legg, of Mankato, took the lead in the thirty-six hole qualifying round of the western amateur golf championship, today, equalling his phenomenal work of yesterday by turning in another seventy, making 140 and breaking the qualifying record of the Western Golf Association.

JUMPED INTO O WELL.

Mrs. Nancy Carr, From New Mexico, Commits Suicide Near Fremont.

Oskaloosa, July 26.—Mrs. Nancy Carr of Cuerno, N. M., aged 44, being dependent over separation from her husband, committed suicide by jumping into a well and drowning herself, at the home of her sister, near Fremont, this county.

CRIPPEN REPORTS DENIED.

Scotland Yard Officials Discredit Arrest and Confession Stories.

London, July 26.—Dr. Crippen has not been arrested, and Miss Leneve has not confessed, so far as is known by officials of Scotland Yard today. They absolutely discredit the published stories to the contrary.