

## IMPETUS GIVEN BOOM OF HUGHES

Supporters of Supreme Justice Spend Day Talking to Delegates in Chicago.

## HOTCHKISS LEADER IN MOVE

Says Action is Without Knowledge of Old Friend.

## GETS MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT

Thinks Own Statement Does Not Eliminate Hughes.

## COULD CARRY NEW YORK STATE

Asserts Does Not Come to Chicago as Opponent of Roosevelt and Will Support Him if Nominated.

CHICAGO, June 16.—A movement in behalf of Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States supreme court as a compromise candidate for president took definite form here today. Several supporters of the justice came on from New York and spent the day in the hotel lobbies and quarters of various state delegations sounding the sentiment of delegates and political leaders. William H. Hotchkiss of New York, former state superintendent of insurance and a close friend of Justice Hughes, is the leading spirit of the movement.

"Does not Justice Hughes' statement of last week that he would not permit the use of his name as a compromise candidate eliminate him?" Mr. Hotchkiss was asked.

"I think not," he replied. "No man, particularly a man with Justice Hughes' ideas of civic duty, can refuse to serve the people of the nation in a crisis such as the present one."

Mr. Hotchkiss and his associates took pains to make it clear that they had come here without the knowledge of Justice Hughes, who, they felt, would discourage such a movement. Mr. Hotchkiss said he had not seen the justice in six months.

Could Carry New York. "I am pleased," he said, "to learn in the few hours I have spent in Chicago what a large number of delegates are leaning toward Justice Hughes as the man on whom all factions can unite. He would appeal to the whole country. He could carry his own state of New York, which is a prime requisite."

"I did not come to Chicago as an opponent of Colonel Roosevelt, whom as an exponent of progressive principles, I shall support should he be nominated. I came here merely in an effort to help a problem which confronts the republican party at the present time."

George B. Agnew of New York, former state senator and one of the authors of the Agnew-Hart race track bill over which Governor Hughes made the most spectacular fight of his career at Albany, reached Chicago today.

"I should like to see Justice Hughes nominated," he said.

## NOTES FROM WEST POINT AND CUMING COUNTY

WEST POINT, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Hugo Hoefs, a former resident of West Point, died at his ranch home at Johnston, Neb., on Monday from the effects of an accident. Mr. Hoefs was 33 years of age and was to have been married in a week. He was kicked severely in the stomach by an unruly animal in the barn, and while the injuries were not immediately apparent, he succumbed just one week from the day he received the injury.

His body was interred at Alnoworth. The city of West Point, through the Business Men's association, has arranged to celebrate the fourth of July.

The body of James Cusick, a former pioneer and homesteader of Cuming county, was brought to the city and interred in St. Anthony's cemetery on Friday. Mr. Cusick was the son of Michael Cusick, a well known settler of this vicinity, and had been for eight years prior to his death in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company at Fremont, at which place he died of cancer.

A. A. Campbell, a former citizen of Cuming county and at one time a large land owner here, died at his home in San Diego, Cal., on Monday at the age of 81. Mr. Campbell came to West Point in 1870 and was for many years closely identified with the development and upbuilding of this portion of the state.

Miss Gertrude Lindale, second daughter of John Lindale of West Point, was married to A. E. B. Neigh of Stafford by County Judge Cowan of Stanton on Wednesday. Mr. Neigh owns a large ranch near Stafford, where the young couple will make their future home.

Joseph Buse and Miss Mary Patterson were united in marriage by Dean Ruesing Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church. The attendants were Ludwig Walter and Miss Eulalia Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Buse will make their home on one of the numerous farms of the Buse estate north of West Point.

Albert Grewek, an aged pioneer settler and for some years retired from active life, died at his home at West Point on Friday at the age of 79 years. Mr. Grewek was a native of Poland and had resided in Cuming county for forty years. Mr. Grewek leaves a widow and four children.

## BODY OF WOMAN KILLED BY STORM FOUND IN TANK

BEATRICE, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Ideus, who was killed in the tornado which swept through this county last evening, was 30 years of age. The body was found in a water tank after the storm. Three of her children were injured, but not seriously. Mr. Ideus was missing for some time after the storm had destroyed their home, but he was later found near the barn badly stunned, but not seriously injured. After leaving the tracks south of Cortland, where the Union Pacific passenger train on route to Beatrice stopped and waited until the storm passed ahead of it, the damage seems to have been greater than poor Hallam, where it originated. In Hanover township everything in the shape of farm buildings, windmills, etc., were demolished in the path of the storm when it moved in a southeasterly course into Pawnee county.

## DEFECTION OF DELEGATES

Gossip in Chicago Has to Do with Change of Allegiance.

## TAFT HAS VERY SLIGHT LEAD

President's Strength Greater Than Any Opponent at Present—Banquet to Hammering—W. J. Bryan Interested.

