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NATIONAL DELEGATE RODGERS RETURNS

A. D. Rodgers, National T. P. A. Delegate, and Wife Return from Trip to Richmond Convention

A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

A. D. Rodgers, mayor of Alliance, member of Post M. T. P. A., and delegate to the National T. P. A. convention at Richmond, Virginia, made the trip, accompanied by Mrs. Rodgers, returning to Alliance Monday morning on No. 41.



A. D. RODGERS

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers left Alliance Thursday noon, June 5th, arriving in Omaha Friday morning at seven o'clock, where they met the Nebraska delegates. There were twenty-one Nebraska delegates, eight of them accompanied by their wives. A special Pullman car was taken over the Northwestern for Chicago, arriving there at nine o'clock Saturday morning and leaving Chicago at one o'clock that afternoon, over the Pennsylvania to Cincinnati. At Chicago they were joined by the Iowa, Illinois and some other delegations in special cars. Cincinnati was reached at seven o'clock Saturday evening. A telegram was received by the delegation from the representative of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, before arriving at Cincinnati, stating that they would be met at that point by a special car, shown the city, and eat at the Metropole, a very stylish cafe, for supper. A special electric car met them at the depot and they were taken for a ride over the city, stopping at the Metropole. A number of the boys had understood the telegram to mean that the C. & O. would pay for the supper at the Metropole, so ordered roast duck, bass, and other fancy dishes, with plenty of expensive side dishes. But when some of them got up and started to leave, they discovered their mistake. The joke was on the delegates.

Cincinnati was left at one o'clock Sunday morning and Richmond reached at eight o'clock that evening. The week at Richmond was one to be remembered for a lifetime, for as "A. D." says, "When a T. P. A. man is your friend, he is a friend. We were shown the best time we ever had and everyone treated us royally." The following clippings, taken from the leading Richmond daily, The Evening Journal, tell of some interesting events during the convention.

Monday, June 9th

Surely some parade! That was the verdict heard on all sides this morning from probably 100,000 Richmond people who packed the streets all along the route of the great parade of the Travelers' Protective Association and shouted hurrahs and welcomes until they were hoarse, and waved pennants and flags as they have seldom been waved before. And well they might, for it is doubtful if Richmond ever has or ever will have the opportunity of seeing such a parade again. Unique at all points, attractive in every detail and rousing people to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, the splendid pageant moved, 1,500 strong, down Franklin street about 10 o'clock this morning—a spectacle gorgeous and resplendent.

Virginia delegates, lined up for "present arms" salute on the south side of Franklin street, near Adams, shouted and waved and cheered every delegation until it seemed that they had not another cheer or wave or shout left, but they kept it up just the same with never a pause, getting back, in return, ovation after ovation from each of the passing delegations. The Virginia delegation remained stationary in position until all the out-of-town delegates had passed, falling in at the end just behind Wisconsin.

When they had disbanded from their great parade the Travelers' Protective Association delegates, one and all, proceeded immediately to the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, where they opened their first session.

The assemblage filled the big room to overflowing, and many of the delegates could not get seats. It is estimated that there are far above

1,000 delegates in attendance on this convention. The delegates from the various states were marked by signs bearing the name of the state which they represented.

Tuesday, June 10th

President Michaux's report was the feature of the morning. It showed great progress in every department of the national organization and struck the note of optimism for the future. It thanked the individual members of the convention and the convention as a whole for their support, and all of the cities, the press, the people of the cities and states who had contributed to make the organization the great power that it is.

In his report President Michaux had a good word to say for the press. And this is what he said: "Our greatest ally is the press. Our final goal will not be written in the large figures required to show our membership and to express its gains and material expansion were it not for the opportunities generally afforded our publicity department by the press."

President Michaux recommended that a memorial be presented to President Wilson asking for his good offices and assistance in having a bill passed that will place the telephone and telegraph companies that do interstate business under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He continued along this line: "Such control is necessary to protect and give the people at large a uniform charge for service rendered."

