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DR. HALL WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

Returns from Eastern Trip with This Decision Firmly Fixed in Mind.

LOOKS FOR DEMO SUCCESS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Dr. P. I. Hall of Lincoln, democratic national committee member will not be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, neither can he be persuaded to become so by any amount of petitions which may be filed for the purpose of placing his name on the ballot.

Dr. Hall returned today from a trip to Washington, where he attended the meeting of the national democratic committee which called the national convention for St. Louis. He says that everybody was enthusiastic over the outlook for democratic success next year and with the national administration.

Dr. Hall believes that the session of the democratic convention will be short, not to exceed three days and that there will be little opposition if any to the renomination of the president.

When asked if it was true that he had made a statement that he thought Mr. Bryan would go to the convention and raise several kinds of trouble, the doctor answered he had made no such statement and in fact did not do any talking while he was away.

Dr. Hall went to New York from Washington and says that he found business conditions good. A banker told him that less than 1 per cent of the business could be claimed as furnishing rations. There has been a general awakening in business conditions in the east along all lines, according to Dr. Hall, and he looks for it to continue. Changes for democratic success never looked better, according to the doctor, but there was no way of telling whether his fingers were crossed when he said it or not.

Referring to his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor, Dr. Hall was very emphatic in saying that under no circumstances would he allow his name to be used. "I have no ambitions along office-holding lines," said he. "I have always had an ambition to build up a good banking business and I cannot afford now to sacrifice it for a political job. There would be nothing gained for me to hold the office of governor and why should I do so? I think I stand pretty well with my party and I do not believe I care to take any office which might give a chance for me to lose the prestige which I now enjoy."

Regarding the feeling in the east toward the Ford peace expedition, Dr. Hall said it was looked upon as very much of a joke.

General Hall Is Opposed to Plan of Continental Army

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Phil Hall, who has just returned from Washington, where he investigated President Wilson's proposed increase of the army of the United States by organizing a continental army of 400,000, is convinced the scheme will not give best results.

According to plans allotments would be: Regular army.....14,842 217,254,529 National guard.....125,000 10,000,000 Continental army.....400,000 4,000,000 General Hall believes it would be impossible to organize a citizen soldiery from the ranks of the young men of the country for none of them could afford to give up a position to take on any job which would be for only two or three months and for only 50 cents per day, and, besides, no employer would care to have clerks who would be away from business as long as the requirements call for.

The general believes if the government would give the guard a sufficient amount to enable it to drill its members four drills a month and pay them \$1 per drill that the guard could be made much more efficient and better able for effective service.

HOLDREGE PROTESTS TAX ON BANK CHECKS

HOLDREGE, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The following resolution was adopted by the Holdrege Commercial club at its meeting this week:

Whereas, The president of the United States in his recent message to congress has recommended the enactment of a law imposing a tax on bank checks, and Whereas, In the judgment of this club such action would not only create an unmitigated nuisance, but also work an unnecessary hardship on the depositors of our banks. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Holdrege Commercial club is unalterably opposed to this method of raising revenue in time of peace, and respectfully urges the Nebraska delegation in congress to resist by all honorable means such contemplated legislation.

MADISON COLUMBUS KNIGHTS INITIATE FORTY

MADISON, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Madison council, No. 1788, Knights of Columbus, initiated its second class of forty candidates Sunday afternoon and evening. There were over 300 members in attendance from Columbus, Humphrey, Albion, Greeley, Hastings, O'Neill, Bloomfield, Norfolk and Creighton.

At the conclusion of the military ceremony an elaborate banquet was served at St. Leonard's hall, by the ladies of St. Leonard's parish.

Rev. Edward B. Muenich presided as toastmaster.

Boy's Skull Fractured

MCCOOK, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—John, the 8-year-old son of Rudolf Lunckwitz, was brought to a McCook hospital yesterday, suffering with a severe fracture of the skull, the result of a horse kick in the forehead. Much of the frontal bone was removed. The boy's condition is very serious. The father is a farmer living a few miles southeast of McCook.

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FILE PETITIONS FOR GEORGE

Six Lists of Names in His Behalf Are Set to Office of Secretary of State.

LIKELY TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—If the friends of Walter A. George of Omaha, former state treasurer, have their way the ex-estate official will be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, several petitions reaching the office of the secretary of state this morning placing him in the running.

One petition is signed by A. W. Stearns of Grand Island and eighty-six others of that city, one by twenty old soldiers of the Grand Island Soldiers' Home, one by Frank C. Yates of Omaha and twenty-eight other Omaha republicans, one by W. W. Walton and twenty-seven others from Knox county, one headed by M. N. Troupe and twenty-seven others from Kearney and another from L. M. Wilson and twenty-eight others at Broken Bow the former home of Mr. George.

