

SEVERAL PLANS OFFERED FOR A REORGANIZATION

Of the Republican Party But None is Decided upon as Yet.

COMPROMISE IS LIKELY

Governor Hatfield of This State Urges a Special Convention at Once.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Two proposals for the reorganization of the Republican party and to find a basis upon which discordant elements can unite confronted the Republican National Committee today.

Foremost was a proposal for a special national convention to readjust the system of delegate representation. The other was that no convention be called but that the national committee fix a plan of reapportionment for ratification by Republican state conventions.

A resolution for a special convention was prepared by a special committee which also framed another resolution in accordance with a compromise suggested by Charles Warren, chairman of the law committee, proposing that after the national reapportionment the plan be ratified by two-thirds of the states which cast Republican pluralities for president in 1908.

Former Governor Hadley, of Missouri, a member of the special committee appointed last year at the Chicago conference of Progressive Republicans to make overtures for party reorganization, was not averse to the compromise plan.

Before the special committee was ready to report the national committee began its session and was addressed by Mr. Warren, who declared there had been no division in the Republican party on questions of political or economical policies, "but because of difference of opinion as to the methods employed in expressing party sentiment."

Another plan for a basis of representation was brought to the attention of the National Committee today by Robert Marsh, of the New York Young Republican Club. It proposes that each state shall have four delegates at large, that there shall be one delegate from each congressional district where the Republican vote is more than twenty and not more than forty per cent of the total vote, that there shall be two delegates from each congressional district where the Republican vote is more than forty per cent and that each state having congressmen at large shall elect one delegate for each of such congressmen.

Senator Cummins appealed for the calling of a national convention. While he did not discourage the alternative proposition of referring a reorganization plan to the states he believed that such a plan would impress the general public as strongly as would a convention.

Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, urged a special convention to be called immediately and suggested that it meet on Lincoln's birthday so that the Republican party might be rededicated to him.

Several Dead And Many Missing as Result of a Fire in a Salvation Army Home.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—Fire declared to be of incendiary origin last night in the Salvation Army's home for men caused the known death of two and many others were reported missing. The exact loss of life will not be ascertained until the building is searched sometime today.

Inspector Here. Edward I. Allen, of Parkersburg, an inspector for the state public service commission, is in this county doing work along lines provided by the workmen's compensation act.

Good Well. On Big Elk creek, Sardis district, the Big Elk Oil Company's No. 2 oil well on the George E. Smith farm, which was shot last Friday, is holding up at 180 barrels a day.

UNION WAITERS DECLARE STRIKE

PIONEER DIES

Well Known Resident of the East End Succumbs after a Short Illness.

Patrick Joyce, aged 63 years, a well known resident of the East End, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning after a few days' illness of lung trouble and rheumatism at his home 126 Factory street.

Mr. Joyce was a son of Patrick and Bridget Joyce, pioneer settlers of this section, and was a lifelong resident of this city. Mr. Joyce was a well known mine man and held many responsible positions at various mines in this section of the state.

The deceased man is survived by two children, three brothers and Michael and Margaret Joyce, both living at home. The brothers are Michael, John and James Joyce, all living in this city. The sisters are Mrs. Nellie Lyden of this city, Miss Mary Joyce, living at home, and Mrs. Bridget Rulligan, of Cleveland, O.

WOMAN DIES

From Injuries Received When She is Run Down by a Traction Car.

ELKINS, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Mattie J. Harris, of this city, was run down by a car on the Elk electric railway yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock and both legs were cut off just above the knees. She was taken to the Davis Memorial hospital, succumbing about two hours after the accident, without gaining consciousness.

SHERIFF ROBBED

By Pickpockets at Pt. Pleasant Who Are Said to Have Robbed Other Persons.

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 16.—As the sheriff of Mason county held a baby in his arms at a railroad station in Point Pleasant, smooth crooks worked a wedge game and picked his pocket for \$50. The men, the police say, then came to Huntington where they robbed two other men of \$50 by a similar process. William Lewis, Samuel Kaufman and Charles Davis, who, the police claim, are pickpockets of national notoriety, were arrested. A handsome woman and another man, members of the gang, escaped.

FATALLY BURNED

Is a Beverly Woman As She Sits Near a Fire Churning.

ELKINS, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Lee Miller, who lives above Beverly, was horribly burned as she was churning. Sitting with her back to the kitchen range she failed to see that her dress was against the stove until it was in flames. Crazed with fear when she realized her danger, she rushed from the house and threw herself into a small stream nearby. Her burns may prove fatal.