Wednesday, June 11th

The movement which has been started to secure a reduction in excess baggage rates, which is in charge of the national baggage committee, was discussed by F. W. Crandell, the chairman of that committee. The committee is an organization of commercial and industrial associations, covering the entire country for the purpose of securing an adjustment of the charges assessed by common carriers for handling salesmen's sample baggage. The officers are well known business men who serve without pay. The committee is at present engaged in bringing the matter to the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission before whom they have carried a test case.

Tippling, Mr. Ehrlich designated as "this hydra-headed, cobra-contorted evil." Along this line he said: "This evil is still with us and legislation will never stop it. It is just a matter of our own inherent weakness that keeps us continually digging. The hotel man should pay his help. And it will be only after we have sworn each other to desist under no less a penalty than being pushed off the United States and threatened with expulsion from this organization, that it will stop."

Thursday, June 12th

Travelers' Protective Association delegates today are down the river enjoying a solid day of fun. Early this morning they "got the habit" and got aboard the steamship "Pocahontas." It is estimated that full two-thirds of the delegates today availed themselves of the great trip.

Friday, June 13th

Geo. H. Armstrong, of Philadelphia, was elected national president by a vote of 490, amid cheers and applause which lasted for many minutes.

From the time that the 900 or more embarked on their voyage to Jamestown yesterday morning there was never a minute that something interesting was not doing. Songs and cheers and hurrahs echoed and re-echoed along the placid waters of the noble James and amid the purple vales of Virginia until the residents living along the river fancied that legendary Arcadia had sprung into reality and that the party on the river were indeed Arcadians.

Mr. Rodgers and wife left Richmond at six-twenty Saturday morning in company with many other delegates, for Washington, D. C. At Washington all the sights were taken in and an entertaining time spent. In a sight-seeing car with Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers happened to be a man who greatly resembled President Wilson and who was mistaken for the president a number of times. He stated that he had come clear from Oregon to see how he resembled the president.

They left Washington Sunday evening at six-forty by boat for Norfolk, Va., reaching that point at nine o'clock Monday morning. They left Norfolk at one o'clock Tuesday morning by boat for New York city. This boat carried 200 passengers and was loaded with 25,000 barrels of potatoes and 3,000 half-barrels of beans, peas and onions. New York was reached Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. They stayed in New York city until nine-forty Thursday morning, when they took a boat carrying 6,000 passengers for Albany, which they reached at six o'clock that evening. They left at nine o'clock that evening for Buffalo, arriving at seven o'clock Friday morning. They visited Niagara Falls while there and left Buffalo at nine o'clock Friday evening, coming straight back via Chicago, arriving in Alliance Monday morning. They went through a heavy rain on the return trip which extended from Albany, N. Y., to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"A. D." says that although many of the eastern states are highly cultivated the best crops seen on the whole trip were in Nebraska.

E. R. Myers spent a few days in Peru last week, visiting his family.

GET WISE—ADVERTISE

Country Life vs. Department Stores

(By the United Press) SALT LAKE, UTAH, June 27.—"Girls are safer walking alone across the country than they are when working in department stores. The insults which they are apt to meet in many stores are totally absent when they are on the road."

These are the conclusions of the Misses Frances Leach, 18, and Mary Coyne, 23, feminine globe trotters, who are walking from Denver to San Francisco via the old Midland trail. They are not attempting any speed records, having left Denver May 12. They left Grand Junction, Colo., on their western trip a few days ago.

The girls declare that their effort is merely preliminary to a more extended pedestrian tour later. If they succeed, they will remain on the coast for several months and then attempt to walk back to the Atlantic. "My muscles are as hard as nails," laughs Leach, "and I can't walk on the open air did that. We both worked for our living in a department store in Denver, and because so run down in health, that we decided a trip of this kind was the only thing that would permanently restore our health. When we started I could scarcely walk two miles a day, and now I can do fifteen and get fat on it."

