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HOME FROM CONVENTION

S. E. WILSON, ONE OF THE DELEGATES TO CHICAGO

WRITES OF BIG MEETING

FEELS THAT HUGHES IS BOUND TO BE THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

S. E. Wilson, one of the delegates from this state to the National Republican convention in Chicago last week arrived home Monday very enthusiastic about the result of the big meeting and feeling very sure that Hughes will be the next president.

The South Dakota delegates fared very well in the convention in that Mr. Wilson was selected as a member of the committee on credentials, James G. Stanley, of Lead, was selected as one of the committee to notify Hughes of his nomination and Senator Sterling, also of this state, was a member of the committee on resolutions. Governor Byrne was chairman of the South Dakota delegation.

The delegates from this state were instructed for Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, and cast their vote for him until it became apparent that he could not be nominated when they voted for Hughes. Mr. Wilson had the honor to be chosen as the man to make the seconding speech at the time Cummins was placed in nomination and that he acquitted himself with credit before the large audience of sixteen thousand people is assured.

Feeling that many people of the city and county would like to hear some of the more intimate facts regarding the convention we prevailed upon Mr. Wilson to furnish us with the following write-up of the big meeting which we know will be interesting reading. Mr. Wilson says:

"The big convention at the Coliseum at Chicago last week was in many ways different from the average National Conventions. The delegates were there, most of them uninstructed, with the intention of selecting if it could in their judgement be done a candidate who would meet the requirements and demands of the great majority of the republican party. There was not much hero-worship exhibited, not so much as four years ago nor nearly so much as was displayed in the convention in session at the same time in the Auditorium. Senator Harding, of Ohio, was selected as both temporary and permanent chairman of the convention. His keynote speech was characteristic of the many great orators of that mother of presidents, Ohio. It bristled with sound republicanism, it abounded in epigrams and alliterative expressions exposing the "watchful waiting, wobbling warfare" characteristic of the democratic administration. It elicited constant response from the convention, frequently bringing the delegates to their feet in appreciation of the sentiments expressed. I say this with full knowledge of the incorrect statements made by some newspapers about the effect of this speech. The National Committee had been in session four days hearing the contested cases, mostly between the colored delegates from the southern states. These cases were all brought before the Credentials Committee of which I was a member. The hearing before the committee was of necessity limited, and the cases were all disposed of during the afternoon and night of the first day, in which the National Committee was sustained in most of the contests.

Friday was fire cracker day, when the nominating orators were let loose in unlimited numbers and unlimited length of speeches. Gov. Whitman, of New York, let out and placed the winner, Hughes, in nomination. The cheering lasted twenty minutes. Root was next named and cheered fourteen minutes. Another Ohio orator, Gov. Willis, came to the front of the platform with a baby elephant under his arm and in a real old fashioned Buckeye stump speech, in which he extolled the elephant and flayed the mule, electrified the convention and put in nomination Senator Burton, Ohio's favorite son, who was cheered for thirty-two minutes. Senator Lodge in a dignified, pointed and statesman-like speech nominated Massachusetts' favorite son, Senator Weeks. He had to be satisfied with two minutes'

cheers, though he was high man on the first ballot of the favorite son candidates, with 105 votes being next to Hughes. Then followed the nominations of Fairbanks of Indiana, Du Pont the powder maker of Delaware, Sherman, of Illinois, whose friends put up a job with the Illinois doorkeepers and ran in a couple of thousand rounders under guise of the Hamilton Club, until the fire marshal butted in, throwing doorkeepers, policemen and everybody out of the way and closed the doors in order to protect the building which was then taxed beyond its capacity. Thousands of people with tickets were denied admission during the remainder of the day, which of course made them all hot. But the fire marshal's authority was superior to that of everybody else. Then followed the nomination of Senator Cummins of Iowa by Ex-Congressman Kendall, of that state, who, it was conceded by all, made one of the very best speeches of the convention. The cheering of the Senator's name lasted twenty minutes, and was conceded to have been participated in by the delegates from more states than any other candidate. He received the solid votes of four states on both the first and second ballots, which was the largest of any favorite son candidate, except Weeks, of which there were nine put in nomination, and also received more votes than Col. Roosevelt at any time. His candidacy was supported by the South Dakota delegation, under instructions of the republican state primary.

