

TO "REFORM" PARTY

REPUBLICAN SENATORS IN SESSION ISSUE PROCLAMATION ASKING FOR CONVENTION.

WOULD CHANGE THE RULES

Cutting Down Basis of Representation From Southern States, and Direct Election of Delegates to National Body Are Demanded.

Chicago, May 13.—Fifty Republicans from eleven states have made a demand for a Republican national convention to be held some time this year.

A proclamation to this effect was the net result of the three days' conference held in the Congress hotel. The plan of the senators, headed by Albert J. Cummins of Iowa, is to change the rules of the Republican organization machinery in such manner as to answer the charges of a "stolen convention"—the cry that went up in the Chicago national Republican meeting of a year ago.

The changes desired by the senators are these:

Cutting down the basis of representation from the southern states to representation of the Republican vote and not on general population.

Delegate contests to be settled by the states and not arbitrarily by the national committee.

Direct elections of delegates to national conventions giving indorsement to primary elections in a national sense.

The proclamation given out after the conference adjourned Monday follows:

"At an informal conference of Republicans from eleven states, held in Chicago May 12, 1913, it was voted that it would be submitted to the national Republican committee as the opinion of those present that a national convention of the party should be held this year at as early a date as may be practicable. The purpose is to consider the expediency of changing the basis of representation in future conventions so that delegates shall proportionately represent Republican voters and not general population.

"This is to the end that the will of the members of the party may be more accurately determined. Also for the purpose of changing the rules relating to delegates and members of the national committee so that the primary election laws of the various states shall be recognized and have full force.

"Also for the purpose of making such other changes in the methods of conducting national conventions and campaigns as shall conduce to giving the utmost possible effect to the principles and policies of the party.

"It was further the opinion that such a convention might properly and usefully take any other action desirable to reunite the party and to give assurances that it stands for constructive and progressive activities in the affairs of government to the end that the common welfare may be advanced.

"It was the unanimous belief of those present that the changes suggested should be made forthwith and that the national committee be strongly urged to take steps to such an end."

Lawrence Y. Sherman, senator from Illinois, who presided over the conference, was authorized to name a committee of three to present the proclamation to the executive committee of the party national organization in Washington on May 24. The official statement issued was prepared by a committee composed of Robert Luce, former lieutenant governor of Massachusetts; Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, Senator W. S. Kenyon of Iowa, W. F. James, state senator of Michigan; J. A. Troutman, state senator of Kansas.

Senator Borah protested, but was voted down by his associates. Senator Cummins and Herbert S. Hadley, former governor of Missouri, answered the objection of national committeemen to the convention idea. They do not believe the committee has the power arbitrarily to change the rules of the party.

PRINCETON WINS BOAT RACE

Defeats Harvard and Pennsylvania in Varsity Rowing Event at Cambridge by Quarter of Length.

Cambridge, Mass., May 13.—Princeton won the varsity boat race here Monday by a quarter of a length, Harvard was second and Pennsylvania third. The race was rowed as a post-race from last Saturday, when the high wind prevented the contest.

INDICTS IN NEW YORK SCANDAL.

New York, May 13.—State Senator Stephen J. Stillwell, recently acquitted by the senate of bribery charges preferred by George A. Kendall, president of the New York Bank Note company, was indicted for bribery by the grand jury before which he appeared.

Diplomat is Wed in Secret.

Washington, May 14.—Diplomatic circles were treated to a surprise Monday when it was learned that Frederick C. Luthi, chancellor of the Swiss legation, was married last November to a Louisiana lady.

Three Suffragettes Arrested.

Dublin, May 14.—Three militant suffragettes were arrested here Monday for smashing windows in the post office. When taken to the police station each carried a large reticule full of stones and a hammer.

CROWDS STORM CARS

ONE BURNED, OTHERS BLOCKED ON CINCINNATI TRACKS.

Crews Are Compelled to Flee for Their Lives After Being Beaten by Mobs.

Cincinnati, May 13.—One car burned, five deserted and left standing on the streets in the downtown section and the crews of these six cars either beaten or forced to run to cover is the total result of an effort made by the Cincinnati Traction company to operate cars on its lines.

An Avondale line car while passing Hunt street and Broadway was suddenly seen to be ablaze. Several men in a wagon driving alongside the car had thrown a quantity of gasoline over it and then put a match to it. The crew, numbering ten men, deserted and were pursued by a crowd, but managed to escape.

