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UP TO PEOPLE IF INTERURBAN IS TO BE BUILT

COMMITTEE NOW BEGINNING TO SHOW TRACES OF FATIGUE AFTER HARD CAMPAIGN AND URGE LOYALTY TO CAUSE.

BETTER SPIRIT NEEDED SAYS THE COMMITTEE

ENTHUSIASM IS THE SUSTAINING FORCE THAT MAINTAINS WORKERS IN THE EFFORT TO RAISE THE SUM—\$73,400 PLEDGED.

The effort to raise the \$100,000 needed to secure the interurban between Ottumwa and Iowa City, is now at the point where work that is appreciated by a loyal people is the only means of bringing the coveted prize to the city. Work has not been lacking by the committees that have so unselfishly given their time to the cause, but the stage now reached is that of slow progress, and more generosity and loyalty by the citizens is needed to save the day. This is the opinion generally expressed by the men who have been working steadily for the past five days in the effort to raise the sum required and while enthusiasm is not on the wane, the physical effort to which they have been put, with the attendant neglect of business during the campaign, has made the workers complain of the lack of interest being manifest in certain quarters.

Have \$73,400 Pledged.
The result up to last night showed a gain of \$10,000 over that of the day previous, and the total now pledged reaches the sum of \$73,400. But the largest plannings have been made and the balance of the amount to be raised must necessarily be small sums. But few were present at the Commercial association rooms last night, and these few were largely members of the working committees. These men are fast becoming worked out and are beginning to feel keenly the lack of enthusiasm met with from some. One of the most optimistic of the committee workers during the campaign expressed himself in no flattering manner toward the people who are holding back.

Must Wake Up.
He stated that until yesterday he was pleased with the prospect for the line, but that so many discouragements were met with in calling upon some who should be enthusiastic and more loyal to the city, that he began to feel dubious as to the likelihood of putting the deal through. He said he had not lost hope, but that Ottumwans must wake up, that hundreds of persons who might readily enough subscribe for from one to ten or more shares, turn a deaf ear to the committee and evince a disposition of indifference as to the outcome of the campaign.

Being Worked Out.
The committees are still working and the ranks are thinning down considerably owing to many of the men being worked out. They still look upon the campaign with all the enthusiasm that can be mustered in a cause that is being hard fought, and show no inclination to give up until all means fail. They do not consider it fair, however, for a large number of Ottumwans who should be loyal to the city, to lay down when called to the city's assistance and will carry the campaign through if the money is to be raised. As there is yet more than a fourth of the sum to be raised, it is incumbent on Ottumwans to wake up to the fact that the venture may slip from the grasp of the city and a knockout blow be struck by the proposition.

SOLICITOR BOWERS DEAD

Man Mentioned for Supreme Court Expires Suddenly at Boston Today.

Boston, Sept. 9.—Solicitor General Lloyd W. Bowers died here today of complications arising from an attack of bronchitis. He was in about two weeks. Death came suddenly while Bowers was talking with his family. A blood clot in the heart caused almost instantaneous death. Bowers was 71 years of age. He was prominently mentioned as the man who would be appointed to fill the vacancy in the supreme court.

IS AGNER AN OTTUMWAN?

Associated Press Dispatch Tells of Death of Man Supposed to be From Here.

W. H. Agner, said to be from this city, died very suddenly near Salida, Colo., yesterday, according to an Associated Press dispatch received this morning. The city and country directories do not show any Agners, and the ticket agents do not recall having sold a ticket to a man by that name. The dispatch reads:
Salida, Colo., Sept. 9.—While the Denver and Rio Grande train No. 8 was moving over Tennessee Pass yesterday W. H. Agner, presumably from Ottumwa, Iowa, died suddenly from heart disease.

Sees Pictures of Robbery And is a Victim Himself

While a local moving picture theater was showing two robbers plying their vocation with alacrity, William Foster, a Chicago traveling man sat and watched the daring deeds on the film. When he left the theater shortly after and reached in his watch pocket for his timepiece, it was missing. "Those are certainly realistic pictures," said Mr. Foster and immediately he began to look for the pickpocket who sat next to him. He has not yet found the robber and is lamenting the loss of an open face silver watch with a fob carrying two horses with diamond eyes. His loss amounts to \$75. The police have been notified.

CONSERVATION PLATFORM MADE

REFERENCE TO TAFT AND ROOSEVELT LEFT OUT; WALLACE NEW PRESIDENT.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 9.—The national conservation congress yesterday afternoon adopted a platform placing the seal of approval on national control of natural resources and adjourned.