Roosevelt was put in nomination by Senator Fall of New Mexico, and the real demonstration of the convention occurred, not so much by the delegates as by the fifteen thousand visitors in the galleries. It was my privilege to be on the platform at this juncture, waiting my turn to second the nomination of Cummins, and I had a splendid opportunity to observe the countenances of many members of the old guard seated there, or rather standing and watching the tumultuous demonstration. They bespoke the greatest anxiety and impressed me with the belief that they were trying to fathom the real depth of feeling of the most admired, best loved and best hated man in the Republic. It was apparent that no other candidate had matched him in the affections of the audience. The cheering continued forty-two minutes and then had to be checked by the chairman's gavel, or it might have been going yet. But cheering don't nominate candidates. The delegates do that. Out of a total of 987 votes he received sixty-five votes on first, eighty on second and eighteen and one-half on third. He had not allowed his name to go on the primary ballot in any state where he could prevent it. Hence, the great body of voters had no opportunity to express their choice. This was the Colonel's own plan in the campaign. Many of his friends think it was a mistake.

The nominations of the rest of the nine favorite sons followed, and in the first ballot Hughes led with 253 1-2 votes and gained seventy-five votes on the second, and was nominated by a vote of 949 1/2 out of a total vote of 987 on the third. The nomination was then made unanimous, and at about the same time Roosevelt was unanimously nominated by the progressives. Fairbanks was nominated on first ballot for vice-president. Hughes immediately resigned from his position on the Supreme Court bench and accepted, with a ringing statement, bristling with real Americanism and indorsing the republican platform. Roosevelt tentatively declined the progressive nomination, waiting to know fully the position of Hughes on preparedness and other vital issues to which the Colonel is so firmly attached, and now the paramount question is will he indorse the republican nominee. If he does, Hughes' election is assured. If he don't indorse but refuse to run, Hughes will be elected anyhow. We believe he will support Hughes, or at least refuse to run."

William B. Petty and Miss Beatrice Saunders were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Klook on Jennings avenue, Sunday morning, June 11th, the Rev. A. P. Jones, chaplain of Battle Mountain Sanitarium, officiating. The bride's sister, Miss May Saunders, and Mr. and Mrs. Klook were the only witnesses present. The groom is electrician at Battle Mountain Sanitarium, and is a young man of splendid character and habits, and has a great many friends here. The bride is well and favorably known for her many womanly qualities. A large circle of friends will wish them both well.

In the near future the newly wedded couple will be at home at number three, Jennings avenue, Hot Springs.

CELEBRATE IN HOT SPRINGS

BIG TIME THREE DAYS, JULY 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH

NOTED AVIATOR SECURED

PROGRAM WILL BE ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WEST—BIG CROWD COMING FOR ALL THREE DAYS

Representatives of the Commercial Club under whose direction the big three day celebration is to be held in Hot Springs, July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, have completed arrangements for some of the best attractions to be had. Chief among them is Alvin Wilson, who will make flights daily in a large Farnam Biplane and race with an automobile at the track on College Hill. Miss Romaine, noted rifle shot will also give exhibitions and C. L. Johnson with his diving and high school horses will also be here.

A fine race and sport program has been arranged and this promises to be the biggest and best celebration ever held in this section. Big crowds will be here from all the surrounding towns to enjoy the program and the plunges. A more detailed account will be found in next week's Star.

HARNEY CANYON A PARADISE

C. L. Jensen to Have One of the Prettiest Camps in the Hills

A party composed of Leslie Jensen, Misses Katherine and Jean Ferguson, Lucille Wade and the writer, W. A. Warner, left Hot Springs at 4:30 a. m. Sunday morning for a trip to Harney Canyon. This was rather an unseasonable hour but owing to the fact that we were due at the Canyon for breakfast and forty-six miles of mountain road to cover it was thought best to obtain an early start.

Most everyone in this section has visited Sylvan Lake at some time or other and know the beauties of the scenery up to this point but if such a thing is possible the road and scenery from the Lake on to Harney Canyon is even more wonderful.

The government thru the forest reserve department has just completed the connecting road thru the Hills on the other side of the Lake and a trip over the three miles into the Canyon is simply great. The road for ten thousand feet makes a seven per cent grade up the mountain side winding backward and forward with six switchbacks and in several places three and four of the road may be seen below you when near the summit. In one place a large tunnel thru solid rock was made where it was impossible to build around it. This piece of road

alone cost the government over \$10,000 to build.

As everyone knows this part of the Hills is styled the Switzerland of America and for picturesque valleys, mammoth spruce and other pine trees on the sides of towering mountains of almost solid rock, cool mountain streams filled with trout and other fish, after a trip over this route, travelers may rest assured that the Alps may be loftier many times but not a bit more wonderful in scenic beauty.

With Leslie Jensen as driver of one of the best jitneys in the Hills we arrived at the Canyon on schedule time and sure enough were treated to a most appetizing breakfast. Despite a little shower Mr. Jensen, Sr., the proprietor of the place, insisted upon showing us his domain and it is a paradise to say the least. Chris has erected several log cabins from some of the spruce trees of which there are many, and these cabins are commodious and comfortable. In addition he has innumerable sleeping tents, a garage and all the necessities for a tourist or camper.

