

MANY CONTESTS T. R.'S HOPE

Objections to Taft Delegates Will Go to National Committee.

MANAGERS MAKE RIVAL CLAIMS

McKinley Publishes Tabulated Estimate Showing Hundred Thirty-One Delegates for Taft and Thirteen for Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Contest against Taft delegates from all southern states to the republican national convention will be taken before the national committee in June by the Roosevelt forces, according to a statement given out here today over the signature of Senator Joseph M. Dixon, Colonel Roosevelt's campaign manager.

The announcement makes the definite statement that "in every southern state, and in almost every district in those states which have elected delegates to date, contests will come before the national committee."

The purpose of the Roosevelt managers to attempt the overthrow of all President Taft's southern strength before it can be seated in the Chicago convention is further borne out by tables contained in the Dixon statement.

The Dixon estimates give Colonel Roosevelt forty-four delegates and concede but fourteen to President Taft. The Taft delegates from southern states, eighty-four in number, are placed in the "contested column."

The director of the Roosevelt campaign, William H. McKinley, of President Taft's campaign committee, who also published a tabulated estimate of strength today, claimed 111 delegates for the president and conceded but thirteen to Colonel Roosevelt.

It is apparent that the Taft managers propose to carry the plan of contesting delegates in southern states in order to cloud conditions. This is demoralizing to the party, but the issue as thus made will be met with vigor.

In adopting this plan the Taft managers have assured a decision of the contests on their merits. Northern states and districts never will submit to the man-handling of their delegates through bogus contests. When the national committee is confronted with the necessity of making fair decisions in northern districts it will establish precedents that must insure fair decisions in the southern districts also.

Contests Conceded. The Taft claims as given out by Director McKinley concede contests in the following congressional districts: First Georgia, Third Virginia, Third and Fifth Missouri, and Third Oklahoma. This makes a total of ten delegates.

The Roosevelt statement declares that the following delegates, now claimed by the Taft forces, will be contested: Alabama, 11; District of Columbia, 2; Florida, 12; Georgia, 20; South Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 12; Virginia, 18.

"The conventions in the southern states were all called and held strictly in conformity with the call issued by the national committee," said Mr. McKinley tonight. "So far as we know the Roosevelt supporters went into those conventions and made their fight; if they have held separate conventions and elected other delegates we have not been advised of the fact."

RESULT OF COUNCIL SECRET Roosevelt Denies Story that Dixon is to be Superseded.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., March 17.—Back from the meeting in New York with his political lieutenants, Colonel Roosevelt retired to Sagamore Hill today, saying he hoped he would not have to talk politics before Tuesday, when he goes to New York again. He probably will remain in the city most of next week. The colonel was still determined not to reveal the results of the conference of last night. He was told that the impression had gone out that last night's meeting was of unusual importance and was urged to outline the subjects which were brought up.

"We just wanted to get the leaders together," he said.

One of the main things considered, he continued, was the speeches he was to make, but no decision had been reached as to the number of speeches or where they will be delivered.

Colonel Roosevelt made it plain that Senator Dixon is commander-in-chief of the Roosevelt forces. He was told of a report heard in New York after the conference that the senator was to be superseded. The name of Ormsby McHarg, who has been working the south for Roosevelt, was mentioned as Senator Dixon's possible successor.

Dixon Still in Authority. "That is practically absurd," he said. "One of the main reasons why Senator Dixon came on from Washington last night was to discuss the whole campaign situation. The senator wanted to meet the leaders, particularly those from New York and Chicago. He is to be in complete charge. Chicago and New York will be substitutes and Washington will be the exchange. Senator Dixon will be

in authority, and his word will be absolute."

Colonel Roosevelt was asked what Mr. McHarg's work would be. It was announced earlier in the day that he was to go to Washington as Senator Dixon's chief assistant.

"I haven't seen Mr. McHarg," said Colonel Roosevelt. "Mr. McHarg worked for William L. Ward—I think it was Mr. Ward that has been my understanding, although I don't know anything about Mr. McHarg."