CALLER TO FAIRMONT

On account of the serious illness of B. L. Butcher, referee in bankruptcy at Fairmont, W. Frank Stout, of this city, was this afternoon called to sit for Mr. Butcher in an important bankruptcy case.

BOARDER IN JAIL

Joseph Blair was jailed Tuesday by a constable to await a hearing in Magistrate G. H. Gordon's court on a charge of attempting to skip a board bill of \$8 due Mrs. Ellen Soerborne, keeper of a boarding house on East Pike street.

SHOT AND KILLED

MARTINSBURG, Dec. 16.—By the accidental discharge of a shotgun while he was out hunting, Raleigh Myers, son of Robert Myers, of North Martinsburg, was shot and instantly killed. The shot lodged in his heart.

SOCCER FOOTBALL

There will be a soccer football game between Clarksburg and Morgantown Saturday at Union park.

WOODFORD ON TRIAL

A. W. Woodford is on trial in the criminal court charged with breaking open a trunk at the railroad station here and taking contents therefrom.

PLANS ARE LAID BY THIRD PARTY

WILL NOT AMALGAMATE

With Either of the Old Parties and They Are Hopeful of Winning the Election.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Representative members of the Progressive party from nearly every county in Illinois gathered here today to confer on the party's plans for the future with particular reference to the elections of next year. Before the meeting adjourns it is planned to select a candidate for the United States Senate and to perfect plans for complete tickets in every county and in every senatorial and congressional district next year.

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The keynote was sounded by Raymond Robbins, chairman of the state central committee, who declared against amalgamation with either of the old parties and predicted victory in the spring elections. This sentiment was echoed in a letter sent by former United States Senator Beveridge, of Indiana.

"No amalgamation, no merger, no connection of any kind with any other party whatever," ran the Beveridge letter, "for every man we lose by such a course of honor we will gain scores of better men. Every cause must have its Benedict Arnold but no cause loses by him."

BOYCOTT LIFTED

As Arrivals of Fresh Eggs Cause the Price to Drop in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—An egg boycott declared ten days ago at a mass meeting of women's organizations of Kansas City was lifted today. Storage eggs were selling at forty cents at the time the boycott was started. Today they retailed at thirty to thirty-four cents.

"Of course if the price goes up again we will cease using eggs," said Mrs. Church, president of the Housewives League, today, "but as long as the market is down we need not deny ourselves." Fresh eggs today sold at thirty-six to thirty-eight cents. Commission men ascribed the drop in prices more to increasing arrivals than to the boycott.

COUNTY COURT

Grants a Certificate, Appoints a Committee and Qualifies Notaries Public.

C. C. McCarty was granted a certificate by the county court upon which to obtain a notary public commission. Fred L. Shinn was appointed committee for Druzila Allen, a lunatic, with bond at \$5,000. Carl Caywood and George W. Bland, qualified as notaries public.

TEACHERS ARRESTED

As Well as the Superintendent on a Charge of Assault and Battery.

GAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 16.—Miss Susie Austin, a teacher in the public schools here, who resigned last Friday after a recall vote of her pupils, T. E. Osborne, superintendent of schools and Miss Rose Corns, another teacher, were arrested today on charge of assault and battery in connection with the whipping of Ray Miller, a twelve-year-old pupil.

SAMUEL GOMPERS

Wants Labor Leaders Exempt from Prosecution for Being in Combination.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor told the House Judiciary committee today that while the number of men out of employment in the United States might be a trifle above normal, he believed that was "due to the transition we are rather than to any real depression." Mr. Gompers made his statement during the course of an argument for the Bartlett bill. He pointed to recent indictments of labor leaders in Colorado for violation of the Sherman law to emphasize his contention that they should be exempt from prosecution for combining to better wages and conditions.

HANGED BY MOB

WILLISTON, N. D., Dec. 16.—Cleve Culbertson, recently convicted of murdering three members of the Dillon family at Ray, N. D., was taken from the Williston county jail by a mob today and hanged from a bridge near here.

GRANTED CERTIFICATE

Ray Lonz has been granted a certificate by the county court upon which to obtain a notary public commission from the governor of the state.

ILLINOIS PROGRESSIVES HOLD CONFERENCE TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT CAMPAIGN.

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HOT DINNERS

Are Sent to Men Who are Paving West Milford Road by Richard Mayo.

