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The Vermont Delegation Voted Solidly For Taft We Have Sent a Bottle of Smelling Salts To the Burlington Free Press

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AT CHICAGO SELECTS TAFT AND SHERMAN TO HEAD THE NATIONAL TICKET

Secretary of War Nominated on the First Ballot. Platform Endorses Roosevelt Administration, Calls for Revision of the Tariff and Public Supervision of Railroads and Extension of Foreign Commerce.



A LATE PICTURE OF SECRETARY TAFT.

Chicago, June 19.—William Howard Taft, secretary of war, is the Republican nominee for president, receiving 702 votes out of a total of 980 on the first ballot. Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania received 68; Charles E. Hughes of New York, 67; Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois, 58; Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, 40; Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, 25; Senator Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio, 16.

The nomination of Taft was made unanimous.

The conclusion of Representative Burton's speech nominating the secretary followed by nearly half an hour of continuous cheering.

During the roll call of states Chairman Lodge had occasion to check one more attempt at stampeding the convention. Roll call was as follows:

Alabama, Taft, 22.
Arkansas, Taft, 18.
California, Taft, 20.
Colorado, Taft, 10.
Connecticut, Taft, 14.
Delaware, Taft, 6.
Florida, Taft, 10.
Georgia, Taft, 17; Fairbanks, 1; Foraker, 8.
Idaho, Taft, 6.
Illinois, Taft, 3; Cannon, 51.
Indiana, Fairbanks, 30.
Iowa, Taft, 26.
Kansas, Taft, 20.
Kentucky, Taft, 24; Fairbanks, 2.
Louisiana, Taft, 18.
Maine, Taft, 12.
Maryland, Taft, 16.
Massachusetts, Taft, 32.
Michigan, Taft, 27; Cannon, 1.
Minnesota, Taft, 22.
Mississippi, Taft, 20.
Missouri, Taft, 36.
Montana, Taft, 6.
Nebraska, Taft, 16.
Nevada, Taft, 6.
New Hampshire, Taft, 5; Fairbanks, 3.
New Jersey, Taft, 15; Cannon, 3; Fairbanks, 2; Knox, 4.
New York, Taft, 10; Hughes, 65; Cannon, 3.
North Carolina, Taft, 24.
North Dakota, Taft, 8.
Ohio, Taft, 42; Foraker, 4.
Oklahoma, Taft, 14.
Oregon, Taft, 8.
Pennsylvania, Taft, 1; Knox, 64; Roosevelt, 3.
Rhode Island, Taft, 8.
South Carolina, Taft, 13; Fairbanks, 2; Foraker, 2.
South Dakota, Taft, 8.
Tennessee, Taft, 24.
Texas, Taft, 36.
Utah, Taft, 6.
Vermont, Taft, 8.
Virginia, Taft, 21; Hughes, 2; Foraker, 1.
Washington, Taft, 10.
West Virginia, Taft, 14.
Wisconsin, Taft, 1; LaFollette, 25.
Wyoming, Taft, 6.
Alaska, Taft, 2.
Arizona, Taft, 2.
District of Columbia, Taft, 1; Foraker, 1.
Hawaii, Taft, 2.
New Mexico, Taft, 2.
Philippines Islands, Taft, 2.
Porto Rico, Taft, 2.
Totals—Taft, 702; Hughes, 67; Cannon, 58; Fairbanks, 40; Knox, 68; LaFollette, 25; Foraker, 16; Roosevelt, 3.

When the convention was called to order this morning the only unfinished business was the election of vice president. During the night the trend of sentiment had been steadily toward the selection of Representative James S. Sherman of Utica, N. Y., and it was announced that the Taft delegation would support him. Gov. Guild was placed in nomination by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts. The second speech for Sherman was made by Speaker Cannon and at 11:29 he was declared the nominee.

The official vote on vice president stood Sherman 816, Fairbanks 1, Sheldon of Nebraska 1, Guild of Massachusetts 75, Murphy of New Jersey 77.

After making the nomination unanimous the convention adjourned.

The Platform.

The platform as finally adopted endorses the administration of President Roosevelt as "an epoch in American History" during which "confidence and courage in public station and higher standards of right and wrong in private life have become cardinal principles of political faith."

Under the guidance of Republican principles the American people have come to possess one-fourth of the world's wealth and the platform declares for an equal opportunity in the acquirement and enjoyment of the prosperity attendant upon this marvelous growth.