The platform was adopted by 8 to 10 by the committee. This declared Col. Roosevelt the great friend of conservation and did not mention President Taft. After a long fight this was said to be an injustice to the president and after three ballots a motion to eliminate the names of Roosevelt also was carried.

The platform favors the endorsement of the reclamation service; federal control of water power development; leasing of mineral lands; repeal of the lumber and stone acts; conservation of game; instruction of youth in conservation; prevention of child labor; conservation of human life in mining; and establishment of a department of public health.

Election of Officers.
The following were chosen:
President—Henry Wallace, of Des Moines, Ia.
Secretary—Thomas R. Shipp, of Indianapolis, Ind.
Gifford Pinchot and J. B. White of Kansas City, declined to be nominated for the presidency, and Wallace was not opposed.

TRAGEDY ON LAKE

Twenty Reported Dead as Result of Sinking of Car Ferry Boat Shelbygan.

Milwaukee, Sept. 9.—The Perre Marquette line car ferry No. 18, sank in Lake Michigan 20 miles off Shelbygan at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Dead Given at Twenty.

Ludington, Mich., Sept. 9.—A wireless message from a passing steamer states the number of dead in the car ferry disaster at twenty, including all the officers.

NO QUORUM OF BALLINGER COMMITTEE

M'CALL, SUTHERLAND AND DENBY, (REPUBLICANS), REFUSE TO ATTEND MINNEAPOLIS MEETING TO DISCUSS ROW.

Minneapolis, Sept. 9.—But six members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, one less than a quorum, was present when the session opened today. Sutherland of Utah, McCall of Massachusetts and Denby of Michigan (Republicans), refused to attend the meeting.

Denby is Caustic.
Representative Edwin Denby of Michigan, a republican member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee, last night denounced the action of the five members who adopted a resolution declaring Secretary Ballinger "was not a faithful trustee of the people's interest," and should be removed.

Mr. Denby said the holding of the Michigan primaries had prevented an earlier appearance. He said the action of the five members has no validity whatever and is not in any sense the action of the committee. "It merely publishes to the world," he said, "that, without consulting with their associates, they wish to make public certain conclusions which later they will try to sustain in a report."

"The hearings were held before a committee of twelve. They closed too late the last session to enable us then to consult and report. We were to meet here for that purpose. Now five men seek to bind the full committee to certain conclusions, and give these conclusions the widest publicity. They knew that Mr. Olmsted and I were on our way and would be here within forty-eight hours, but so anxious were they to publish their views that they did not even pay us, with whom they had sat in this case for five months as fellow judges, the bare courtesy of acquainting us with their views before publishing them. The ends of justice cannot well be advanced by such methods."

Regarding the possibility that no quorum would be present Representative Ollie M. James of Kentucky, speaking for the democratic members, said: "It is inconceivable that the republicans would try further obstructions to keep the committee from attending to its duties. Three months ago the date was set for this meeting. It was agreed then that each member was to prepare his opinion of the case, present it to the committee and the finding of the committee was to be made public."

"We had a quorum here ready to do business. Four gentlemen were absent. We waited three days for the absent members to get here. We are in no way censurable because we are here ready to perform business. I don't believe any one will approve methods of bolting and obstruction which have been resorted to. The fact that some one wants to wait until after the election is a political excuse, but in no way an official reason."

NINE GIVEN MEMBERSHIP IN CONFERENCE

THIS IS THE PRINCIPAL EVENT OF THE MORNING SESSION OF METHODIST GATHERING AT PELLA TODAY.

[Special Correspondence]
Pella, Sept. 9.—The principal event of the morning session of the Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today was the receiving into full membership of the conference a class of nine who had completed a two years' course of study. They were R. V. Pike, F. E. Piontz, H. C. Druce, J. W. Stine, F. A. Smith, T. J. Pittitt, J. H. Krenmyer, W. J. Hamilton and R. C. Russell. The bishop's address to the class occupied an hour. It dealt with the fundamental things of the Bible, the Christian religion and the church, and was characterized by many as the greatest they had ever heard. H. M. String was discontinued at his own request. F. I. Poaf was reported transferred to the Oklahoma conference. The registrar reported the grades of men in various years of the course of study. A. E. Buriff, formerly of this conference, now in Dakota, was present, also A. J. Spjeyer of Nebraska. F. L. Thomson, D. D., spoke for the board of education and E. A. Schell for the Freedman's Aid. Many laymen and gathering for the meeting of their associations tomorrow and to visit the conference over Sunday.