Although Colonel Roosevelt would make no predictions as to the outcome of the republican national convention, he said he was certain his opponents were claiming delegates they would not get.

Before he left New York Colonel Roosevelt talked with Senator Dixon, Alexander Revell of Chicago, chairman of the Roosevelt national committee, Charles H. Duell, president of the New York City committee, and Walter Brown, chairman of the Ohio republican state central movement, but was silent when asked what developed at last night's conference.

NEBRASKA'S FIRST SON TALKS

Samuel P. Merrill in Pulpit at Calvary Baptist Church.

EARLY DAYS ARE RECALLED

Aged Minister, First White Child Born in This State, Talks of Time When West Was Really Wild.

At Calvary Baptist church Sunday morning the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Samuel P. Merrill, of Rochester, N. Y., the first white man born in Nebraska. Rev. Mr. Merrill is in the city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Milroy, and being a Baptist clergyman, he was induced to talk to the Calvary people. His address was brief, dealing to a large extent with his recollections of incidents in connection with the early days when Nebraska was a wilderness inhabited only by wild beasts and still wilder men.

Rev. Mr. Merrill recounted the fact that he was born at Bellevue in 1826 and at a time when his father and mother were both missionaries among the Indians, his father having left the east in 1823 together with his young wife, first entering the missionary field, first stopping in Missouri and later coming to Nebraska.

That he should have become a minister, Rev. Mr. Merrill thought was most natural, as his father and his uncles were engaged in religious work. The speaker told of coming from prolific stock, his father and mother each being one of a family of thirteen, but expressed the opinion that in those days "thirteen" was not considered an unlucky number.

Many Miles in Interior. Born in 1825, Rev. Mr. Merrill stated that at the time Bellevue was 250 miles from any white settlement and that in order to reach it it was necessary to pass through a country inhabited only by Indians. At the time there were some boats on the Missouri river, but they were few and passed Bellevue at irregular intervals.

During his boyhood days in Bellevue the family lived in a small log house one story high, with an attic, which was reached by way of a ladder. Into this, when there was a prospect of an attack by the Indians, he and his mother climbed, drawing the ladder up after them, the men of the household remaining below to do the fighting when necessary.

By reason of exposure during inclement weather the father of Rev. Mr. Merrill died seven years after commencing his missionary work at Bellevue and subsequently the family returned to New York.

Some years ago when Rev. Mr. Merrill's mother became helpless on account of afflictions incident to old age he placed her in a hospital in Rochester, and this furnished the subject for his text, he designating the church of God as the great hospital, the denominations and the houses of worship as the wards, with Christ the physician in charge of all, laboring to relieve the inmates of sin, the disease with which all are afflicted.

Director of Mint Explains Measure (From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Director of the Mint George E. Roberts yesterday attacked the alleged "joker" in the monetary commission currency scheme denounced by Representative Lindburgh of Minnesota, declaring that Mr. Lindburgh's "discovery" showed total ignorance of the banking and currency situation.

"Mr. Lindburgh seems not to know that government bonds are free from taxation now and always have been," said Mr. Roberts.

"All the outstanding bonds of the United States were sold upon the express condition, contained in the statutes authorizing them, that they shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes and duties of the United States as well as from any form by or under state, municipal or local authority.

"It has always been possible for the 'money trust' or anybody else to escape taxation by investing in government bonds, but very few have cared for a 2 per cent investment even upon those terms, and the bonds have passed almost wholly into the hands of national banks. They pay a tax of 1/4 of 1 per cent upon their note issues, and the monetary commission plan provides that when the national reserve association takes over the right of issue the tax shall be increased to 1 1/2 per cent. The statutes of bonds in private hands is not touched by the commission plan."

HOLDUPS RESUME ACTIVITY IN STREETS OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 17.—There was a recurrence today of the recent epidemic of holdups, when thugs attacked a girl messenger at the door of a Bowers bank and assaulted and robbed a jeweler of \$1,000 on a Harlem roof. Both crimes were accompanied by desperate fights between robbers and the police, which resulted in five arrests.