Two other Avondale cars passed through the center of the city followed by a jeering crowd, but upon reaching Seventh and Sycamore streets some one cut the trolley ropes, while a combined assault was made on the cars by a crowd of strikers or sympathizers and several of the crew were roughly handled.

On Central avenue, in the West End, two John street cars attempted to work their way to the center of the city when a heavy wagon was driven directly in front of them and apparently stalled.

Before the police could move the wagon from the tracks a crowd boarded the cars, rocks and bottles were hurled through them and few of the crew of sixteen men managed to escape bruises or cuts. None, however, reported serious injury.

Another Avondale car was stopped at Court street and Broadway and the crew deserted without a fight.

The traction company announced that it would continue to make attempts to operate the cars, and further trouble is feared.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

New York, May 10.—The election of C. S. Funk as president of the Rumely company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, was announced by the interests financing that corporation.

Mr. Funk was for six years general manager of the International Harvester company.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 12.—Gibes from acquaintances over his defeat for the office of school commissioner drove Frank Kosowski to suicide Friday, according to a report submitted to Sheriff Becker by deputies.

Vancouver, B. C., May 10.—Hemmed in by flames, which started from some unknown cause, six members of the crew of the steamer Ophir, which sailed from Vancouver Thursday night and tied up at the Brunswick cannery, canoe pass, near Ladner, in the Frazer river, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the vessel.

Wausau, Wis., May 12.—The overturning of a motor boat resulted in the death of six persons by drowning. The boat was struck "deadhead" and the rubber bar was broken, allowing the boat to drift helplessly against a submerged pier, which caused it to overturn. The dead: Herman Roehl, Gus Janke, Eleanor, Gertrude, Walter and Gustav Janke.

Beloit, Wis., May 13.—A freight train going south on the Chicago & Northwestern road was wrecked Saturday at the base of the Big hill north of the city, and several cars were tumbled in the river. No one was hurt.

New York, May 10.—Dennis Sweeney, John J. Mearns, James E. Hussey and James F. Thompson, former police inspectors convicted of conspiring to obstruct justice and to check graft revelations involving them, were sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$500 each. This is the maximum sentence.

HONOR MEMORY OF SCHURZ

Civil War Veterans Dedicate Monument to Their Former Comrade in Arms.

New York, May 10.—Civil war veterans who fought with Carl Schurz took part in the dedication of a memorial monument to him at Morning Side drive and One Hundred and Sixteenth street on Saturday. Prominent persons were present and took part in the ceremonies. Joseph H. Choate presided and spoke, and speeches were made by Borough President McAneny, Count von Bernstoff, the German ambassador, and Congressman Richard Bartholdt. Among some of the veterans who fought with Schurz and who were present at the dedication today were Gen. P. J. Osterhaus, Gen. Horace Porter, Maj. Gen. Greenville M. Dodge, Gen. Adelbert Ames, Gen. James H. Wilson, Gen. J. Grant Wilson and Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

Still Seek Missing Boy.

Burlington, N. J., May 14.—Aided by the Boy Scouts, the police continue search for six-year-old Albert G. Smith, son of Alfred Smith, who is believed to have been kidnaped. The boy has been missing since May 9.

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Think Two Died in Fire.

Chatham, Ont., May 13.—Two men were burned to death and three others had narrow escapes in a fire which Saturday completely destroyed the building occupied by the Chatham Planet.

Kaiser is Robbed on Train.

Berlin, May 13.—According to the Morgen Post the emperor was robbed of two alligator handbags while returning by train from his recent visit to Strassburg. The handbags contained articles of personal use.

VERY LATEST PARISIAN COIFFURES



In the center is a marcel-waved tight coiffure with a broad band held together by a pearl buckle which holds in place a black aigrette. On the left is a marcelled coiffure that is parted on the left with a knot in the back and an ornament of white beads and an aigrette. On the right is a very loose and full coiffure with bangs and a low knot twisted, with a string of beads used as an ornament.

TARIFF BILL IS PASSED

MEASURE ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 281 TO 139.

Flood of Protests Awaits Its Appearance in Upper Body of Congress.

Washington, May 10.—The Underwood tariff bill, proclaimed by the Democratic party as the answer to its platform pledge to reduce the tariff downward, was passed by the house Thursday. The vote was 281 to 139, five Democrats voting against the bill and two Republicans voting for it.