The Harney Inn, which is the main building is situated on Harney Creek. This creek has been converted into a small sized lake by building a large dam just below the Inn. Later he intends to utilize the water power developed by the dam for lighting purposes by installing a dynamo. There is plenty of trout in the creek which flows past the place so that fresh fish will always be part of the menu during the summer.

Besides building trails to Harney Peak, which is just west of the Canyon, Mr. Jensen has platted some of the land just below his place and many lots have already been sold to South Dakota parties where summer cabins will be erected. One of the latest additions to the colony is Editor Zimmers, of Bowdle, this state, who expects to arrive early next month to build his cabin. We visited the site of his lots which were picked out by Mr. Jensen and they are certainly ideal.

We departed for home early in the afternoon after a bounteous meal served by Mrs. Mary McKay, who has leased the Inn for the summer from Mr. Jensen, and we can assure tourists who visit Harney Canyon this summer that they will meet with the same cordial and courteous treatment from Mr. Jensen and wife and meals that are a culinary art from Mrs. McKay, if they spend their vacation at one of the prettiest little spots in the Hills. It can be reached either by rail or auto and should be one of the most popular places in South Dakota.

Louisiana democrats laud President Wilson as a "leader" in preparedness. They seem to forget that the only matter in which he has really led was in placing sugar on the free list, which the democrats in congress very reluctantly agreed to do. It took a later act of congress to retain a one-cent per pound duty on that most important product of Louisiana. But for the insistence of Woodrow Wilson, sugar would never have been on the free list. Strange how short some peoples memories are.

BETTER FARMING CAMPAIGN

BIG CROWDS ATTENDED MEETINGS LAST WEEK

L. E. CLEVELAND'S REPORT

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY'S SPEAKERS DREW BIG CROWDS AT VARIOUS POINTS

The better farming campaign which is being conducted by the International Harvester Company in the various counties in the Western part of this state, drew big crowds to their meetings last Thursday. Below we give the report of the chairman of the agricultural committee of the Commercial Club, L. E. Cleveland, who was present at some of the meetings, the report below being the one submitted at the meeting of the Club Monday evening:

"The live stock, dairy, silo, alfalfa, sweet clover campaign, was launched in Fall River county on Thursday, June 8th, before large and enthusiastic audiences, and from information which we have been able to gather it appears that there were present at the various meetings, about four hundred of the most enterprising farmers of the county, and great good must surely come soon as a result.

The speakers were all the very best obtainable, being practical men of national reputation who have been selected by The International Harvester Co. to assist them in bringing more prosperity to western South Dakota.

Each man had with him a chart prepared to show the comparative values of the different forage crops and the economic necessity of having live stock enough to consume all the feed produced on each and every farm. The dairy subject was treated fully and it was indicated clearly, that this line of industry will bring permanent prosperity to this part of the country sooner and surer than any other one thing.

Everyone present at the meetings spoke in highest words of praise of the movement and they will look forward with pleasure for the return of these men at some future date. Agricultural Committee, Hot Springs Commercial Club."

COMMENCING TO KNOCK

The Edgemont Express Hands Hot Springs a Neat Little Package

Edgemont Express: "The Burlington started the new train from Hot Springs to meet 43 Sunday afternoon, and also train 142 arrived at 8:05 instead of 7:35 as in times past. The train is receiving a little patronage but not nearly enough to make it pay, which is somewhat good news to our people here who have invested their money in big rooming houses and other lines of industry. For one the Express hopes the train will not pay and will be pulled off."

The above article is clipped from the Edgemont Express of last week and certainly shows a fine spirit—we don't think. As a matter of fact the new train service recently put on is one of the best things inaugurated in recent years. It has been well patronized and is a big benefit to Hot Springs visitors going west and also for incoming passengers. With this train and the new sleeper accommodation put on by the Northwestern this week, Hot Springs is just coming into her own after years of indifferent train service and then to have the Edgemont people hand us a left handed slap doesn't go very well. Hot Springs is going after the tourist business this year and every year from now on and we hardly think a little short sighted knocking will be other than a boost. Think it over Brother Goddard and see if you didn't make a mistake this time.

"THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE"

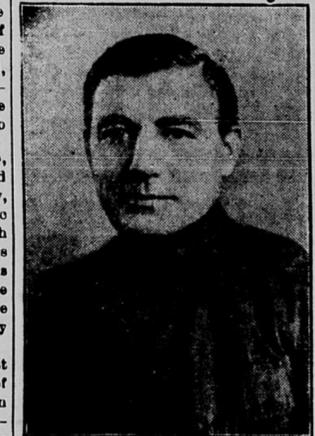
Charles Richman in Big Film With a Big Message June 21st-22nd

Boston Journal: "The Battle Cry of Peace" is a big mission. That fact was shown conclusively at the Majestic Theatre yesterday, when this second extraordinary American photo-spectacle had its initial presentation in Boston.