The renewed evidences of Republican supremacy are heralded as a forerunner of a revival of business.

Attention is called to the progressive legislation enacted during the last session of congress.

The party is pledged unequivocally to a revision of the tariff by a special session of congress immediately following the inauguration of the next president, and the platform states that the true principle of it is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad together with a reasonable profit to American industries.

A postal savings bank system is endorsed.

Belief is re-affirmed in the wisdom of the enactment of the Sherman anti-trust law with the platform declares should be amended so as to increase its effectiveness.

The railroad rate law is approved as is its vigorous enforcement and the adoption of legislation that will prevent the future over issue of railroad stocks.

The employers' liability law is cited as a commendable piece of legislation and attention is called to the establishment of an eight hour day on public works.

The party will uphold at all times the integrity of the courts but believes that the rules of procedure in federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction by statute and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a special

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BIG LOCAL CAUCUS HELD WITHOUT BLOODSHED

Contest Was Avoided by Concessions on Both Sides

NINE TO ONE FOR STANTON

District Delegates are For Foster—This County Sends Eighteen Prouty Delegates.

The Republican caucus last night, after a hot canvass all day, was as uneventful as a Salvation Army love feast, if there is any such thing. The contest was settled without a resort to arms and what looked like a fight was turned into a generally good-natured assembly and most everybody went away satisfied.

Few had any very pronounced choice as between Prouty and Stanton the issue being whether a few persons could make up a ticket and put it through regardless. The opponents of the plan led by Peter Longtin objected and stirred up enough of a storm so that the result was in doubt and the Stanton leaders offered to smooth things out by putting Longtin on their ticket though Mr. Longtin is a pronounced Prouty man.

This was satisfactory to the other side as all they wanted was to let the leaders know that they could not be ignored, and the personnel of the attendance at the caucus proved that without any argument, whichever side might have won had it come to a ballot.

The caucus was called to order shortly after 8:15 by Walter H. Berry of the town committee who read the call and called for nominations for chairman. E. C. Bennett was unanimously selected for the office and Charles S. Kehoe for the position of clerk.

The chairman stated that the first business before the caucus was the selection of ten delegates and ten alternates to the state convention to be held at Montpelier July 1. Robert E. Healey proposed the following list of names and it was elected:

Delegates—O. M. Barber, H. T. Cushman, A. J. Cooper, Peter Longtin, William J. Meagher, Fred S. Pratt, F. L. Bottom, Harrie C. White, I. B. Gibson, A. J. Holden.

Alternates—H. W. Myers, A. S. Hathaway, John Nash, Edmund Lafranchise, Frank A. Evans, D. A. Gullitman, Frank Cromack, E. E. Larabee, H. S. Bingham, S. C. Lyons.

The next business was the election of ten delegates and ten alternates to attend the first congressional district convention to be held at Burlington June 30. George W. Williams introduced the following ticket which was elected:

Delegates—Collins M. Graves, Frank E. Battles, Louis Bergeron, Rufus B. Godfrey, George M. Hawks, Heman I. Spafford, George R. Mathers, Walter H. Berry, Robert E. Healey and Frank E. Howe.

Alternates—William M. Barron, Edward H. Holden, Miner Cleveland, Edward L. Bates, John J. Hayes, Sheldon H. Rockwood, William J. Hicks, John N. Fay, Walter R. Mattison, John A. Ryan.

Frank E. Howe introduced a resolution to the effect that the caucus in addition to the effect that the caucus favored the renomination of Congressman D. J. Foster of Burlington and this resolution was adopted. The delegations were empowered to fill vacancies and the caucus adjourned.

The Prouty delegates from this county are Arlington 3, Bennington 1, Pownal 1, Sandgate 2, Sunderland 2, Rupert 1, Winhall 2, Dorset 2, Landgrove 1, Shaftsbury 3.

PROUTY WINS OVER STANTON BY 100 VOTES

Newport Man Will Be Next Governor of Vermont

LANDSLIDE FOR D. J. FOSTER

Fish Boom Collapsed. In the Second District Plumley Probably Wins by Small Lead.

George H. Prouty of Newport carried the primaries in the state of Vermont Thursday evening and will have a majority of about 100 over Zed S. Stanton of Roxbury in the convention which meets at Montpelier July 1.

A large proportion of the delegates are not instructed but the case has been so thoroughly argued that it is pretty well known how they stand.