Grinnell Wants Conference.
The question of where the next session shall be held is one of large interest. One church, Grinnell, is looking two years ahead at which time, 1912, Bishop Edwin Hughes will have completed twenty-five years in the ministry. A resolution was adopted today asking that the board of bishops appoint Bishop Hughes to the presidency of this conference, at that time, he having commenced his ministerial career in this conference, at its session at Newton in 1887. His father, T. B. Hughes, was at that time pastor of the church at Grinnell. The resolution was received with applause and voted unanimously.

The bishop reported drafts from the following sources: chartered fund, \$25.00, book concern, \$1,535.00, and from the board of conference claimants at Chicago, \$200.00. This was ordered to be disbursed to the conference claimants. J. C. Kendrick, secretary of the permanent fund also reported \$500.00 for the same purpose accruing from that fund.

Pastor is Ousted.
J. H. Lewis, who was tried by a committee of eleven, was expelled from the ministry and membership of the church.

Notes of the Conference.
Among the addresses of the conference few have been of any more interest than that of President Schell, who spoke in behalf of the Freedman's Aid society.

Mrs. Sanford of Des Moines was the speaker at the anniversary of the W. F. M. S.
Bishop Wilson is the president of the Anti-Saloon league of the U. S. and at the evening services spoke to a large and deeply interested and appreciative audience. Bishop Wilson is both patriotic and Christian, earnest and eloquent and he delivered a message to strengthen the heart of man and inspire them to persevering fidelity.

BOA CONSTRICTOR IN HOTEL

Holds Undisputed Possession of Russell House at Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Sept. 9.—About 200 panic stricken people lined Fourth street between First and Second avenues for one hour while a boa constrictor ten feet long and causing general damage in the Russell house. John Murphy has not as yet recovered from the scare which was caused when he cut his hand on a plate and thought that the big snake bit him. Mrs. Jess Kimmel is also suffering from the shock.

A showman who was on his way to make some of the small town fairs, stopped at the Russell House. He had with him two large wooden boxes, a dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kimmel, proprietors of the Russell house, kept barking at one of the boxes, but nobody paid any attention to the enraged canine. The showman did not tell what was in the box.

About 3 o'clock, while the hotel was very quiet, Mrs. Kimmel went into the dining room to get some dishes. As she walked behind the counter, she was suddenly attracted by a noise on the floor and looking down discovered to her horror a large snake crawling on the floor.

The state of Mrs. Kimmel's fright can not be described. She screamed and rushed out of the hotel. Her excitement attracted a number of railroad men and other persons who were walking on Fourth street and within three minutes this one block on Fourth street was lined with persons who kept at a respectable distance from the Russell house door.

Lipton to Attend Aviation Meet



SIR THOMAS LIPTON.

Boston, Sept. 9.—The Harvard aviation meet is to be honored by the presence of Sir Thomas Lipton, who comes as the special guest of Mayor Thomas Fitzgerald of Boston. While Sir Thomas Lipton has never as yet tackled the flying machine as a per-



MAYOR JOHN F. FITZGERALD.

sonal hobby, it is well known that his interest in aviation is second only to his interest in sailing. He is an enthusiastic follower of the new sport and may yet challenge America with the Shamrock IV to sail the air instead of the seas.

DUBUQUE WON OVER OTTUMWA

RIVER CITY BREAKS TIE VOTE FOR NEXT MEETING AT PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE

Dubuque won over yesterday in its fight with Ottumwa for the 1911 session of the grand lodge, Iowa domain, knights of Pythias. Dubuque was given 296 votes and Ottumwa 221. The first vote on the location of the next meeting resulted in a tie, each city receiving 255, but when a vote was taken by ballot instead of by roll call after the noon recess, Dubuque secured a material part of Ottumwa's support. The fight for the grand lodge meeting was the closest in the history of Iowa Pythianism, and because of it nearly every delegate remained in the city until last night. The last session of this year's meeting of the lodge was closed with the installation of the new officers. Next year's meeting will be large because the Pythian Sisters always select the same meeting place as the knights, and in addition the uniform rank meets them.

Before leaving for their homes last night the anti-Salinger forces had agreed that next year a fight will be made to oust the entire Salinger element. They say there is enough sentiment in the grand lodge against a one-man rule to do this. However, the opposition maintains the same position that prevented an open fight on Salinger this time—that the crusade must be headed by the right men; not men who have held offices through Salinger's influence and later become disgruntled because he declined to let them serve longer.