Showing his interest and appreciation of the good roads movement, Richard Mayo, filled dinner buckets with piping hot dinners Tuesday and sent them with his compliments to the men who are at work paving the bad stretch of the West Milford road at the southern limits of Stealey Heights, for which M. G. Cunningham recently took private subscriptions.

The work of paving the road is going ahead rapidly. Two teams and twenty men are employed there and the improvement will be completed within a short time.

BASKETBALL

Fairmont Y. M. C. A. Juniors Meet the B.H.Kens Tonight.

The Billiken basketball team will meet the Fairmont Young Men's Christian Association Smaller Juniors at the Parrish house on West Main street at 8 o'clock tonight. The local quint has been defeated once this season by the Fairmont team and it is determined to even up matters tonight, and a fast game may be expected. Coach Hamilton has been working the local team hard for the last few days and it is in the pink of condition.

SCHMIDT SHOUTS THAT IT IS A LIE

Declares That Lawyer Does Not Speak Truth Regarding His Mental Condition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Hans Schmidt sprang to his feet in the court room today and vehemently denied his counsel's statement that he was insane when he killed Anna Amuller. "It's a lie," he shouted, brandishing his fists. "I protest against this!"

The prosecution rested its case at the murder trial and Judge W. M. Olcott, for the defense, outlined the insanity plea in his opening address to the jury. "I will show," he said, "that the defendant had been for many years and is now and always will be mentally unbalanced." He was interrupted by the outburst from the prisoner.

NEGROES REMOVED

From One Georgia Jail to Another to Prevent Their Being Lynched by Mob.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 16.—The three negroes, charged with the murder of Mrs. Jefferson Irbly near Wrens, Ga., were brought to Augusta early today by deputy sheriffs. They were taken from the Waynesboro jail because it was feared that the small force of soldiers on guard there would be unable to cope with the mob.

ELEVEN DRUNKS

Eleven offenders, all charged with being drunk, honored police court with their presence this morning. Two of the unfortunates contributed fines while the remaining nine were put to work about the police station.

CUT-OFFS

In the Working Forces at Shops are Reported by the Thousands Now.

GRAFTON, Dec. 16.—Reports from various sources indicate that the business conditions of the country at present are far from promising, and a number of the biggest manufacturing concerns have reduced their forces. While the cut in force made by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad over the entire system was of considerable extent, it was nevertheless not as large as the cuts made by other roads.

A letter was received Saturday by a Grafton business man from a friend who is engaged in the manufacturing business in Philadelphia and is incidentally a former Grafton man. In this letter he stated that the business conditions around the city of "Brotherly Love" were very bad and that thousands of men had been laid off. The Baldwin Locomotive Works furloughed 1300 men and the Pennsylvania and Reading railroad had laid off 900 men in Philadelphia alone. Numbers of big concerns had laid off several hundred men each.

"A traveling man stated that in Altoona, Pa., the Pennsylvania railroad had cut off 1400 men. A Grafton boy who has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad in Pittsburg returned home last week, stating that he had been one of 3,000 men, who had been furloughed in Pittsburg. These few examples are only given to show the conditions which at present exist in various parts of the country. It is claimed that the new tariff bill has been partly responsible for these conditions."

LOCAL MAN ROBBED

J. W. Fry, of This City, Robbed of \$150 in Huntington by Clarence Hamilton.

Information was received by the local police today from the Huntington police that J. W. Fry, of this city, was robbed of \$150 in that city last night by a man named Clarence Hamilton. The information was meager and no details of the robbery were given. It was stated that Hamilton had not as yet been apprehended. He is a former railroad man, having worked in Grafton sometime ago.

GETS LIFE TERM

FAIRMONT, Dec. 16.—Charles Johnson, the negro who was convicted of murdering his wife, Mary Johnson, last July at Baxter, was sentenced by Judge Haymond in the circuit court to a life term in the penitentiary. William Franzenbaker, convicted of frobbing John E. Morgan, was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

APPOINTMENTS

By Governor Hatfield of the State Are Made at the State Capital.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 16.—Announcement was made today that Governor Hatfield has appointed Parley Deberry, of Preston county, superintendent of the school for deaf and blind at Ramona, January 1. Other appointments were announced as follows: Member of the West Virginia humane society, John W. Graham, of Summers county, to succeed J. E. Ewing, of Gilmer; member of state board of dental examiners, Homer Mannon, of Huntington, to succeed W. A. Williams, of Huntington.