Mr. George has been a little shy about entering the race, but this action on the part of his friends will probably be the means of settling the matter of his candidacy. He served two terms as state treasurer and then organized the fire insurance company of which he is now the head, with headquarters at Omaha.

Candidates for lieutenant governor on both tickets are beginning to get busy. This morning the first filing for that place on the republican ticket was received at the office of Secretary of State Pool.

It comes from Wakefield and announces that Senator E. P. Blumhazy will be candidate for the republican nomination at the primary.

Senator Blumhazy served three terms in the state senate and in each of them was one of the very active members. His first served his district in the upper body in 1891. He took a vacation from politics at the close of the session, and came back to the same body in 1913 and was re-elected to serve again in the last session.

Sandall May File

Senator C. A. Sandall of York will probably be a candidate for the republican nomination for attorney general. Senator Sandall served in the last session of the legislature in the upper body and was one of the fighting senators in that memorable session. He is a good speaker and a good attorney. He is a son of Andrew L. Sandall of York, who served in the lower body of the legislature in the sessions of 1899 and 1901.

Wink Likely to Run

Senator Wink of Buffalo will probably be a candidate for the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. Senator Wink served in the upper body of the legislature two terms, being elected from his district in the 1913 session and again in the 1915 session. The senator was one of the hard workers on the democratic side of the chamber.

Kohl Still Talked Of

The early rumors that Senator Phil Kohl of Wayne would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor have quieted down although his name bobs up occasionally whenever the crew of the old ship begins to figure it is about time to find a skipper to command the craft on its next voyage. Senator Kohl never talks very much, but his fine Italian hand could be seen in much of the legislation of the last session whenever it became necessary to show the house that the economy program over there was not good for the business interests of the state. As the biennium draws to a close and it is discovered that the state has been crippled by the acts of the house, Senator Kohl may fall heir to the nomination because of his leadership against the house program.

NEBRASKA COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION AT COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-first annual convention of the Nebraska Association of Commissioners, Supervisors and County Clerks was called to order by P. J. Kennedy, president of the association, who introduced Judge Edgar Howard to deliver the address of welcome in the absence of Mayor M. M. Rothleitner, whose father very recently died.

The response was made by Phil J. Kennedy, president of the association, who sounded the keynote of the expectations of the work which the organization is expected to do, enumerating and recommending several improvements in business matters pertaining to supervisors' duties which should be brought before the convention.

About 150 members of the association have registered, among them are P. J. Kennedy, president; C. E. Hill, secretary; Tompkins is the big day for the convention and a full representation of the membership is assured.

NEW HOTEL BUILDING FOR THE CITY OF YORK

YORK, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—York is to have a new \$75,000 hotel to be built on the ground now occupied by the Le Grande hotel. The directors of the York County Commercial club have organized a company which will be incorporated for the above amount of capital with which to handle the project. Stock will be issued at the value of \$100 per share and sold to those desiring to purchase.

It is planned to have work on the building started in the early spring.

Typhoid Score A Bating

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The family under quarantine for diphtheria will be released and at this time no new cases have been reported. One new case of typhoid fever was registered with the Board of Health this morning in the person of Roscoe Rae. He was taken to the city hospital on Friday. He was employed in a cafe and has been feeling badly for the last two weeks, but did not give up until it was absolutely necessary to call a physician. The other typhoid patients are running the regular course of the disease, but are getting along well.

Man Resembling Krull Caught

HASTING, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Cole received word from Lincoln police authorities that a man has been captured answering the description of John Krull, whose picture was found in a suitcase in the overturned Gaston Music company car near Grand Island after it had been stolen here. The man will be prosecuted in Lincoln on the charge of highway robbery.

Prosperous Nebraska Merchant to Give His Time to Farming in Future

AURORA, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—After completing twenty-one years' constant labor as a Hamilton county merchant, J. R. Davidson locked the door Saturday night and retired from that business forever. By reason of sales held during the last six weeks his \$40,000 stock had shrunk until he had just a few odds and ends when the end came. He would be glad to take \$500 for the stock he has left.



J.R. Davidson

Mr. Davidson started in business in Aurora in 1894, just before the hot wind of that year came along to destroy the crops of this county. His stock of goods at that time was invoiced at \$180 and he was proprietor, janitor, delivery boy, bookkeeper for his store.

From that small beginning in that year of famine, Mr. Davidson has advanced until, when he decided to close out, he had a department store employing thirty clerks and doing a business of \$80,000 a year. But he decided to quit and retire to his fruit ranch near this city. He sold his stock and not his business and now he is through. In the twenty-one years of his life spent in business here his trade expanded until he counted as his customers many farmers outside of this county.