Dropped Assessment.
Action on the plan to assess each member of the order 10 cents a year for the creation of a fund that eventually would be used in the building and maintenance of a Pythian home was deferred for one year. The lodge voted down the plan to raise the per capita tax for the orphan fund from 5 cents to 10 cents a year. The lodge still has considerable money in the fund and the members declined to increase the tax until the reserve fund has been wiped out.

Little business of importance was transacted yesterday. Committee reports took up the greater part of the session. A committee from the Pythian Sisters and the knights in turn conveyed greetings to them at their meeting in the Auditorium. At the conclusion of the Pythian Sisters' meeting an automobile ride over the city was given them.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Wellman Banker Sustains Serious Injuries—Loses Control of Car.

Wellman, Sept. 9.—Banker Harry Moore, of this city, was seriously injured in an automobile accident yesterday. Mr. Moore, accompanied by Everett Lewis and child, left Wellman about 6 o'clock in Mr. Moore's automobile to take an early morning trip in the country. In going down a hill about two miles northwest of town Mr. Moore lost control of his machine, the sand on the hill interfering in some manner and the wheels slid, the machine being thrown into a ditch about five feet deep and it turned turtle. Mr. Lewis and his little child were thrown about fifteen feet and both escaped without injury, but Mr. Moore was caught under the machine. He was unable to get out alone, but Mr. Lewis was able to help him out. Dr. Downing was called to the scene of the accident and Mr. Moore was brought to his home.

CLUB STIRRED BY SNUB GIVEN TO LORIMER

DEMAND BY ROOSEVELT THAT SENATOR BE EXCLUDED FROM CHICAGO BANQUET MAY DISRUPT ORGANIZATION.

COLONEL'S TALK WAS A SIZZLER

GRAFT IN ILLINOIS DRAWS FIRE FROM FORMER PRESIDENT IN ADDRESS AT BIG BANQUET LAST NIGHT.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The Hamilton club is greatly wrought up today following the Roosevelt-Lorimer incident of yesterday. Lorimer has a host of close friends in the club and from these today came rumblings of revolt and readiness to rebuke President Batten for accepting Roosevelt's ultimatum regarding the banquet. They say if Lorimer resigns his membership in the club they will do likewise, but so far he has not given the word. President Taft's meeting with Lorimer at a number of functions when in Chicago in March is declared by members to have made Roosevelt's move all the more unexpected.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt in an address before the Hamilton club in the Congress hotel last night verbally skinned the "jackknives" of the Illinois legislature alive and hung up the pelts to dry in the byre of public scorn.

In electing William Lorimer to the senate and in participating in the various forms of graft which have made the last session of the assembly notorious, Roosevelt said, they had "been guilty of the foulest and basest corruption and therefore of the most infamous treason to American institutions."

The speech was the sequel to the former president's action earlier in the day of refusing to attend the banquet unless the invitation sent to Lorimer was revoked. He said that he would not sit down to the same table with such a man.

As Though Hypnotized.
The former president's wordside was received at times with a sort of frightened silence. The Hamiltonians cheered the generalities, but when the colonel got to talking man to man and driving what he had to say close home to them they sat quiet as though hypnotized.

There were some, too, who did not appear to be entirely in sympathy with his utterances and who found a way of expressing their dissatisfaction after the colonel had finished by shouting for "Uncle Joe."

"Uncle Joe" did not speak, however, Roosevelt did not want to hear him, and Judge John M. Batten, president of the club, having received his cue earlier in the day during the painful colloquy with the former president over the inviting of Lorimer, diplomatically steered the guest of honor out of the room before the crisis became so insistent as to cause embarrassment.

Lorimer Men There.
Lorimer's seat at the banquet was occupied by James R. Garfield. If the "blond boss" was away, however, a good many of his followers were present. They didn't get a great deal of comfort out of Roosevelt's remarks and of course, they didn't applaud. They simply sat still and chewed savagely at their cigars.

Summed up briefly Roosevelt said: That the republican party of Illinois was face to face with the alternative of purging itself of its rascals or of proving itself recreant to its trust and going down to a disgraceful and deserved oblivion.

That no honest man who had read the evidence adduced by the state's attorneys of Sangamon and Cook counties could have failed to have formed the opinion that the charges of corruption in the last legislature were true and that most of them men are guilty.

That whether or not these men can be convicted in a court of law is beside the mark. If they are morally guilty they ought to be hounded out of public life.

That the plain duty of the republican party in the state is to "turn the rascals out" and that it should not rest from the performance of that duty until all the rascals high and low—the bribe giver as well as the bribe taker—had been pilloried before the public.

That the state was disgraced so long as it permitted men to represent it either in the national or the state legislatures who are known to have obtained their offices by corrupt means.