BY VICTOR ROSEWATER, Editor of The Bee and Chairman Republican National Committee. CHICAGO, June 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The conclusion of the committee hearings on the contests has given a new turn to the convention gossip, which is now busy chiefly with reports of delegates transferring allegiance or violating instructions. After the charges and counter-charges of bribery and corruption, the common inference is that where a delegate pledged to one candidate announces himself for another, some kind of a consideration or deal is at the bottom of it, although, of course, no actual money payment may be involved.

On the face of the figures, the Taft forces have the convention by a small margin, an dthe question is only whether they can hold their lines. In the meanwhile, as I have said, the committee is coming in for more or less criticism. The twelve-hour session of Saturday, reaching far into the night, was nerve trying, with a tense feeling, and threatened outbreaks of violence at several points. The adjournments, however, found the members in a better mood, and a resolution was duly offered and unanimously adopted, thanking me as chairman for my courtesy and fairness, and Secretary Hayward, Sergeant-at-Arms Stone and other officers, for their faithful and efficient service.

Peace at a Banquet. Despite the lateness of the hour, I dropped in on the banquet at the Blackstone given in honor of my old friend, Louis Hammerling, by the Association of Foreign Language Newspapers, of which he is president. The toastmaster insisted that I respond briefly with a few remarks, which I did by saying that I had come, merely to pay my respects to the guest of honor, and not to make a speech, believing that after the strenuous day I had had I ought to be excused.

"I venture to note, however, that sitting here listening to the addresses has proved very quieting and restful. Since coming into the room I have not heard anyone call anyone else a liar or a thief, nor accuse anybody of stuffing a ballot box or of trying to set up a 'illy white' party. I congratulate you on your good behavior and orderly procedure."

Incidentally, I alluded to the fact that my father had founded the Pokrok Zapadu some forty years ago as a paper printed in the Bohemian language, whose caption stared at me from the menu card and was represented at the banquet table by its present publisher, Vaclav Buresh.

Mr. Bryan on Deck. I had a talk this afternoon with William J. Bryan, who is here, having the time of his life. If there is anything he enjoys more than to be in the democratic ranks, it is to watch as a spectator a real fracas among republicans. Mr. Bryan's daughter and his son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hargraves, are also to be spectators in the convention and Brother "Charley" Bryan may look in on us for a little while. I advert to this simply to show the great interest which our democratic friends are taking in what the republicans are doing, and proof that the action at Baltimore cannot be safely forecasted until the ticket is nominated at Chicago.

Hold Wife's Clothes as Spoils of War. IOWA CITY, Ia., June 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Joseph Goetz of Pleasant Valley, near here, will be compelled to turn over a writ of replevin before she will be able to go abroad, owing to recent domestic troubles which resulted in her husband driving her from the house at night minus wearing apparel of any sort. She succeeded in reaching a neighbor's home before daylight and attempted to arrange a truce in the morning, but Mr. Goetz announced that all clothes would be held as spoils of war. Mrs. Goetz finally appealed to County Attorney Hart, who suggested a writ of replevin. The husband says that the clothes belong to him and will resist the writ.

## Platform Discussed By President Taft

WASHINGTON, June 16.—President Taft discussed today the platform which the republican national convention may adopt if his friends are in control. Senator Burton of Ohio and Representative Weeks of Massachusetts talked with the president about a monetary plank.

Senator Burton believes the convention should endorse the plan of the national monetary commission. The president has approved the general plan in many speeches, but his attitude as to endorsing the plank in the platform was not indicated today.

## BOONE COUNTY PIONEER DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

ALBION, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—John Peters, vice president of the First National bank of this city, died today after a long period of poor health. He was born at Alton, Ill., June 16, 1844, at which place he learned and worked at the painter's trade. In 1872 he came to Boone county, Nebraska, and homesteaded near the present village of Petersburg, which place was named after him. He served twelve years as county clerk, a part of the time serving the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad company, as land agent for this section.

Deceased was active in politics, the republican party honoring him on many occasions, he having served in the Nebraska legislature, and as collector of internal revenue during the administration of President Harrison. He also served as postmaster of Albion for eight years.

Mr. Peters was a civil war veteran. He is survived by his wife, whom he married at Brighton, Ill., and three daughters and two sons. Public services will be held Tuesday, June 18, at 10 o'clock, at the Congregational church at Albion, of which organization Mr. Peters was a member.

## TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FREMONT ORPHANAGE

FREMONT, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Next Sunday the Lutheran Orphanage and Children's Home Finding Society of Nebraska will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its home here. The celebration will take place in the grove of the home at 1544 Military avenue. Rev. C. H. Becker of Seward will preach in German at 10:45 a. m. and Rev. L. A. Mueller and Rev. C. H. Seltz, former superintendents of child saving work, will speak at 1:30 p. m., the former in German, the latter in English.