Stanton's managers do not admit defeat and claim that their candidate is likely to pull through. At noon today they gave out the following figures: Stanton, 276; Prouty, 297; uninstructed or unheard from, 163. They claim his chances still excellent.

F. C. Williams of Newport, manager of the Prouty campaign this morning claimed 433 Prouty delegates out of a total of 736. Both the Free Press and Rutland Herald declare that Prouty has won.

The congressional contests were landslides in both districts. In this district Foster has beaten both Fish and Fleetwood with many votes to spare while over in the second district Plumley turned Haskins under the sod and planted daisies on his political grave.

According to the figures secured by the Banner the delegates elected to the state convention stand approximately as follows, though of course subject to some changes:

	Prouty	Stanton
Addison	32	33
Bennington	18	30
Caledonia	42	12
Chittenden	38	22
Essex	18	2
Franklin	39	14
Grand Isle	8	3
Lamoille	20	10
Orange	5	42
Orleans	54	0
Rutland	81	10
Washington	0	65
Windham	42	20
Windsor	22	54
Totals	419	317

THE CONGRESSIONAL CONTESTS

Foster Sweeps Everything But Plumley Has But Narrow Margin

The feature of the congressional fight in this district was the complete collapse of the Fish boom. Foster carried three quarters of Fish's own county of Addison and also got Chittenden, Bennington, Grand Isle and Franklin entire and a big slice of Rutland which had been claimed as solid for Fish.

In the second district Congressman Haskins is still claiming his nomination but it is probable that Plumley will win by a fair majority. Plumley claims he has 221 delegates sure, whereas it requires only 190 to nominate. Haskins claims 155 delegates instructed for him and that he will get enough of the uninstructed to give him a majority. Haskins surprised his opponents by carrying both St. Johnsbury and Newport but lost some that he counted sure in Essex county.

Foster delegates appear to have been elected in every town in this county without opposition. Fleetwood carried his own county of Lamoille.

THE COUNTY CAUCUSES

Delegates Chosen in Other Towns Throughout the Balliwick

During Thursday evening reports were received from some of the towns in the county. Because of the difficulty in reaching some of the more remote communities the list was not completed.

Dorset—Delegates, Ernest West, George Reed, Charles Williams. Alternates, John Fisher, G. W. Barrows, Wells Griffiths.

Woodford—Delegates, James Dinwiddie, George Cotton. Alternates, Arthur J. Dewey, Fred Bowles.

Arlington—Delegates, J. K. Batchelder, H. S. Willson, J. B. Webb.

Manchester—Delegates to state convention, M. J. Covey, J. H. Hicks, W. H. Benedict, O. R. Bennett. To district convention, F. C. Archibald, J. W. Fowler, A. L. Graves, D. K. Simonds.

Pownal—Delegates, D. T. Bates, A. B. Gardner, J. W. Gardner, E. E. Potter.

Sunderland—Delegates, H. S. Burt, Pearl Haskins.

Sandgate—Delegates, Ray Bentley, Robertson.

Searsburg—Delegate, George Farrington.

Glastenbury—Delegate, Norman M. Mattison; alternate, Robert T. Young.

WEATHER FORECAST
For Eastern New York and Western Vermont, partly cloudy tonight warmer in east portion. Saturday fair in east, showers in west portion.

PROUTY ON THE RESULT

Declares the Result an Indorsement of the Present Administration (Special to the Banner)

Newport, Vt., June 19.—The managers of the Prouty campaign make the following statement:

This morning after the caucuses shows the returns more favorable than the reports last night. At noon today he had 433 delegates out of 736. The number necessary for choice is 369. It is safe to predict that Mr. Prouty will receive fully 475 votes in the convention as many towns yet unheard from are known to be favorable to him. The Prouty strength by counties is as follows:—14 towns in Addison give him 47; 8 towns in Bennington 18; 12 towns in Caledonia 42; 13 towns in Chittenden 40; 13 towns in Essex 20; 14 towns in Franklin 45; 4 towns in Grand Isle 8; 10 towns in Lamoille 24; 5 towns in Orange 11; 15 towns in Orleans 54; 27 towns in Rutland 83; 6 towns in Windham 30; 5 towns in Windsor 15.

