

## PROGRESSIVE STATE PARTY HAS MEETING

Most of Executive Committee Members Favor Holding Convention Before the Republican Convention.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, THE DATE FAVORED

By This Action Third Party Could Get Its Platform Before the Voters Ahead of Republicans.

(National News Association)  
INDIANAPOLIS, July 12.—The Progressive state convention may be held before the Republican state convention. The latter has been called to meet August 6, and the opinion appeared to prevail among the members of the Progressive executive committee who attended the initial meeting today that it would be well to hold the convention earlier than was first intended.

Among the members of the executive committee who discussed the time for holding the state convention Tuesday, July 30, appeared to be a satisfactory date.

Edwin M. Lee, provisional state chairman, favored an early convention first in order to proceed the Progressive national convention, August 5, at Chicago, and second, in order to precede the Republican state convention.

Those who favored the early state convention maintained that this plan will simplify the election of delegates to the Progressive national convention since the delegates to the state convention may meet by districts and elect delegates while in Indianapolis. Also they may form their district organization at Indianapolis.

That a convention held before the Republican state convention will seriously handicap the Taft Republicans is believed by the Progressive leaders. They have heard that the Republicans propose to adopt a progressive platform, however reactionary may be the candidates of their party, and they see an opportunity to smash a rift into the lute of Tory Republicanism by getting their platform before the people first. The standpatners would then be forced into the predicament of trailing the Progressives if they cared to adopt a progressive platform.

## DUBLIN MEMBERS JOIN LOCAL POST

The Sol Meredith Post, G. A. R. will give a reception next Tuesday night, July 18th, in honor of the Dublin members of the G. A. R. who have affiliated with this post. There are only 15 living members of the Dublin post and because of this small number they decided to affiliate with the Richmond post.

## JEFFRIES IN CITY

C. K. Jeffries, superintendent of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction company and a number of assistants were in this city today, inspecting the Fairview street car line. Supt. Jeffries was questioned about the purpose of his visit to this city, but refused to say anything for publication.

## News Nuggets

(National News Association)

PITTSBURGH, July 12.—Simultaneous with the birth of his baby, V. G. Reeds, a painter, was struck by lightning and killed during a storm here.

CHICAGO, July 12.—Mrs. Edmund Trowbridge Dana, the English woman who married the grandson of the poet Longfellow, says the American woman has no conscience and her husband agrees with her.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—Jas. Ewing Mifflin, one of the local 400, has announced that he will drive a dump-car in the historical pageant to be held here in October. He says that's the way his ancestors got their start.

PARIS, July 12.—Because she made his wife a dress that did not fit, a man named Petrier shot Mlle. Felicite Ramus.

LONDON, July 12.—Beatrice Etherington, born a normal child, became deaf and dumb when her twin sister died at the age of 2 years and 3 months, according to a report to the Shertsea board of guardians.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Twenty families were thrown into panic when a bomb exploded in the hall way of the first floor of the six-story tenement at 216 Chrystie street. The building was badly damaged, but no one seriously hurt.

## Flees From a Royal Kiss



AMELIA CARMEN L'AEROLIA.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Amelia Carmen L'Aerolia, a beautiful young Spanish dancer, has arrived in New York, after having fled from Brussels rather than accept the too ardent attentions thrust upon her by Albert, King of the Belgians. According to Mlle. L'Aerolia it was after she performed a fiery, alluring Andalusian dance on the stage of the Theater Royal, in Brussels, that King Albert left the royal box, rushed around behind the scenes and planted a fervent kiss on her surprised lips. This is in direct denial to the story which preceded her to this country, in which it was said that the dancer was driven out of Belgium by detectives of Queen Elizabeth, who had caused a number of scenes because of her overwhelming jealousy over the King's attentions to the dancer.

## OWEN MAKES FIGHT TO RETAIN OFFICE

Oklahoma Senator's Chance of Re-election Enhanced by Wilson's Victory.

(National News Association)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., July 12.—The friends and supporters of United States Senator Robert Owen, in his fight for renomination against former Governor Charles N. Haskell, are of the opinion that Senator's chances of success have been materially strengthened by the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for President. The senatorial battle will end a little more than three weeks hence, when a general primary of all parties will be held for the endorsement of candidates for United States senator, members of the judiciary, representatives in congress and members of the legislature.

Early in the Democratic Presidential contest Ex-Governor Haskell, who is a former Ohio man, announced himself in favor of Governor Harmon, of the Buckeye state for the presidential nomination and endeavored, though without success, to swing Oklahoma into line for the Harmon boom. Senator Owen, on the other hand, made it known as early as last summer that he was flatly opposed to the nomination of Governor Harmon. He stated his willingness to support either Wilson or Clark, but absolutely refused to have anything to do with the boom for the Buckeye chief executive.

