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G.O.P. VICTORY CERTAIN

BIG OVATION IS TENDERED STATE COMMITTEE

THE DEMOCRATIC SIMPLICITY OF 1912 HAS GONE OUT OF STYLE.

BOUND TO WIN, AVERS GAINES

Situation of the Party is Better Than in Twelve Years, Says Chairman.

SHAWKEY SEES VICTORY

State School Superintendent Says Ticket Will Win by a Big Majority.

"We are sure to win by a big majority" was the statement made Wednesday morning by Joseph Holt Gaines, of Charleston, chairman of the Republican state committee, who is directing the campaign from state headquarters here. Continuing Mr. Gaines said:

"Reports that have come in from over the state from members of the state committee, from the chairmen of the several congressional committees and from the chairmen of the county committees, are very encouraging. There is no doubt that the situation of the Republican party in West Virginia is better today than it was at a similar date in 1904, 1908 or 1912. This view of the situation is not based upon any feeling of over-confidence on the part of the committee or on the part of Republicans generally throughout the state. On the contrary, it is with that we are sure to win the state committee is busy and proposes to keep busy until the returns are in; that all the other Republican committees throughout the state and the Republicans generally are alive, awake, alert and determined. A campaign is in sight with the whole force of a united Republican party back of it. With that we are bound to win by a big majority."

Chairman Gaines will return Wednesday afternoon to Charleston but will be back at headquarters in a few days. He will meet with the Greenbrier county committee and the county candidates at White Sulphur Springs Saturday, and will probably address the gathering.

Morris P. Shawkey, of Charleston, state superintendent of schools and who is a candidate for re-election to that office, dropped in at headquarters Wednesday morning and told Chairman Gaines that he had visited thirty counties and that he found the party in excellent shape. "I firmly believe that the state will go Republican by between 25,000 and 30,000," he said. "The state is normally Republican by 40,000, but the dominant party never is able to poll its full vote. I have been in thirty counties and find that the party is in the shape. Republican success is certain."

Headquarters was crowded with a large number of visitors Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, most of the visitors being here for the meeting of the state committee Tuesday night. They dropped into state headquarters to tell Chairman Gaines of the conditions in their localities. Mr. Gaines said Wednesday morning that the reports received from these committees and other visitors were excellent.

Many Visitors.

Among those who visited headquarters late Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning were George E. Fisher, of Weston; G. W. Roden, of Romney; Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed, of Charleston; Alf Walker, of Sutton; Robert Morris, of Harrisville; J. P. Maxwell, of West Union; T. R. Gillespie, of Grafton; Arch Love, of Grafton; J. E. Robinson, of Fairmont; Charles Goodwin, of Weston; R. A. Ashworth, of Richwood; George E. White, state senator, of Weston; Birk S. Stathers, of Weston; Harry Woodard, of Spencer; Republican nominee for Congress in the Fourth district, Charles Brooks Smith, of Washington, D. C.; T. S. McIntire, of Morgantown; Max Mathers, of Morgantown, chairman of the Monongalia Republican county executive committee; A. J. Houston, of Morgantown; James L. Stewart, of Morgantown, Republican candidate for commissioner of agriculture; Earl Henry, of Charleston, state mine inspector; Joseph Mills, of Morgantown; A. D. Williams, of Morgantown, state road engineer; L. O. Wilson, of Charleston, librarian of the state supreme court; T. J. Sherrard, of Wellsburg, former chairman of the state committee; A. C. Hughes, of Weston; Dr. Ernest L. Love, of Grafton; Hugh Warder, of Grafton; Edward Williamson, of Grafton; C. C. Pierce, of Kingwood; Judge Frank Cox, of Morgantown; W. L. Boughner, of Morgantown; Former Governor William E. Glasscock, of Morgantown; C. W. Swisher, of Charleston; A. E. Scherr, of Charleston; A. S. Fleming, of Fairmont; Cecil B. Highland, of New Martinsville; Judge Thomas Brown, of Parkersburg; John S. Darst, of Charleston, state auditor, who is a candidate for re-election to that office; E. M. Bryant, of Richwood; Charles E. Mitchell, of Institute; Dr. S. S. Sutphin, of Beckley; and M. P. Shawkey, of Charleston, state superintendent of schools.

W. L. Boughner, of Morgantown, is a guest at the Hotel Gore.

TO LEAVE GREECE.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

ATHENS, via London, Sept. 6.—Baron von Schenk, chief director of the German propaganda in Greece, who was arrested last week in connection with the rounding up of German agents by the French and British, obtained an interview Wednesday with a British official with the result that he will be permitted to leave Greece Thursday. Provision has been made for his safe conduct.

MURDER

Of Husband by Shooting is Confessed by Wife to Chicago Police.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Mrs. Iva Barnes confessed Wednesday, the police said, that she shot and killed her husband, James R. Barnes, while they were strolling in Washington park Tuesday night. Barnes was the Chicago representative of a New York soap firm.