From a patriotic point of view, this screen spectacle should stay in Boston

until the cause of national defense—which means defense of home and hearth and relatives as well as defense of forts and trenches—has been given an impetus that will carry it on to victory. It is the most striking battle film of the age, in that it illustrates what would happen if any first-class foreign power, such as England is today, or France, or Germany, should attack the United States. The scenes are harrowing, but they are not over-drawn. They might even be used to illustrate the latest report of the secretary of the navy—a volume every page of which is a warning to the American people that there is no military establishment today on which American security against invasion can be based.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" visualizes the arguments of American army and navy officials, of military experts, of patriotic citizens who have banded together in such organizations as the American Legion and the National Secretary League. It was adapted by



CHARLES RICHMAN In "The Battle Cry of Peace"

President J. Stuart Blackton of the Vitagraph Film Company from Hudson Maxim's book, "Defenseless America," and it may fairly be described as a timely, powerful, vivid and faithful presentation in picture form of the settled convictions of one of the foremost military experts of the day. It reveals in dramatic form the feeling that has taken possession of watchful citizens all over the land.

The lesson is driven home not only by statistics, in particular those indicating the inadequate navy now at the disposal of the country if any emergency should turn up, but by pictures showing the direful effects of an invasion upon homes subject to the cruelties of invasion. One is the home of a typical disarmament advocate, whose millennial notions are encouraged by spies who work shoulder to shoulder with him in defeating appropriations for national defense.

Charles Richman, the star of the company engaged for the production by the Vitagraph Company, takes the part of an American who believes in preparing for war during times of peace, and who struggles heroically to save the honor of his country and of his sweetheart when the dreadful blow falls. Mr. Richman's acting is spirited and artistic.

There are pictures of extraordinary brilliancy and realism depicting New York in all its present glory—and then in its fall under the ruthless hand of the invader. In the finale there is a vision scene as of the country awakened and fully armed and proud of its power to command peace. Suitable descriptive music is performed by a large orchestra. At the Morris Grand, Wednesday and Thursday, June 21st and 22nd.

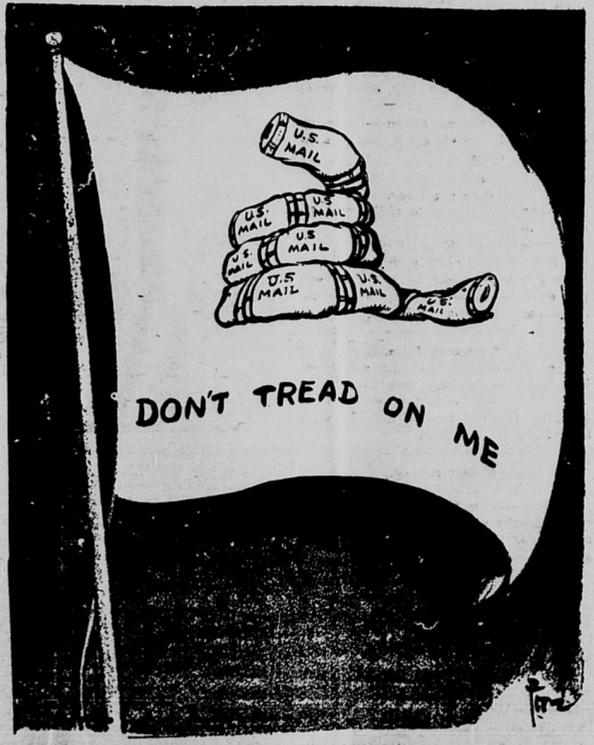
PROTECT HOME AND FOREST

State and Federal Officers Unite in Protection of Game and Forests

Deadwood, June 16.—The state game warden and the head of the forestry department at Denver have entered into a co-operative agreement for the better enforcement of the state game and fish laws and the mutual protection of the national forests in the state from fires.

Under the terms of the agreement, it is said, forest officers in South Dakota will be appointed as deputy state game wardens without pay and will assume the regular duties of that office viz., encourage the right public attitude and sentiment toward game protection and enforcement of game laws, report cases of game violations to the state game authorities, make emergency arrests in flagrant cases, keep a record of game animals killed and take a census of elk and deer on their respective ranger districts, issue hunting and fishing licenses, etc. The regular state game authorities will assist the forest officers in the protection of the forests by reporting and aiding in the suppression of forest fires.

STILL ALIVE.



—Fitzgerald in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.