The stand taken by Senator Owen has naturally met with favor by the so-called progressive Democrats of Oklahoma. His friends believe that the Baltimore nomination is bound to materially help the senator's cause.

The Democratic contest for the senatorship is confined to Owen and Haskell, while on the Republican side there are five aspirants for the toga. Prominent among them is "Dynamite Ed" Perry, who led the Roosevelt forces to victory in Oklahoma. The fight, of course, will be made for control of the legislature, which is now Democratic by a good majority.

## THOUSANDS OF TONS OF COAL DESTROYED

(National News Association)

NEW YORK, July 12.—Five thousand tons of coal were burned here today in a fire which started in the Rockland & Rockport Line company's yards on Morgan avenue in Brooklyn and quickly spread to the Scranton & Lehigh Valley coal yards adjoining. The damage was estimated at \$50,000. Seventy-five horses in stables in the two yards were stampeded by the fire and the firemen had a hard time saving the animals.

## SEN. LORIMER STILL SINGS A SWAN SONG

Illinois Senator Continues Today to Tell What a Crime It Would Be to Oust Him From Job.

## EX-PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT RAPPED

Charges His Enemies with Sneaking Up Behind Him Like a Thief and Beating Out His Brains.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, July 12.—With the senate chamber and galleries crowded to suffocation, Senator Lorimer resumed his defense at 10 o'clock today and once more paid his respects to the men who are responsible for the fight being waged upon him. He scored Roosevelt, Taft, Bryan and the "news-paper trust" of Chicago. He charged his enemies as sneaking up behind him like a thief in the darkness of the night to beat out his brains, giving him no opportunity to defend himself.

Lorimer made a scathing attack upon Roosevelt in connection with Corley's testimony of yesterday concerning the 1904 campaign contributions. Senator Lorimer said: "At the close of my remarks yesterday I was discussing the attitude of the custodial of all the morals of this country, both private and public; he who would not have the contributions of those who possess predatory wealth; the main factors of great wealth, no trust, no combination contributed to that campaign, only the common people of whom he is the guardian."

Reads a Taft Letter.

Lorimer then read from the conclusion of a letter from the President to Col. Roosevelt, January 1, 1911. In the letter occurred this expression, "I want to win; so do you." Senator Lorimer made these observations upon this sentiment: "Win what? Win a contest? What sort of a contest? In the open? A free field and a fair fight? Was a sword and shield handed to me? Was I then notified to defend myself? That a battle was on? Oh, no! I was given no opportunity. They were going to win! How win? To sneak up like a thief behind his victim and beat out his brains. No opportunity to defend myself; why all this? Why, for fear that Senator Bailey with his boundless logic and his matchless eloquence might plead the senate of the United States."

"Oh, Mr. President, was any mortal ever more completely surrounded by conspirators and intrigues? The president of the United States; Theodore Roosevelt, the ex-president of the U. S.; the former candidate of the Democratic party; the trust press of this country, all combined in conspiracy to mistake the facts, joined with the trust press of this country to poison the minds of its citizens, that a man might be sacrificed to satisfy the malice of the most corrupt set of newspaper owners known in the history of the world."

Senator Lorimer followed his denunciation of the political leaders with a scathing arraignment of the Helm committee.

"Now we come to the Helm committee," he cried. "Were the senators of the state of Illinois? Oh, no, they were creatures of Governor Deussen and the newspaper trust of Chicago. Were they men who acted according to their consciences? Oh, no!"

## POLICE IN BATTLE WITH 700 STRIKERS

Many Are Hurt in Dock Battle in London.— Battle Lasted for Hours.

(National News Association)

LONDON, July 12.—More than 1,400 persons took part in a battle between strikers and police at the Surrey commercial docks when a band of strikers endeavored to persuade strikebreakers who are working under police guard to desert their posts. There were 700 strikers in the mob which tried to storm the docks and remove the non-strikers by force. Six hundred police surrounded the docks and attempted to drive the strikers off. For several hours a battle raged in which scores were hurt on both sides. The police attacked the strikers with their riot sticks. Hundreds of extra police were rushed to the scene to reinforce the guard already on the scene. The ringleaders of the strikers threatened to make another assault later in the day.

## A STATUE UNVEILED

Fargo Accepts Gift of Citizens of Rouen, France.

(National News Association)

FARGO, N. D., July 12.—In the presence of a great gathering representing the Norwegian population of the entire Northwest there was unveiled here today a magnificent statue of Rollo, the first Duke of Normandy. The statue was presented by the city of Rouen, France, to the Normans of North America, through the city of Fargo, and is a memorial and token of regard from one race of men to another through whose veins flows the same blood. The unveiling came as the first event of an attractive program prepared for the annual convention of the Sons of Norway and the biennial saengerfest of the Norwegian Singers' Association of America. The joint gathering will be in session here for several days.