Miss Ella C. Nichols, messenger for a supply concern, was leaving the bank with a \$25 payroll in her muff when four men wrenched it from her grasp and ran. They were cornered by detectives and after a fight were arrested and the money found on one of the men.

Giuseppe de Luca, an itinerant jeweler, was followed by four men to an apartment house, savagely beaten and robbed of a satchel containing \$1,000 worth of jewelry. They dashed down to the street. The man with the satchel was overtaken by a policeman. The two fought desperately, but the robber was finally subdued with a nightstick. The jewels were recovered.

Guilty of robbery in the first degree was the verdict returned today by the jury that tried Gene Montani, the chauffeur in the taxi holdup of February 15, when two messengers of the East River National bank were robbed of \$25,000. With the verdict was coupled a recommendation of mercy. Montani was remanded for sentence on Monday.

PIONEER STAGE DRIVER DIES IN GUTHRIE CENTER

GUTHRIE CENTER, Ia., March 17.—Isaac Swank, who in Iowa's pioneer days drove a stage between Omaha and Des Moines, died at his home here tonight, aged 85 years. When Swank first came to Iowa he refused to trade a span of horses for land now occupied by the Iowa State capital.

One Death from Wreck. WATERLOO, Ia., March 17.—Andrew Bennett of Bryant, who was injured in the wreck that occurred on the Chicago Great Western railroad near Dunkerton, Ia., Thursday morning, died tonight. This is the only death resulting from the accident.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon as it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Valuable Animals Dead in Transit

SIDNEY, Neb., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—A valuable carload of emigrant movables arrived here this morning on a Union Pacific freight train, the property of W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central railroad. It contained a lot of Jersey cattle, on their way to the ranch of Mr. Brown at Gooding, Idaho. When the car was opened here they found a Jersey bull, valued at \$3,000, and a high-priced cow dead. The car was in charge of W. C. Galloway, who claims that rough handling of the train between North Platte and Sidney was responsible for the loss sustained.

PICKING BALANCED TICKET

Task that Stumps Citizens' Union Executive Committee.

IDEAL CANDIDATES DECLINE Several Approached and Proffered Honor of Union's Support Turn Down Subcommittee—What Is Proposed.

The Citizens' union executive committee is up in the air to a large degree over the selection of a set of candidates to which it will give the endorsement of the organization. It has a definite idea as to just what sort of a state it wants to present to the voters as its preference for commissioners to be voted on at the primaries, but it is also having much difficulty in securing just the sort of men it wants.

A subcommittee of the executive committee went abroad during the week to seek out certain ideal candidates, and approached several Omaha business men of prominence, offering to give the endorsement of the union if they would accept the same and file for the office. And in each instance was the offer turned down. A member who is close to the inside workings of the union confesses that the committee is puzzled by its task.

"What are we trying to get is a balanced ticket," he said, "one that will be strong, will appeal to all, and will present as few grounds for objection as possible. We want to have on the ticket at least one Catholic, one Swede, one labor union man, and we do not want them to all come from one part of town; neither

Three Cruisers Sent to Philippine Isles

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Significant orders were issued from the Navy department today directing three of the big armored cruisers of the Pacific fleet to proceed at once to the Philippine islands for an indefinite stay.

The Navy department will not admit that the big vessels are to be attached to the Asiatic fleet, but their arrival in the orient will give the United States the most powerful foreign fleet, excepting that of Japan, in touch with Chinese waters. The vessels ordered to the Philippines are the flagship California, the South Dakota and Colorado, now at Honolulu.

The vessels will go to Olongapo, where they will dock and hold their spring target practice. Later the supply ship Glacier will join them.

NO PAY FOR JURY'S RECESS

Grand Jurors Allowed No Money for Week's Vacation.

ROBERT SMITH MAKES DECISION

Foreman Geiger, However, Says His Fellows Will Not Insist on Pay for the Time They Last.