Mr. Davidson was born in Monona, Clayton county, Iowa, fifty-nine years ago. His father was a congressional minister, a graduate of Yale college and Yale Divinity school. In 1878, Mr. Davidson came to this county and farmed for three years. He then went to Sherman county and took a homestead. On this homestead he established a store, freighted his goods across the country from Kearney. Later the little town of Hazard was established close to his homestead and he moved his store to that place.

He was compelled to sell out and quit business about 1892 by reason of poor health. But the lure of the store business was in his blood and he came to Aurora and bought out a stock of goods worth \$100. Other merchants quit when the hot winds came along, but Davidson stayed. He saw hundreds of farmers quit this country in those years. Many others stayed because they could not get away. They are now riding around the country in automobiles, while their neighbors who went back to Iowa and Illinois are renters.

In 1901 Mr. Davidson organized the J. R. Davidson company. It had a paid up capital of \$5,000. His business grew and

became the largest business in the county. Before he began his sales which finally closed out his stock and permitted him to lock up his store for all time, he had purchased the stock of his colleagues and owned the company. He did not want the business continued in his name and without his name the business would not have been worth much. So he closed out.

Mr. Davidson's hobby is horticulture and he will devote the remainder of his life to his plums and grapes and apples. He has originated several valuable varieties of plums. When the St. Louis exposition was held he took some of his plums there. He got the bronze medal. California was the only state that beat him.

He expects to get a horticultural expert here and lay out his farm and will build it to the plan devised. He has no desire to make money out of it. It will be practically an experimental farm in Hamilton county for fruit. The entire community will profit by the experiments conducted on his farm.

BOY BABY CHOKES TO DEATH NEAR LINDSAY

LINDSEY, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—A 1-year-old boy, of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan died suddenly yesterday afternoon. The baby was playing on the floor and it must have put something into its mouth and inhaled it into its larynx,

death resulting almost immediately. Mr. Buchanan is visiting with his brother-in-law, Chris Nelson, about eight miles south of town. Mr. Buchanan, whose home is in Genoa, had a narrow escape from death about three months ago when an infuriated bull took after him. He still is on crutches. F. W. Edwards, owner of the electric light plant, is Mrs. Buchanan's father.

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ANDREWS GIVES OUT HIS PLATFORM

Hastings Man Tells Why He Thinks He Should Have Republican Nomination for Congress.

FAVORS A TARIFF COMMISSION

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—W. E. Andrews, former auditor of the United States treasury, has given out a statement of his platform in connection with his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress. He favors a thorough revision of the Underwood tariff which, he declares, has been a failure as a revenue producer and in this connection favors the creation of a permanent tariff commission to secure reliable data on which to fix tariff rates.

Position On National Defense

While favoring "an adequate national defense," Mr. Andrews declares, "if we are not now threatened by anybody there seems to be no occasion to incur the expenditure of \$1,000,000,000 at present for national defense."

He takes a stand against the exportation of war munitions from this country to the belligerents. He favors the establishment of an international court of arbitration to settle differences between nations and to avoid war. The close of the present war he believes would be the proper time to establish such a court.

Liberal pensions and legislation favorable to labor, agriculture and irrigation are also on his program. Mr. Andrews calls attention to his long public service first as a member of the faculty of Hastings college from 1885 to 1893; private secretary to Governor Crouse, 1893-4; member of congress from the Fifth district, 1895-7; auditor of the United States treasury, 1897 to 1915, as qualifying him for good service because of his intimate knowledge with public affairs.

Writes Served on Publicans

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Mark Burke, sheriff, has been busy all day serving summons on all the saloon keepers of Columbus in a suit brought by Mrs. Glase of Pierce, Neb., for selling intoxicating liquors to her husband. One hundred saloon keepers have been served with a summons in the cities of Norfolk, Madison, Fremont, Columbus and Omaha. The local saloon keepers will hold a meeting this afternoon to take some united action.

FOUNDER OF ELM CREEK BEACON BUYS IT AGAIN

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The Elm Creek Beacon, published in Elm Creek since 1899, and founded by E. C. Krawson, has been bought by Mr. Krawson from George Keenan, who has owned the paper for two years. After founding the paper, Mr. Krawson published it for several years, when he sold it out and purchased the Empire ranch near Kearney. Later B. P. Saylor, afterward postmaster of Elm Creek, bought his interests, and Saylor then sold to Keenan. For the last two years the new owner has been farming near Elwood.

While in Elm Creek he was identified with several different business interests, the most important being the establishment of the Independent Telephone system.

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