The statue unveiled today is a replica of the Rollo statue in the city of Rouen. It pictures the great Viking as he stands, one hand on the hilt of his sword, the other pointing downward demanding allegiance and obedience from his followers. The statue is of bronze and stands on a massive pedestal.

## THE WEATHER

STATE—Unsettled with showers to night or Saturday.

LOCAL—Local showers tonight or Saturday; continued warm.

## SHOULD CITY PAY, RATE TO BE CUT DOWN

Statement to This Effect Was Made Today by Nimrod Johnson, Superintendent of City Plant.

## CITY OWES \$53,900 TO THE PLANT NOW

Johnson Will Ask Provision for Paying Street Lighting Placed in the Budget for Next Year.

In case the fight to force the city to pay for the current used for the street arc lights and the lighting of public parks and buildings, which has been led by Nimrod Johnson, superintendent of the Municipal Light plant, is successful, the rates of the city plant will be reduced one year from September. A statement to this effect was made by Superintendent Johnson this afternoon.

An attempt will be made at the next meeting of council to get the council members to see the situation "in the right way." In case council is interested in this matter it will be asked to appropriate between \$15,000 and \$20,000 next September, at the time the 1913 budget is made up, for the payment of the city lighting during the next year.

Supt. Johnson declares that he does not ask anything more than the exact cost of the current and maintenance of street lighting. He says that the plant is handicapped now because the city has refused to pay its light bill and will continue to be handicapped as long as it does not pay it.

City Owes \$53,963.

The city owes the plant up to July 1, \$53,963.06. An account is kept of current used by the city each month and a statement is sent to the city controller, although nothing has been received by the plant from the city since January, 1910. This was the first month of Mayor Zimmerman's present term.

Up to the first of June each street light was billed at \$75 per year. On June 1 the mayor informed the plant superintendent to charge the arc lights at just what they cost. The superintendent figured the cost at about \$48 per light, which, with the cost of lighting of parks and public buildings amount to \$1,332.61 a month. The bill was sent in at the last of the month as usual, but when Johnson asked the works board if it intended to pay for the lighting, he received an emphatic answer in the negative.

An Extension Needed.

Johnson declared that next year an extension must be made at the plant. He says that a new unit must be built and consequently a new building must be erected. Another engine, stack, generator and two new boilers are needed, as the plant is "up to capacity now." These improvements, it is estimated, will cost about \$70,000.

It will be necessary, because the city has not paid for its lighting, to issue bonds, upon which interest must be paid, during the life of the bonds. "That is the danger," stated Supt. Johnson today. "We ought not to issue bonds. If the city had paid us since January, 1910, we would not have to issue bonds for these improvements. However, I don't expect to get anything up to next year. But I do hope that the council will make provision in the next budget for payment of the street lights, the city building, the five hose houses, Glen Miller park, South Seventh street, South Tenth and North Tenth street parks."

When the plant was built a bond issue of \$144,000 was made, of which amount, it is believed, \$30,000 was used to pay off the plant bonds. These bonds are not due until 1927. Interest at the rate of four per cent is paid upon them. Each month \$660 is placed into a sinking fund to pay off the bonds when they become due.

In addition to the sinking fund the plant has \$36,000. This amount will be used toward the cost of the improvements to be made next year.

Supt. Johnson declares that he is working and has been working to get to the point where the rates can be lowered. He says that the purpose of building the plant was to lower the rates and not to make money for the city, but he says this cannot be done until the city pays for its lighting.

There are now, according to the superintendent, 321 arc lights which the city should pay for. Ten other arc lights are being paid for by the railroad companies at the rate of \$75 per year. In case the city decides to pay for the street, park and public building lighting next year council must appropriate \$16,000 or \$17,000 for this in the budget.

## HILLES WILL LEAD REPUBLICAN PARTY



Charles B. Hilles this week was chosen chairman of the Republican campaign committee. He is President Taft's secretary.

## HIGHWAYMAN ROBS A STATION AGENT

Winchester G. R. & I. Employee Relieved of \$96 at Early Hour Today.

(National News Association)

WINCHESTER, Ind., July 12.—Albert Rupe, night ticket agent of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, was compelled to give up \$96 at 1 o'clock this morning when a highwayman dressed in an engineers' suit, with a bandanna handkerchief over his face, used a 38 calibre revolver as a means of persuasion. Rupe had just finished washing the station windows when the robber confronted him, pressing the gun against his body, ordering him to enter the station and open the money drawer. The order was obeyed and Rupe was marched into the station with the revolver still pressing against his body. As the two entered the door of the ticket office Rupe was compelled to turn around and open the money drawer and place the money where the robber could place it in his pocket. Then the robber tore the telephone from its place and warned Rupe not to move. He then walked out of the door, still pointing the revolver at Rupe's head and threatening to blow off his head if he gave an alarm. After the highwayman disappeared Rupe ran to the telegraph tower and gave the alarm, but no trace of the robber has yet been found. A strange man entered the hotel here last night and disappeared about 9 o'clock carrying a bundle under his arm. He partly answers the description given by the agent.