The woman, who had been estranged from her husband, told the police that he had attempted to strangle her and that she fired the shots to save her own life. Three bullets entered his head.

Until making the alleged confession, Mrs. Barnes had strictly maintained that her husband had ended his own life. She previously had admitted purchasing the revolver but asserted that she kept it in her apartments as a protection against burglars.

ON STRIKE

Are 3,000 Grocery Clerks in New York, Jersey City and Other Places.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Three thousand grocery clerks went on strike in this city, Jersey City, Newark and outlying towns Wednesday. Leaders of their union, The Retail Clerks International Protective Association, claim that the number of strikers will be augmented to 6,000 within the next twenty-four hours.

The strike was voted Tuesday night after owners of chains of stores refused the demands of the union for shorter hours, a minimum salary of \$15 per week and one per cent of the store receipts.

GERMAN ASSAULTS

On Newly Won Positions of the French Troops are Broken by the Latter.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PARIS, Sept. 6.—The positions newly won by the French south of the Somme were attacked several times by the Germans Tuesday night. Their assaults, the war office announced Wednesday, were broken by the French fire. The German assaults were delivered in the region of Denicourt and Berny.

In the Verdun sector the Germans Tuesday evening directed an intense bombardment against Fleury but the French quick-firers prevented the German infantry from advancing.

NEW AWARD

Of Street Paving Contract is Made by the Council of This City.

The city council Tuesday night awarded W. F. Allen and Company the contract to pave West Pike street from its junction with West Main to the railroad along the river. The contract price is \$2,89 a square yard and covers the excavating. The contract had previously been awarded to W. B. Virgie who did not seem to understand that the excavating was to be included. It thus became necessary to make a new award.

The city closed the street at noon Wednesday to general traffic which will be sent around by Locust street. This action was taken to give public service companies opportunity to prepare their lines for the paving.

The street cars will continue to operate there until about October 15 when they will be abandoned so as not to be in the way of the paving contractor.

A. F. Wilmoth, of Elkins, is a visitor here.



OIL WELL WORKERS ARE BADLY BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSION

When a Pocket of Oil is Struck on the Highland Farm Near West Milford.

ONE MOST SURE TO DIE

While the Other's Condition is Such That He, Too, May Die.

Resulting from an oil and gas explosion and fire which occurred at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning on the Highland farm near West Milford, where Flint and Strother, oil and gas well contractors, were drilling a well for the Vesper Gas Company, Frank M. Clausson, of Adamston, driller, and George Cornell, of 750 Mulberry street, a tool dresser, are patients in St. Mary's hospital suffering from burns which in all probability will prove fatal to Clausson and may prove fatal for Cornell.

Strike Oil Pocket.

According to a story told by Mr. Cornell at the hospital at noon Wednesday he and Clausson had just finished dressing a bit when they struck a pocket of oil and it flowed to the top of the derrick. The oil ignited from the fire in the forge, and the oil set off the gas. An explosion followed and it was heard for miles around. Houses a half mile away were shaken by the explosion.

Men working on other wells on the farm hearing the explosion and seeing the fire ran to the assistance of the men. George Holmes, a driller, the first to reach the scene, found Clausson near the boiler house where he was working when the explosion occurred. Clausson's clothes were all on fire and it took Holmes several minutes to get the fire put out. He rolled Clausson in the grass and in this manner finally extinguished the flames.

Tears of Clothing.

By this time several other men were on the scene and they looked around the well for Cornell but could not find him. They then thought that he might have been in the rig when the explosion occurred and was dead. However, some of the men started to search for him around the well and he was found about fifty yards away, where he had run after his clothing caught fire. He had taken his burning clothes off as he ran away from the well and was almost nude when found.

Rushed to Hospital.

A physician was summoned and both men were rushed to St. Mary's hospital where their injuries were dressed.

Clausson is badly burned on the abdomen, chest, back, legs, arms.

HAS SEVERE COLD.

Mrs. F. D. Pierce, of Hornor avenue, is confined to her room with a severe cold.

ROBINSON GETS MIGHTY CHEERS

State Body is Warmly Welcomed to Its Headquarters in This City.

HAS EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gathering of West Virginia Republican Leaders Turns Into Regular Love Feast.

Clarksburg and Harrison county Republicans, including members of the city and county executive committees, tendered a hearty and enthusiastic reception to members and officers of the Republican state executive committee Tuesday night on the occasion of the first meeting of the state body at the state headquarters here. The affair, which came as a pleasant surprise to members of the state committee, was enlivened by stirring music by the First Regiment band of the West Virginia National Guard, engaged by the local Republicans for the purpose.

Owing to the lack of space for such an assemblage at the state headquarters in the Elkridge building, the reception and the meeting of the state committee were transferred to the Waldo hotel. Shortly before the hour for the state committee to go into session, the city and county committees together with a throng of other Republicans, headed by the regimental band, marched into the lobby of the Waldo hotel. Transparencies, showing the allegiance of the body to Hughes, Fairbanks and Robinson, were carried and tumultuous cheering resulted when they were brought into view.