Floods of protest from manufacturers, merchant, producer and foreign nations await the bill when it makes its appearance before the senate. The bill will be started upon its stormy way at once. Republican senators will open the fight by demanding public hearings. This will be defeated, but it is the purpose of the Democrats to give full hearings in committee to all classes of objectors.

The tariff bill made record time through the house, but little more than two weeks having passed since it came from the ways and means committee. All amendments except those proposed by the committee were defeated. With the exception of Broussard of Louisiana, no Democratic member of the house proposed changes in the bill.

On final passage the Democrats voted against it, were Epitropical, Dupree, Broussard, Watkins, Elder, Morgan, Lazare and Aswell of Louisiana and Charles B. Smith of New York. It received the votes of Kelly and Ripley of Pennsylvania; Bryan of Washington and Nolan of California, Progressives, and Cary and Stafford of Wisconsin, Independent Republicans.

MRS. THAW TO "COME BACK"

Wife of Slayer of Stanford White Will Return to the Stage in London.

Plymouth, May 10.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has abandoned, temporarily at least, her ambition to become a sculptress and will return to the stage. She has signed a contract with the Marjell Agency to tour music halls and vaudeville theaters of England and America. Her salary is given at \$5,000 a week. She will make her first appearance within a few weeks at a London music hall.

DR. COOK WANTS INQUIRY

Explorer Asks President for Commission of Polar Experts to Investigate His Claim.

Washington, May 13.—Charging government officials with a "propaganda of character assassination" and ridiculing the National Geographic society, Dr. Frederick A. Cook has written President Wilson asking that a commission of polar explorers be appointed to investigate his claim and that of Admiral Peary to the discovery of the north pole.

EX-SENATOR CULLOM IS ILL

Some Apprehension Felt Concerning Condition of Venerable Statesman Suffering From Cold.

Washington, May 13.—Former Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois is ill at his residence here and some apprehension was felt Sunday about his condition. He caught cold several days ago and has been confined to his bed. Last winter he had a similar attack but recovered and took up his duties as resident commissioner of the Lincoln memorial commission.

Pockets Filled With Stones.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 13.—The body of Barney Cryan, aged sixty, an Alaskan prospector, who returned to the city last winter, was found Saturday in the Kalamazoo river. His pockets were filled with stones.

Rescinds Order on Nurses.

Washington, May 13.—The interstate commerce commission rescinded its decision holding nurses not to be a part of a family of a railroad official, and therefore not entitled to free transportation on railroads.

PROSPECTS GOOD

SECRETARY MELLOR FILES REPORT OF CROP CONDITIONS.

PLENTY OF RAIN IN APRIL

Facts and Figures Furnished From Many Sources Make a Remarkable Showing.

Lincoln, Neb.—Prospects for a record breaking crop from one end of the state to the other this year are most flattering, according to reports received and compiled by Secretary Mellor of the state board of agriculture.

The satisfactory condition apparently prevails over the state at large and to a greater degree, for this season of the year, than for many years past. In gathering data for his report the secretary of the agricultural board had the benefit of the railroad reports, the data furnished by county crop reporters and the sectional reports sent in by creamery and grain men over the state. The state university likewise contributed much information on the subject. The consequent report contains the following information for the people of the state:

Details of Report.

"While the soil was dry at the beginning of spring work the recent rains have thoroughly soaked the soil, while the intermittent snowfall of March prevented injury from high winds and dust storms.

"Wheat—For perhaps the first time in many years Nebraska farmers were surprised to see the fall wheat covering the ground on May 1. The present outlook for a record breaking yield is most favorable. The generous rain did not flood or do any damage, according to reports, even in the bottom lands. During April there were some cold winds, but there was no damage reported from freezing and thawing, which occasionally prove very trying to the young plants.

"Oats—Reports indicate that oats are in excellent condition. Most of the plantings are up, with a uniform stand, in nearly all sections of the state.

"Corn—Ninety per cent of the ground is plowed and ready for planting.

"Alfalfa—Never better. The recent rains in all parts of the state, along with the accompanying days of sunshine, have spurred the growth of the plants.

"Live Stock—Horses and cattle came through the winter in excellent condition. Dairymen report ideal conditions.