## MEETING A SUCCESS

Declare Richmond Officials Home from Kokomo.

Local city officials who attended the annual meeting of the Indiana Municipal League, at Kokomo, returned home today. The meeting was declared by them to be the best ever held since the league's organization.

Among the most important subjects discussed at the convention were: "The Building of a City," by Thomas E. Knotts, mayor of Gary; "How Should School Trustees Be Elected, and What Power Should They Have," by James Schooler, controller of Lafayette; "The Lighting of a City," by John Herzog, mayor of Mishawaka; "Industrial Education," by William Yearly, of Shelbyville; "What is the Best Form of Municipal Government," by Thomas D. Thieme, of Ft. Wayne;

"Should the Proposed Amendment of the Street Improvement Law, as Now Reported by Committee, be Adopted," by Timothy E. Howard, of South Bend; "The Milk Supply of a City," by Dr. W. G. Swank, secretary of the board of health, of Crawfordsville; "Track Elevations in All Cities and Towns," by H. G. Hogan, of Ft. Wayne; "District Workhouses," by W. H. Eichorn, of Bluffton; and "How Should Cities Care for Streets and Pavements," by Don. Roberts, of Terre Haute.

A. N. Gardner, city attorney, was to have delivered an address on "The Best Material for Streets in the Residence District of a City," yesterday afternoon, but was unable to attend the meeting.

## ENGINE HITS RIG BUT ITS DRIVER SAVED

George McComas, Merchant Deliveryman, Attempted to Make Crossing Ahead of Train, but Failed.

## HURLED HIGH WITH WRECKED VEHICLE

Horse Succeeded in Getting Across the Tracks.—Aged Man Received Only Painful Injuries.

George McComas, an aged resident of this city, who runs a merchant's delivery, was struck by a freight train at the Wilson crossing of the Pennsylvania lines west of the city last evening and painfully hurt. His wagon was demolished but the horse escaped injury. McComas was picked up by the train crew, placed in the caboose and by detouring over the Indianapolis division, taken to his home near West Fifth street and the Indianapolis division tracks. He is not believed to be seriously injured, although his back and breast are giving him much pain, being slightly crushed and bruised.

The accident occurred at 7:30. McComas was coming into the city from the west, and although he saw the approaching freight train, tired to make the crossing ahead of it. He was unsuccessful, the horse getting across the tracks but the wagon being struck. The wrecked vehicle with McComas in it was hurled high in the air.

DASHES INTO AUTO.

Herschel Thomas, North Twenty-second street, was speeding east on Main street on his bicycle last night, bent over the handlebars and not paying much heed to what was in front of him. At Fourteenth and Main streets a west bound automobile turned into Fourteenth street from Main and Thomas drove his bicycle headlong into the rear of the auto. He was thrown violently to the street and was stunned for some time. He sustained no injuries and was able to continue to his home without assistance.

## A PLAN PROPOSED FOR PARTY PEACE

(National News Association)

CHICAGO, July 12.—A plan to bring peace to the Republican party throughout the country has been advanced by certain politicians here to the bigger party leaders and is being considered in party councils. The plan is to hold a national conference of presidential electors to decide on the action they shall take. The plan further contemplates an investigation of the Chicago convention by a committee of the electors so that a report can be made and a plan evolved for the peaceable solution of the party tangle.

## Extension of the Palladium Service

It is the usual tendency of mankind to kick. Knowing this the managers of public service companies, from ice companies to traction companies and gas companies—even the city light plant and the city departments—do not always take the kick seriously.

Unfortunately there is no court of justice where these things can be tried and settled. Court costs are too high, lawyers fees are too great for the settlement of the irritations which come with a complex life such as ours.

The Palladium therefore announces the institution of a Public Service department.

All legitimate complaints against any public service company, the city light plant, the ice companies, coal dealers, matters for the city inspector of weights and measures, the traction companies, telephone companies, street department, will be received at this office and investigated.

For the protection of this paper, communications must be signed with the name and street number as a guarantee of good faith. In dealing with the various managers of these companies and city departments the public often suffers because its complaints do not get to headquarters. In presenting these complaints the Palladium will take the position that it represents a duty which it owes as a newspaper to over 7,000 subscribers.

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## CUPID VERY LAZY

July is no proving a very popular month for brides. This is the twelfth day and only three marriage licenses have been issued. County Clerk Matthews states that little Dan Cupid will have to get busy if the record for last month is reached, when 45 were issued.