Coffman Gives Welcome.

The grand staircase at the Waldo was utilized as a sort of speaking platform and with members of the city and county committees grouped behind him, Roy E. Parrish, chairman of the county committee, brought the assembly to order and introduced I. Wade Coffman, secretary of the committee and clerk of the circuit court, for an address of welcome.

Mr. Coffman brought the members of the state committee and the other leading Republicans of the state who had gathered for the meeting to their tiptoes with ringing cheers of appreciation for the hearty welcome he accorded them in behalf of the people of Clarksburg and Harrison county. Mr. Coffman said the people of this community were not unmindful of the fact that it was to their distinct benefit to have those policies of Republicanism restored which had given prosperity, diversified industries and commercial progress to the city and county, and which were now, as all intelligent persons know, bolstered up temporarily by abnormal conditions resulting from the European war. It was with a feeling of deep appreciation, he said, that Republicans especially welcomed the state committee to Clarksburg and thanked it for selecting this city as its base from which to hurl the bombs of truth and justice into the trenches of the enemy.

A Reunited Party.

Assurances were given that party members would work with might and main to assist the state committee in its efforts to restore those policies which meant so much to Clarksburg as a thriving industrial center. Mr. Coffman pointed out that the party had all been healed and that the Republicans are now reunited, stronger than ever before, to advance in sturdy phalanx to the battle front, as was plainly demonstrated by the composition of the enthusiastic crowd present.

On behalf of the state committee, Joseph H. Gaines, of Charleston, the new state chairman, thanked Mr. Parrish, the local committees and the others for the hearty welcome and declared that all signs were most auspicious for a tremendous victory this fall at the polls. He promised the hearty co-operation of the state committee to all Republicans.

Ovation for Robinson.

Judge Ira E. Robinson, the nominee for governor, was introduced for a few remarks. The lobby of the Waldo fairly rattled with the tumult of cheering that greeted the popular candidate when he ascended the steps for his remarks. Judge Robinson in acknowledgement of the ovation said that he had placed himself entirely at the service of the state committee, that he intended to put his shoulder to party success, that he was not waging a campaign with the sole idea of personal success but for the entire ticket from Hughes down and that the evidences of a reunited party which he had so far witnessed meant that the Republicans would march to a notable victory this fall, not because in their reunited numbers might made right, but because their right is might.

After music by the band, the members of the state committee then retired to the assembly hall of the hotel for its session. There the new state chairman, Mr. Gaines, assumed his position as chairman with an address in which he portrayed vividly the vital necessity of having economic

REVENUE BILL

Differences Between the House and Senate Remain to Be Smoothed Out.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The only important piece of work standing in the way of adjournment, which will probably occur Thursday or possibly even late Wednesday night, was the smoothing out Wednesday of House and Senate differences on the administration emergency revenue bill, providing for the raising of \$205,000,000 annually, the creation of a tariff commission and other important economic principles.

This bill, passed Tuesday night by the Senate by a vote of forty-two to sixteen with five Republicans voting for it, went to conference Wednesday as soon as the House had gone through the formality of naming its conferees, several of whom have been working on it informally for the last few days.

FINED

For Contempt of Court is James Gattrell, Who Was Drunk in Court

In the circuit court Wednesday Judge Raymond Maxwell fined James Gattrell \$5 for contempt of court the day before when he appeared on the witness stand in his own case for divorce in an intoxicated condition. The fine was imposed after Gattrell had spent the night and forenoon in jail sobering up.

Judgment for \$405 was given C. L. Bates against C. E. Mollohan.

The answer of James Hickman was filed in the cause of the Empire National Bank against James Meyers and others.

Salvatore Bitont, special police officer for the Francois Coal Company, was granted a license to carry a revolver.

ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Among those who are attending the United Brethren conference here are John J. Shore, of Parkersburg; Ernest Phillips, of Buckhannon; J. Blackburn Ware and little daughter, Evelyn, of Philippi; C. L. Engle, of Chapel; W. H. Ramsey, of West Union; E. E. Keener, of Loch Lynn, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Taylor, of Weston; Mrs. J. C. Day, of Charleston; Mrs. Jessie H. Freeman and daughter, Callie, of Junior; and J. T. Criss, of Morgantown.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to John W. Dunn and Beasie A. Thorn.

VIOLENT ACTIONS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PARIS, Sept. 6.—Violent artillery actions are in progress in the region of Lake Doiran and the Struma river on the Macedonian front in the sector held by the Serbians, the war office announced Wednesday. No infantry engagements occurred Tuesday.

STEAMSHIP SUNK.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The Danish steamship Jeanne, of 1,178 tons gross has been sunk, according to a despatch from Weymouth to Lloyd's shipping agency. The captain and crew of the vessel have been landed. The Jeanne was 232 feet long and was built at Newcastle in 1904.

Mrs. W. C. Willis, of Spencer, is here on a visit.

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