"Fruit—According to reports received by Secretary C. G. Marshall of the State Horticultural society an unprecedented fruit yield is expected. The blossoms were never reported better at this season of the year. Every tree and plant is loaded with blossoms. Buds were in superb condition after a mild winter. The orchards are remarkably free from disease and there is an encouraging increase in the amount of spraying in the orchards. The frosts in April did no damage. The peach trees are in excellent condition and a large yield is expected in southeastern Nebraska.

PROPERTY ESCHEATS TO STATE.

Lincoln, Neb.—One hundred and sixty acres of Keya Pasha county land, a quarter section in Holt county, a similar amount in Colorado and some Auburn realty were turned over to State Land Commissioner Beckman for use of the permanent school fund.

The step terminates the history of property accumulations of Joseph Ulrich, a Nemaha county bachelor miser who died three years ago without heirs. The property escheats to the state under an order of the court. A man named Cahoe rented the Auburn place after Ulrich's death and during remodeling found several thousands of dollars in gold secreted in various hiding places. His own use of \$1,000 of this furnished a case for the courts to settle. In the end it was decreed that as trespass is one of the elements of larceny, he had not committed it in this case.

Cahoe is still living in the house and rentals for the intervening period must be collected by the state land commissioner.

TO FIGHT NEW INSURANCE BILL.

Lincoln, Neb.—The first step towards fighting the lately enacted code insurance bill in courts was taken when Auditor Howard and assistants began a rigid scanning of the legislative history of the various provisions of the measure. It is understood that the preferred plan of procedure will be for Auditor Howard to refuse to turn over the control of the insurance business to the new board, thus laying himself open to a mandamus attack.

Names Board of Mediation.

Lilcon.—By the provisions of a bill passed by the last legislature, Governor Morehead this afternoon appointed the following men as members of a board of mediation:

F. M. Coffey of Lincoln, representing the labor organization; Robert Cowel of Omaha, representing the employers, and H. E. Reische of Chadron, representing the people.

Mr. Reische represented the Chadron district in the last legislature, being in the lower house.

WILSON ASKS DELAY

REQUESTS GOV. JOHNSON TO DEFER ACTION ON ANTI-ALIEN LAW.

President Declares Through Bryan That He is Ready to Co-operate With California in Systematic Effort to Correct Any Existing Evils.

Washington, May 13.—The federal government's final effort to delay alien land owning legislation in California was made Sunday when Secretary Bryan, in the name of President Wilson, telegraphed Governor Johnson notifying him that the Japanese ambassador had earnestly protested against the bill passed by the California assembly and urging that the governor postpone action by withholding his signature.

"The statement in part is as follows: 'The president directs me to express his appreciation of your courtesy in delaying action on the land bill now before you until its provisions could be communicated to the Japanese government and considered by it.'

"His excellency, Baron Chinda, has on behalf of his government, presented an earnest protest against the measure. As you have before you but two alternatives, viz: to approve or to veto, it will avail nothing to recall to your attention the amendment suggested to the legislature and as the president has already laid before you his views upon the subject, it is unnecessary to reiterate them.'

"If a postponement comments itself to your judgment the president will be pleased to co-operate in a systematic effort to discover and correct any evils that may exist in connection with land ownership by aliens."

PROTEST FILED BY JAPAN

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INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

AXLE OF RECORD-MAKING CAR

Contrary to Common Belief, Spindle on Barney Oldfield's Machine is Massive Affair.

The average automobile enthusiast would naturally expect that the axles and other parts of racing cars would be light. The front axle of the huge 200-horsepower racer with which Oldfield made the new world's straightaway record of 27.33 seconds for the mile proves the contrary.

If the speed of an automobile is doubled the stresses which will be set up in the component parts will be quadrupled, and, according to the Automobile, an axle that would be quite satisfactory at 30 miles per hour would have to work four times as hard at 60 miles an hour, and sixteen times as hard at 120 miles an hour. That the relatively enormous amount of metal used in the front axle of the Oldfield car is a nearer approach to correct axle proportions for racing cars than relatively light axles is proved by the large number of axles that have failed under racing conditions.

ARTIFICIAL STONE NOW MADE

Surface Cavities Filled With Cement Mortar and Saturated With Water-Glass Solution.

