

TAFT CLEARS DESK

Secretary Prepares to Turn Office Over to Successor.

MEETS OHIO DELEGATION

It Urges Vorys for Manager of National Campaign.

NO DIRECT ANSWER GIVEN

Mr. Vorys is Asked to Come to Washington Wednesday.

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY TAFT

Appointment of Chairman Will Be Determined at Meeting of Sub-Committee at Hot Springs.

Va., July 8.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Secretary Taft today successfully combined his official duties with politics. His diversified abilities never had a better illustration than they had from 11 o'clock this morning to 6 o'clock tonight. At intervals during that period he discussed the most intricate questions arising in the department and matters concerning the campaign.

The most important event of the day in genuine interest was that which took place this afternoon when a delegation representing the political organization of the republican party in Ohio, Walter Brown, chairman of the republican state central committee; Henry Williams, chairman of the republican state executive committee, and N. W. Gullbert, state auditor, came to Washington to urge Secretary Taft favorably to consider Arthur I. Vorys in the selection of a national chairman. They discussed the matter with Secretary Taft at considerable length, indicating to him that the appointment of Mr. Vorys meant much to the republican organization in Ohio. They expressed apprehension that the selection of Mr. Hitchcock, for instance, or almost anybody else than Mr. Vorys might tend to disrupt the organization in Ohio, which had largely been built up by Mr. Vorys. At the conclusion of the conference, although Secretary Taft did not indicate to the delegation what his intentions were he authorized the members to telegraph to Mr. Vorys requesting him to come to Washington and meet him on Wednesday.

Secretary Taft asked this evening what likely might be the nature of this conference with Mr. Vorys replied laughingly: "Well, I fancy we shall talk some politics, even though the weather be hot."

"When will you see Mr. Hitchcock?" the secretary was asked. "They call Governor 'I understand,'" he replied, "that Mr. Hitchcock is in the city, but I have not seen him, and I shall not see him until I am a private citizen. Tomorrow I shall be so deeply engrossed with the departmental matters which are pressing for my attention that I shall have little time to devote to personal or political matters."

Then, turning to Governor Wright, Secretary Taft said smilingly: "They call Governor Wright 'Smiling Sam,' but that is merely a polite title. He is really a governor, and after next Wednesday general will bow to him. On Wednesday morning I have directed that all the bureau and division chiefs of the War department shall meet here to greet the new secretary."

The army officers who are expected to appear in full uniform. That direction has been given," suggested the secretary laughingly, "in order that I may make myself solid with the military vote."

Unique Postal Card.

Secretary Taft was greatly interested this afternoon by a mammoth postal card, which was delivered to his office by a special delivery messenger at 4 o'clock. The card, which was three feet six inches long and eighteen inches wide, bore on the reverse side a fine photographic likeness of Secretary Taft as he was about to enter the stamp office at Hot Springs. The stamp, fully drawn by Mr. Barclay of the Baltimore Sun. On each side of the secretary's likeness were cherubim, representing Taft and Sherman holding aloft electric globes.

On the stamp were the words: "United States Taft." Underneath the likeness of the secretary was the word, "Taft," followed by "Pustige, One Cent." The card went through the regular channels of the Washington postoffice and bore 46 cents postage.

Charles F. Taft of Cincinnati, the secretary's brother, who arrived yesterday, as usual in conference with the war secretary most of the time today. He left tonight for his home.

Mum on Chairmanship.

Frank H. Hitchcock, Secretary Taft's Washington manager, arrived here today from Chicago and will be engaged for several days in the work of closing up the Taft headquarters in this city.

Mr. Hitchcock is expected to discuss publication of the national chairmanship question in any way. He said that he expected to have a conference with Secretary Taft in a day or two, but pending that interview he could say nothing.

Every effort was made today to learn something definite respecting the choice of a national chairman, but Secretary Taft himself this afternoon said:

"No announcement concerning the national chairmanship will be made until I have conferred further with the subcommittee of the national committee. That conference will be at Hot Springs. Mr. Taft has informed me that she will be ready to leave Washington for Hot Springs next Friday. I shall therefore notify the members of the subcommittee to meet there on July 8. The chairmanship matter will be determined then and not before then."

General Wright on Hand.

General Wright, who arrived from New York last night, appeared at the War department shortly after 10 o'clock today and had conferences with General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, and General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs.

General Wright said General Wright, "that this position of Secretary of War is something of a job and propose to try to familiarize myself with its details. Do not expect to take a vacation in the ordinary sense of the term, but will remain right here during the greater part of the summer. Mrs. Wright will remain at Memphis for a few weeks and then will go to the home of our daughter up in New York state. I may join her for a brief period."

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, June 30, 1908.

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, ILLINOIS AND VICINITY—Fair Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

FOR IOWA—Fair Tuesday.

Temperature at Omaha:

Table with columns for Hour, Deg., and values: 5 a.m., 57; 6 a.m., 58; 7 a.m., 59; 8 a.m., 60; 9 a.m., 61; 10 a.m., 62; 11 a.m., 63; 12 m., 64; 1 p.m., 65; 2 p.m., 66; 3 p.m., 67; 4 p.m., 68; 5 p.m., 69; 6 p.m., 70; 7 p.m., 71; 8 p.m., 72; 9 p.m., 73; 10 p.m., 74; 11 p.m., 75; 12 m., 76

The contest of the democratic equal in intensity.

First association of the republican party in Ohio.

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TEACHERS ESCHEW POLITICS

Boom for Office at National Meeting Ends Candidate's Hopes.

SESSION BEGINS AT CLEVELAND

Vice President Nathan Schaeffer, Who Will Preside, Will Make Opening Address at Evening Meeting.

WOMEN SELECTING OFFICERS

Federation of Clubs Busy with Work of Naming Leaders for ensuing Year.

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SECOND THAW CASE DELAYED

Judge Mills Orders Postponement of Two Weeks to Permit Filing Briefs.

GRAY MANAGER IN LINCOLN

Says Delaware Man Will Be Nominated for President at Denver.

ACTIONS BELIE WORDS, HOWEVER

John H. Atwood of Kansas Gives His Idea of Injunction Plank, and It Is Thought to Represent the Views of Bryan.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Increases in Salaries Announced for Clerks and Carriers in Postoffices.

WORK ON PLATFORM

Democratic Leaders at Denver Discuss Probable Planks.

DIFFERENCE OVER INJUNCTION

One Wing Fears Declaration Will Be Too Radical.

RESOLUTION NOT YET DRAWN

Mr. Bryan Will Hold Further Consultations Before It is Written.

DEMAND OF PROHIBITIONISTS

Iowa and Southern Delegates Seek to Have Question Incorporated in Platform—More Seats Placed in Hall.

ANTI-INJUNCTION PLANK

The anti-injunction plank continues to provoke a large amount of discussion among such party leaders as have already arrived for the convention. While opinions differ as to the exact nature of the plank, which would be adopted all are of one mind in saying that it shall be a definite and specific statement. Such members of the national committee as have discussed the matter are a unit in saying that the wording of the anti-injunction plank shall have been possible, but in any way measure which might be construed as interfering with the prerogatives of the federal courts.

LOSS AT PUKWANA IS HEAVY

Crops for Fifteen Miles Were Ruined by Storm in South Dakota.

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