Mr. Prouty in an interview this morning said:

"The returns at hand show such a gratifying majority of delegates in my favor as a candidate for the governorship that I cannot look upon the caucus result otherwise than as a splendid endorsement of the policies of the present administration and as a determination on the part of the people of the state that they shall be continued. The campaign has been carried along in the light of the fullest publicity, therefore, there can be no doubt as to how the people feel on the questions discussed."

A BOXER KILLED

Was a Marine Having a Bout on Battleship Mississippi

Philadelphia, June 17.—Thomas Hagen, of Hage, a marine stationed at League Island navy yard, was killed tonight by a blow over the heart in a six round boxing bout with Johnny Hogan, a local pugilist, on board the battleship Mississippi, lying at the navy yard. The boxing bout was the feature of an entertainment and smoker being given by the crew of the Mississippi.

Hagen was 28 years of age. He had been ill for a week and entered the ring, it is said, against the advice of the ship's surgeon. Hogan, his opponent, disappeared during the excitement that followed the collapse of Hagen and at a late hour had not been located.

BUNKER HILL DAY

A General Observance in Boston and Suburban Cities

Boston, June 17.—Although not a legal holiday the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill June 17, was generally observed in Boston, Cambridge, Lynn and other suburban cities. Thousands flocked to the Charlestown district where two parades a morning carnival pageant and a military parade in the afternoon were held. A display of fireworks tonight closed the official program.

More than 50 persons were treated at the hospitals for injuries received from fire crackers and pistols but no one was seriously hurt. The Boston stock exchange chamber of commerce and the large business houses were closed.

ATTACKED BY ROBBER

Woman's Skull Cracked By Iron Bar—Posse Following Assailant

Middletown, N. Y., June 16.—A robber entered the home of Joseph McVoy, farmer and attacked Mrs. McVoy with an iron bar, crushing her skull. After ransacking the house and securing some money the robber fled. It is not believed that Mrs. McVoy will recover.

Her assailant is thought to be a foreigner, who at one time was employed as a farm hand. Scores are searching the country for the man.

It has developed that a farm hand known only as "August" was the assailant. He was found Wednesday in a clump of bushes with his throat and wrists cut. He was taken to jail and died soon after.

CONVENTION WILL MEET JULY 30 AT MANCHESTER

County Republican Convention Has Been Called

COMPOSED OF 73 DELEGATES

Caucuses in the 17 Towns of the County are Directed to Be Held Friday, July 24.

The call for the Republican County convention is as follows: A Republican convention for the county of Bennington will be held at Couture hall, Manchester Depot, Vt., on Thursday, July 30, 1908, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of nominating candidates for county officers to be supported at the election on the first Tuesday in September next, and also for the election of a county committee.

Towns will be represented in convention on the basis of one delegate from each town, one for every fifty votes, and one for every fraction of fifty votes exceeding twenty-five cast for the Republican candidate for governor in 1904, and the subjoined list is made on this basis.

Delegates will be chosen at primary meetings called by Republican committees in each town and will provide themselves with proper credentials, signed by the chairman and secretary of said meeting at which they are elected and present same as early as possible after their arrival, to the credential committee.

Caucuses should be held in the several towns and the delegates and alternates elected on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1908. The county committee has been constituted a committee on credentials and will meet as such committee on credentials at the Battenkill Inn, Manchester Depot, on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1908 from 9 until 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving credentials of delegates and making the roll of the convention.

George B. Sheldon, Chairman, Rupert, F. E. Battles, Secretary, Bennington, Reuben H. Andrews, Arlington, A. B. Gardner, Pownal, W. H. Roberts, Manchester, Harlow A. Bottom, Shaftsbury, E. C. Baker, Readsboro, County Committee.

The following is apportionment of delegates to which the several towns are entitled:

Arlington	5
Bennington	19
Dorset	4
Glastenbury	1
Peru	3
Landgrove	2
Manchester	8
Pownal	6
Rupert	4
Readsboro	4
Sandgate	2
Searsburg	1
Stamford	3
Winhall	3
Shaftsbury	5
Sunderland	2
Woodford	2
Total	73

SHOTS HALT LUSITANIA

Pine Camp, N. Y., June 17.—Active maneuvers were engaged in today by the army and militia for the first time since the opening of the encampment. At Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth the day was spent in actual target practice with the big guns. During the target practice late today the Cunarder Lusitania starting on a voyage to Europe was forced to stop near the narrows until the firing ceased.



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Photo Taken Sunday at the Cox Farm Encampment.