"We have a letter of credit which will help us out in case we are unable to make our expenses by selling picture postcards of ourselves. When we reach the Pacific Coast, we expect to rest for a few months and then start to walk back to the Atlantic. After that, we will feel able to tackle Europe and Asia."

The girls finished the first leg of their long journey, Denver to Grand Junction, Colo., a distance of 475 miles, in three weeks time and arrived in the latter city fresh and unwearied. Although both girls have always done armed, each carrying a small revolver, they declare they have been subjected to insult only once.

"Two tramps tried to get fresh once," said Miss Coyne. "We tried to walk on rapidly but they pursued us. We were so frightened at first that we didn't think about our weapons. We begged the men to let us pass but they became arrogant at our fear and when they began insulting language we drew the revolvers. Two shots were fired at the ground near their feet and they made Mercury ashamed of himself."

"On the whole, however, we could not ask for better treatment than we received and we feel much safer traveling this way than we ever felt when we were working in a department store. All the men are very kind. Most of them treat us like we were their daughters. Some of the young brakemen get rather sentimental and mushy and offer to give us rides, but we have always declined. We are able to take care of ourselves and can walk to the Golden Gate without begging or sacrificing our self respect. I should just like to see some cheap sport try to start anything with me. I'll guarantee I would be the last time he would ever try it."

Summer School in Politics

(By the United Press) COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 27.—Secretary of State Charles H. Graves this month will open and take personal charge of the largest summer school in politics in America.

He will have on his list of enrolled students the 1,200,000 voters of the state of Ohio. His task will be that of conducting a course by mail on how to vote on the initiative and referred measures that come before the voters of Ohio next fall. To do this effectively he has been given an appropriation of \$50,000 by the people of the state.

Not only will Secretary Graves instruct the people on their rights and privileges in the fall election, but he must also, with rigid fairness and impartiality, see that each voter is given every opportunity to study fully both sides of every measure that is to be submitted to the people for approval or rejection. He must mail to every voter pamphlets containing the arguments advanced in favor of each submitted measure and at the same time mail a pamphlet containing the argument against the measure as drawn up by the foes of the bill.

Ready Secretary Graves' preliminary duties in this course of political study are far from light, and the period of the submission of referred measures has not yet arrived. As it stands he must see that the Ohio voters are properly instructed on the merits of four constitutional amendments, two providing for different forms of the "short" ballot, one for the exemption of public bonds and another making women eligible for certain state positions. Besides these two other amendments, one calling for a classification of the general property tax and another for a smaller general assembly are now being initiated and will be submitted within a few weeks.

He will also have to instruct the people on the referred measures. One of these is a referendum on the workmen's compensation act, passed by the state legislature, which is going to be referred back to the people for final action. Other measures that are now being referred are bills seeking to disenfranchise stud-

ents in educational institutions, the Cunningham agricultural commission bill and several taxation measures.

(By the United Press) LIMA, OHIO, June 27.—William Shaw, of Boston, other national officers of the Christian Endeavor Society and two thousand delegates who have been attending the annual conference of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Societies which opened here Tuesday, left for their respective homes today. Among the important questions considered at the final sessions today was a more systematic and attractive manner of adding recruits to the ranks of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the country.



Lloyd's Column

B. F. Gilman, the attorney, received the following little missive through the mail the other day, signed, "From one of your Irish admirers." And headed, "Especially for the Gilmans." The Irish friend who sent it undoubtedly had Mr. Gilman's annual deer hunt, which he takes in the forests of Wisconsin, in mind:

My Hunter

My man, you may guess, is a lawyer, "forever on the alert!" (That is one of his favorite little "brags," for at hunting he is an expert.)

HE'S a hunter of woodchucks, and pheasants, and trout,—he is also a hunter of MEN! If he comes home to me, with, "I've won my case," and wishes to boast, what then?

As a hunter of neckties, and collars, and gloves, a failure, I know he, alas, is! And most every day, I shout down the street, "Hi, there, you've forgotten your glasses!"