Members of the Douglas county grand jury will not insist that they be paid their per diem for their week's recess. When the grand jurors reported for their pay yesterday afternoon, Harry Pearce, jury and witness clerk, told them he could not pay them for their week's recess. Neither could he pay the jurors who were absent the first half of last week. Mr. Pearce took this position under instruction of Robert Smith, clerk of the district court. Mr. Smith had asked County Attorney English for an opinion as to whether or not jurors should be paid for their week's recess, but no reply from the county attorney had been received.

John W. Geiger, foreman of the grand jury, explained that the recess was taken for several members of the grand jury who hold responsible positions and whose work suffered by their absence. Other members are paid nothing by their employers while they are serving on the grand jury, and during the week's recess as well as during other weeks they had to pay substitutes to do their work. Even though there was a recess the first week in March, they had to pay their substitutes.

"Had we known there would be any serious objection," said Foreman Geiger, "we would not have asked for the money, and since Mr. Smith thinks it is questionable whether we should be paid or not, we will not insist that we be paid."

MEN TRY TO BREAK INTO GERMANTOWN AND ARE SHOT

MUELHEIM-AM-RHEIN, Germany, March 17.—Sentries at the fortifications here today shot and killed two men attempting to break into one of the forts.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS

Table with columns: Port, Arrived, Sailed. Lists various steamers like NEW YORK, PANAMA, etc.

THERE IS NO NEED TO DRAG ABOUT HALF DEAD

New Discovery Brightens and Rejuvenates All Who Take It.

ARE YOU ONE OF THE AFFLICTED

Here is the Medicine for You if You Get Up in the Mornings as Worn Out as When You Went to Bed.

The country is filled with half sick, run down, listless people afflicted with nervous debility.

Are you one of them? Do you feel tired all the time, with no ambition or energy? Do you get up in the morning after a poor night's sleep feeling as worn out as when you went to bed? Do you catch cold easily? Is your circulation poor? Have you an irregular appetite? Is your stomach out of order most of the time? Are you nervous and depressed in spirit?

These are the symptoms of nervous debility. Tona Vita, the wonderful new tonic, is bringing back health to thousands who are afflicted with this trouble. If you are struggling along in this miserable run-down condition, trying to do your work when you feel like going to bed, you can get a new lease on life by a trial of this great tonic that is making such a record all over the world.

Men and women in all stations of life are being built up and rejuvenated by Tona Vita. The tonic acts so quickly that it astonishes those who try it for the first time. From the first dose the tired, despondent feeling begins to disappear, sound sleep and good digestion return in a few days. The health and renewed energy bring back happiness and ambition.

Don't drag about half dead any longer. Get this medicine at once. You will be thankful the longest day you live. If the tonic does not do you more good than anything you have ever tried you can have the purchase price returned by our regular agent.

Lee's Rhubarb Laxative, the assistant remedy, should be taken in connection with Tona Vita, when the patient is suffering with constipation. Lee's Rhubarb Laxative is a pure, harmless and effective family laxative containing the fine medicinal qualities of rhubarb. It is pleasing to take. Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., 16th and Dodge Sts.; Orval Drug Co., 16th and Harney Sts.; Harward Pharmacy, 34th and Farnam Sts., and Loyal Pharmacy, 207-9 N. 18th St., have the agency for Tona Vita and Lee's Rhubarb Laxative in Omaha—Adv.

Large advertisement for Schlitz Beer featuring a bottle and the text: 'Any Scientist will tell you that Beer keeps best in Brown Bottles'.

Advertisement for Schlitz Beer featuring a bottle and the text: 'Schlitz uses the Brown Bottle to protect its purity from the brewery to your glass'.

Advertisement for Valuable Item for Men, describing health benefits of a tonic.

Advertisement for A Harmless Way to Darken the Hair, featuring a product called 'Wreth's Hair Remedy'.

Advertisement for Hunyadi Janos Water, a natural laxative for constipation.