STATE WIDE STRIKE

Question is Being Considered at Convention of 500 Labor Delegates Today.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.—Nearly 500 delegates from 250 local unions throughout the state met here today to consider calling a state-wide strike in sympathy with the United Mine Workers of America now on strike in the Colorado coal fields. It was explained by leaders, however, that it was not certain a state-wide strike would be called at this time because the leaders of the federation and the United Mine Workers "do not want to impose undue hardships on the people of the state unless it becomes absolutely necessary."

LAW INVALID

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The New York state court of appeals today held the oleomargarine law to be unconstitutional. It was held that the legislature might enact laws to prevent deception and fraud in foodstuffs but that giving yellow color to oleomargarine was not done with the intention of committing fraud.

MINE EXPLODES

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Dec. 16.—An explosion today at the Vulcan mine at New Castle, Colo., is reported to have entombed between forty and fifty miners. The mine is owned by the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

HOUSE BILL FOR ROADS BY MOSS

Provides That All Rural Mail Routes Shall Be Actual Post Roads.

BUREAU OF POST ROADS

And Its Duties Are Also Provided in the Measure He Introduces.

(Charles Brooks Smith) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Judge Hunter H. Moss, Jr., representing the Fourth district of West Virginia, has introduced in the House probably the most comprehensive federal road bill that has yet been introduced. It declares that all roads used for the purpose of transporting rural mail shall be post roads within the meaning of the act.

It establishes a bureau of public post roads, to be composed of three commissioners, the head commissioner to be an officer of the engineer corps of the United States army, on the active list, not below the rank of captain, who shall receive a salary of \$7,000 per annum. The second commissioner is to be the director of public roads of the Department of Agriculture; the third engineer, who shall have practical experience and knowledge of road construction, to be appointed by the other two commissioners, and to receive a salary of \$4,000 per annum; that said bureau shall co-operate with the various states and territories in road development; that the bureau shall employ a competent and practical road engineer in each state or territory, who shall be called chief road engineer of said state and territory, and shall be under the direct control and supervision of said bureau; that as soon as practicable after the act takes effect the bureau shall cause a report to be made by the chief road engineer of each state and territory, showing the nature, condition, grade, location and general character of the different post roads now in use, together with all recommendations which he shall deem it proper to make; that as soon as practicable after the filing of each of said reports, the said bureau shall first cause to be repaired and put in first class condition, as specified in said act, each of said post roads that require repair; that, in apportioning the funds of the different states and territories, the bureau shall not be guided by their area, or population, but by the necessity of road improvement therein, with the object in view of giving to each said state and territory the same standard of road efficiency; that said bureau shall cause said post roads to be constructed, repaired and maintained, that no incline or grade shall be steeper or greater in degree than is necessary in view of the topography of the locality; that they shall be provided with ample side ditches; that they shall be kept continuously well graded and adequate means, so as to shed water into the said ditches, and so far as practicable, to have a smooth surface and be reasonably passable for wheeled vehicles at all times. That nothing in the act shall prevent any state or territory, or subdivision thereof, from building, at its own expense, macadam, brick, gravel or any superior road, but it shall be done under the supervision of the bureau. The sum of \$50,000,000.00 is appropriated for the purposes of this act, and the sum of \$10,000,000.00 each year thereafter. The author of the bill believes that the most pressing need at this time is the keeping in proper repair of the roads we now have, and that the greatest number of people will be benefited by making all the present country roads passable all the year round, rather than to construct comparatively few roads of brick and macadam at great cost.

Judge Moss has made post roads the basic foundation for his bill, because the constitution expressly gives congress supervision over post roads, and the constitutionality of the bill, therefore, cannot be questioned. At the same time, it is recognized that post roads, under the bill, cover practically all the country roads that now exist. If the bill becomes a law, it will be of especial benefit to states like West Virginia, where the mileage of brick and macadam road is very small, and the main need is an improvement of the condition of dirt roads, which in some sections is exceedingly bad.

Mr. Moss also introduced a bill directing the secretary of war to investigate and report to congress at the earliest possible time the desirability of establishing wireless telegraph stations along the Ohio river, to be of use in time of floods. He has had this up with various departments, but it has not progressed as fast as he desires.

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SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 16.—Two negroes, Ernest and Frank Williams, were lynched by a mob at Blanchard, Louisiana, today. They had confessed to killing Calvin Earlard, whose body was found hanged to pieces in his store Saturday morning.