By new methods, soft sandstone or limestone, or even mortar or concrete, is made hard and impermeable to a depth of half an inch or so, and after treatment can be polished and cut. This makes it practicable to use soft and easily-worked stones where the hard material is needed, as in tanks, pavements, etc. In one process the surface of the stone is first thoroughly cleaned, cavities are filled with cement mortar tempered with water-glass solution, the whole is then saturated with a solution of potash or soda, water-glass, and is finally impregnated with molten chloride of calcium. The reaction of the chloride of calcium on the water-glass fills the pores with hard insoluble silicate of lime. Another process consists in first saturating with sulphate of ammonia solution, and then with a solution of potash water-glass, wiping off the solution not absorbed in one minute.

ENGINE INTENDED TO LAST

Walking-Beam Arrangement of English Firm Speaks of Thoroughness of Old Builders.

The walking beam engine of an English iron-working establishment speaks eloquently of the thoroughness of the old machine builders. It began work in 1854, with a cylinder of four by eight feet, and a speed of fourteen revolutions per minute under a steam pressure of thirty pounds per square inch. In 1898 it was compounded, the pressure being increased to 120 pounds. In 1910 it was found to be still too valuable a servant to retire, and it was converted into a triple-expansion engine, which now works with steam at a pressure of 200 pounds superheated to 430 degrees. Some years ago the engine "ran away," acquiring such speed as to burst the rope-drive pulleys, yet was very little damaged.

TOOL HANDLE IS CONVENIENT

Arrangement Permits Operator to Attach Device in Any Position That May Be Desired.

In speaking of a tool handle, invented by Archie McDermid of Denning, N. M., The Scientific American says: "This invention provides a handle for use on saws and other tools, and is arranged to permit the operator conveniently to attach the handle to the tool in any position to suit the convenience of the user of the tool. As shown in the illustration, the saw is



Tool Handle.

USE CONCRETE FOR STRENGTH

Old Wrought-Iron Trestle Approaches to Danville Bridge Incased With Adhesive Material.

A most important step in engineering structures is the metal which has been adopted for the strengthening of old wrought-iron trestle approaches to the Danville (Ill.) railroad bridge and the St. Charles bridge. These structures, which were built many years ago, were constructed of Phoenix columns, with diagonal tie rods. With the great increase that has come of late years in the weight of trains, it has become necessary either to strengthen these trestles or remove them altogether. The former course was followed, and the method adopted was to incase the columns in concrete. Tests of the strength of these reinforced compression members show that the addition of the concrete raised their strength fully 50 per cent.

RECORDING SCALE IS UNIQUE

Elaborate Apparatus Patented by a Michigan Man Prints Weights Opposite Names on Paper.

A rather elaborate apparatus in the scale line has been patented by a Michigan man. It is nothing less than a scale which records the weights of various objects opposite any name on a sheet of paper it carries for that purpose. The device has a printing mechanism at the top, and across this runs a moving carrier like that on a typewriter. It is on this carrier that the paper rests so that any name may be shifted in line with the printing apparatus. The object to be weighed is hung on a hook which projects from



Recording Scale.

beneath, and as soon as the weight is felt the type bearing that figure is engaged and can be thrown on the paper. The weight is also recorded on a dial at the side of the scale, so that it can be seen without reading the paper. There are various uses for such an apparatus, one of them being in manufacturing establishments where records are kept of individual work, or in butcher shops where records are kept of individual sales.

NOTES OF INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

The gum used on postage stamps is made largely of potato starch. The United States uses one-fifth of all the sugar made in the world. Matches imported from Sweden in the first six months of 1912 weighed 35,000,000 pounds.

The United States has 88 establishments producing gold and silver leaf, which give employment to 1,552 workers. A Michigan knitting mill is making artificial silk from vegetable fiber and converting it into hosiery and underwear.

If clean cinders be used in concrete as it is made it will have a surface that will hold a nail almost as solidly as wood.

An acetylene lamp that throws a flash instead of a steady beam of light is being tried out for signaling by a Swiss railroad.

The Upper Burma's richest ruby mines, in Upper Burma, are known to have been operated since early in the seventeenth century.

An Arizona mine captures copper which escapes in waste water by placing scrap metal in the water until it is coated with copper.

Strong brine made of salt and water, sprinkled on coal, will make a fire burn brighter and less soot will accumulate in chimneys and flues.

The skin of a black fox is worth from \$5 to \$10, and the animals are now being raised in captivity to supply the demand for their pelts.

Canary birds are now part of the equipment of well-regulated mines. If the atmosphere is questionable the birds are carried into it, and they show signs of its effects at once.