When he comes home at night, hollow-eyed, face pale, I smile when he growls like a bear,— "I've hunted all day for that deed for McQuill, and I'm darned if the paper is there!"

I'M a hunter of legal papers, not men, and my job fills the humblest of stations. I go, look, and find it,—a bookmark left when reading "Peck on Domestic Relations."

Oh, I hope when the time comes for HIM to pass on, MY ticket will also be given. For, I think, without me to hunt up his stuff, he'd be sorrowful, even in Heaven!

Wm. King is a great admirer of Elbert Hubbard's writings and works. The other day "Bill" received a beautifully bound volume of "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" from Mr. Hubbard. It is bound in hand tooled leather and is a rare book.

"Editor," said Miss Flight, "I want you to give me an opportunity to begin a career. I have thought of journalism—"

"What are your own inclinations?" "Oh, my soul yearns and throbs and pulsates with an ambition to give the world a life-work that shall be marvelous in its scope, and weirdly entrancing in the vastness of its structural beauty!"

"There is a milliner up on the avenue who is looking for you." Hardware News.

The heart's deep longings after truth, And soon a wave shall lift and roar To thunder on that distant shore, Like those that on a new-found coast

Proclaimed fulfillment of the boast, That once the bold Columbus made, When Faith decreed and Fate obeyed.

George Milliken and Will Johnson are receiving the congratulations of their friends on their recent large haul of fish at the Kilpatrick dam twenty miles west of Alliance. A few days ago they made great preparations for a nice day's fishing trip out to the dam in Milliken's new automobile. The nicest of poles and lines, with all kinds of choice bait, were taken along. After arriving at the dam they put the car in a shady place, took out the tackle, so their friends say, and began to choose the spots which looked the best for fish, when it was discovered that there wasn't a fish hook in the whole outfit. The air was blue from the lake clear to Alliance that afternoon.

When Jack Hawes got home from a trip Tuesday he found eight little fluffy chicks at the house with their mother hen. Jack immediately wired the Mrs., who is visiting with home folks in eastern Nebraska, "Eight babies at our house today."

A leading western Nebraska firm is the firm of James Peagins & Son, cattle dealers. A friend of Chase's said to him this morning, "Say, Chase, they ought to name that firm 'Chase Peagins and DAD.'"

NO WAR FOR THE KAISER

Emperor William Believes European War Would Be Calamity

BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND

BERLIN, June 27.—The young (Special to The Alliance Herald) subalterns, who hope for war because it means chances for promotion; the gunmakers, who hope for war because it means business, and the jingoists, who hope for war because they are built that way and can't help it, sit in their respective circles and speak bitterly of the man who bears the title of War Lord and refuses to go to war if he can avoid it. They point to pretext after pretext which might have justified the young Crown Prince, who sits in the imperial gallery of the Reichstag and applauds warlike sentiments and who writes books picturing the splendors of the battlefield.

Through it all the object of their wrath goes his way unmoved, and the whole world had occasion recently to send its congratulations and good wishes to a War Lord who has done more than any other sovereign to preserve the peace of Europe for a quarter of a century. For twenty-five years Kaiser Wilhelm William II has been the rock against which every jingoistic movement of his subjects has been wrecked. An advocate of a formidable army, a believer in war as a school for the manly virtues, an emperor who rarely lets himself be seen except in military uniform, the Kaiser has nevertheless repeatedly made it clear that he will not enter a war until all other courses are closed. But if he must, then, and then only, will he be the real War Lord. MacDermott's famous song of 1878 fits the case exactly:

BULL MOOSERS FIND SOMETHING

FORT WAYNE, IND., June 27.—Bull Moosers and Republicans found something in common here today. It was the knowledge that they were not wanted at the polls while the Democratic primaries were going on to nominate a city ticket. Later the two parties which were idle today will probably join in the nomination of an independent ticket in the hopes of defeating the Democrats.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

CHICAGO, June 27.—Hundreds of athletes from all over the country and several thousand visitors are here today to attend the nine days International Athletic Championships which will start here tomorrow.

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