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BOOMS FOR 1916 TAKE SHAPE

SIXTEEN MEN FROM ELEVEN STATES MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL SEEKERS

Washington, Nov. 10.—Since the recent election made it apparent that the Republican presidential nomination will be worth having in 1916 plans are under way in various quarters to further the interests of candidates. It may be stated upon authority that a tentative organization has been formed in the South for one prominent Republican and in due season this particular boom will be afterward.

At the beginning of this fight for the Republican nomination there will be at least sixteen candidates, representing eleven states. The men whose

names are under consideration in various quarters for the honor are:

New York—Charles E. Hughes, associate justice of the Supreme Court; Governor-elect Whitman, George B. Cortelyou.

Ohio—Theodore E. Burton, Myron T. Herrick, Governor-elect Willis and Senator-elect Harding.

Illinois—James R. Mann, Republican leader of the House.

Missouri—Herbert T. Hadley, former governor.

Indiana—Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president.

Iowa—Senator Albert B. Cummins.

Michigan—Senator William Alden Smith.

Idaho—Senator William E. Borah.

Wisconsin—Senator Robert M. La Follette.

Nebraska—Senator George W. Norris.

Pennsylvania—Governor-elect Brumbaugh.

By common consent Mr. Hart and Mr. Roosevelt appear to be eliminated by practically all the leaders. It is

felt that the nomination of either will simply revive the old fight of two years ago, and make the success of the party extremely doubtful from the start.

So far as the presidential nomination is concerned Mr. Whitman appears to be less talked of in New York than he is elsewhere in the country. A man who has carried New York by the majority registered for Mr. Whitman looms up big in the eyes of politicians everywhere, whatever opinion may be entertained at home as to his caliber.

A movement in the interests of Republican Leader Mann has been started. Some weeks before the election friends of Mr. Mann in the South began to work of lining up delegates. Among those who were active in Mr. Mann's behalf was Newell Sanders of Tennessee, a prominent Southern leader.

Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Smith of Michigan and Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, each has his eye on the presidential election. Sen-

ator Borah has made many speeches throughout the country in the past two years, always with the thought of the presidency in his mind.

The re-election of Senator Cummins of Iowa makes certain that he will be presented for the nomination by the delegation from his state.

The Progressive faction that did not walk out in 1912 may endorse Senator Cummins or Senator La Follette with a possibility that its support may be thrown to Senator Norris of Nebraska. Party leaders declare that the return of the old guardsmen, headed by Uncle Joe Cannon, does not mean the restoration of the methods that gave birth to factionalism.

They intimate that if the old guards attempt their old tricks they will be ordered rudely to the rear. A cause for dissatisfaction on the part of Progressives was removed December 1914 when the Republican national committee decided upon a basis of representation in conventions that curtails the influence of the South in that body.

CEREAL TESTS IN NORTH DAKOTA

RESULTS OF CO-OPERATIVE EXPERIMENTS OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE N. D. STATE EXPERIMENT STATION.

The results of experiments with cereals which have been conducted since 1907 at Dickinson, N. D., in cooperation with the North Dakota State Experiment Station have now been published by the United States Department of Agriculture at Bulletin No. 33, "Cereal Experiments at Dickinson, North Dakota."

In this section only spring varieties of all the cereals, except rye, are grown commercially. Experimental plots of winter wheat were tested but all were severely injured every year by winterkilling. For the six years the average yield per acre of the 53 varieties of spring wheat tested was 22 bushels. Of these spring wheat varieties the durum group gave the best yields, the two leading varieties being Kubanka and Arnautka. The five and bearded five groups came next while the bluestem group, commonly grown in North Dakota, produced comparatively low yields.

In yield of straight flour, the different groups of wheat ranked as follows: Bluestem, durum, bearded five, and five.

For oats, the average yield of varieties was 47.7 bushels. The groups ranked as follows: Medium early, medium late, early and late. The highest yields were obtained from the Early Mountain, Golden Rain and Victory varieties.

For barley, the average yield was 30.3 bushels, the 2-rowed varieties, Hannchen and Svanhals, proving the best adapted to conditions at Dickinson.

ANCIENT BOOK IS WORTH REAL CASH

VALLEY CITY MAN HAS REFUSED OFFER OF \$6,000 FOR 346 YEAR OLD BIBLE.

Valley City, N. D., Nov. 10.—Now that old relics and keepsakes are being treasured more than ever and newspapers devote liberal space to books two centuries old, Valley City boasts of a bible 346 years old.

The book is the property of C. C. Curtiss, an instructor in the commercial department of the state normal school here, and has been in his family for seventeen generations. It is the oldest English bible in America and Mr. Curtiss, who keeps the book in a steel vault, has refused an offer of \$6,000 for the volume.

The relic was printed in Geneva in 1668 and is bound in dressed sheep skin. It has stood the ravages of time to a remarkable degree. Only a few of the pages are missing and the fly leaves contain an almost unbroken genealogy of the family for over 300 years. The book interestingly shows the deviation of modern spelling and printing from what was customary several centuries ago.

Mr. Curtiss has extensively investigated the claims of other owners of aged volumes and has not found any trace of an older bible than his. The George Jenner bible at Dickinson, N. D., was printed in 1724, making it 190 years old. The book owned by Ralph C. Peabody, Long Prairie, Minn., is 215 years old, but none has been found older than the aged Curtiss book.

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Minto, N. D., Nov. 10.—Harold F. Phelps sold the John Chromy farm to Carl Hegeland of this county. The Kellogg elevator, Northern Pacific spur and a fine grove are located on this half section. Mr. Egeland will improve the property by repairing the buildings, boring an artesian well and practicing diversified farming. Mr. Phelps also sold jointly with Mrs. Jas. Jenkins a nice quarter section farm on the bank of the Red river in Walsh township to Joseph Paschke.

The late James Jenkins cleared most of this land of standing timber during the past 25 years and made it a very desirable farm. The price paid for these farms was \$21,000.

HOLE IN HIS HEAD BUT MAN LIVES ON

HANS JOHNSON SEEMINGLY RECOVERING DESPITE TERRIBLE INJURY.

Kenmare, N. D., Nov. 10.—With a hole in his skull as large as a man's fist and with part of his brains blown out from a shotgun explosion, Hans Johnson, 30 years old, of Carpio, lies at a local hospital conscious and apparently in little pain.

The case is remarkable from many angles. Briefly told the facts are as follows:

Johnson, a hunter of some repute, loaded a gun after his own fashion by manufacturing his own cartridges of Ballastine powder. Placing one of these home made cartridges in the magazine he pulled the trigger to try out the shot whereupon the gun exploded, driving the stock end through the left side of the skull. A hole as large as a man's fist was dug in the skull and the brains oozed out over the forehead and the face was torn and lacerated, yet the man performed the almost superhuman feat of walking a considerable distance from a barn where the accident occurred to his house.

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