In the last five years the society has placed over 200 homeless children in Christian families, mostly in the rural districts. Rev. M. Adam of South Omaha is president of the society and Rev. G. W. Walter is superintendent of the home at Fremont.

## Some of the Actors in the Great National Drama



## DEMOS HAVE BIG LOVE FEAST

All Democratic Local Officials Are Commended by Resolution.

## ALBERT LAW IS ATTACKED

Stand is Also Taken Against the 8 O'clock Closing Law for Metropolitan Cities—Delegates to Convention.

Resolutions were adopted at the delegate convention of the democrats of Douglas county Saturday night at the Dahlman Democracy club rooms commencing Senator Hitchcock, Congressman Loback, County Attorney English, Sheriff McShane and Mayor Dahlman for calling on the district delegates to the democratic national convention and urging them to abide by the preferential votes of their district. Delegates to the state convention at Grand Island July 30 were elected at the meeting.

Several resolutions were adopted in which every democratic office holder in both the county and city administration was commended. The Albert law was attacked as an "ill-advised and unintelligent attempt to banish social evil which has aggravated rather than improved conditions incident to that problem."

The 8 o'clock closing law was branded as being detrimental to the growth of a great metropolis and the democrats declare themselves in favor of modifying the law so far as metropolitan cities are concerned. The non-partisan commission form of government was highly commended for the efficient and able manner in which it has started to enforce the laws of Omaha and Nebraska generally.

Louis J. Piatti, former chairman of the county central committee called the meeting to order and J. F. Moriarty was elected chairman and D. H. Doty secretary. The following committees were appointed: To select a new county central committee: Joseph P. Butler, E. A. Worm, T. J. Flynn, E. J. McArdie and John Badura.

On resolutions: James C. Dahlman, Harry B. Fleharty, Dan Horrigan, J. M. Tanner and John H. Bennett. To select delegates to the Grand Island convention: Oscar Tolcott, T. J. O'Connor, B. J. McArdie, Claude F. Bossie and Joseph Pivonka.

## HOT SPRINGS PLANNING TO WELCOME EDITORS

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., June 16.—Hot Springs is planning on giving the National Editorial association a royal welcome and good time when they visit here July 1. They will be guests of the city for breakfast and will be shown the various points of interest about the city, including baths at the great plunges, the National Sanitarium, Soldiers' Home, and no doubt many will take time to visit the world's famous cavern at Wind Cave National park, ten miles out of the city in a most romantic and beautiful portion of the Black Hills. There will be band concerts by the National Sanitarium band. It is expected that the special train bearing the association will bring about 300 visitors.

The party will go from here through the heart of the hills to Deadwood, Lead and Spearfish where the mines will be inspected and some of the grandest and most picturesque scenery in the United States will be viewed.

## THE OMAHA BEE and the Convention

The most important convention in the history of the republican party will convene in Chicago on Tuesday morning. Its proceedings will be reported daily for The Bee by

## VICTOR ROSEWATER, Editor of The Bee.

## EDGAR C. SNYDER, Washington Correspondent, for The Bee.

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## ESPERANTO TO AID RELIGION

New Language Will Help Spread of the Gospel.

## WORK FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY

Miss Grace Hooper Speaks of Junior Hour Work—Guy Thompson Discusses Activity of Tenth Legion.

"Esperanto language is the miracle of the day—it is the second Pentecost," said Rev. Charles S. Lang of Blair in his talk before the second annual convention of District No. 2 of the Nebraska Christian Endeavor union at the North Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon.

"It is safe to say that the spirit of the Esperanto tongue is one of world-wide movement in religious life," said Rev. Mr. Lang. "It has been brought about by the need of a universal language and it is awakening hearts and souls in all corners of the earth. At present the world is divided by walls of language which are obstacles in spreading the doctrines of Christianity; but these walls are fast crumbling and the time soon will be here when we can mingle thoughts and use terms international in their scope."

Following his talk Rev. Mr. Lang sang a hymn in the Esperanto tongue. "Efficiency" was the topic of Ray G. Fletcher of Lincoln. He said, "It makes our religion of common interest to all when we express it in plain, everyday terms. Christian Endeavor unions are generally making a hit before they have had their three strikes."

## THREATENED BY LETTER

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Two preachers at Table Rock, Revs. Wimberly and Young, have been notified by an anonymous letter that unless they discontinue their fight on the saloon they will be shot. The letter, exactly as written, follows:

Table Rock, Neb., June 9, '12. Mr. Wimberly and Mr. Young—Reg to say a word to you. We are citizens, not interested in the saloon matter, but interested in this unfair fight you are putting up against the saloon. You should take into consideration that the majority of Table Rock has voted for saloon and you and a handful of Carnations get up and say we are the law we are going to run the town, you are putting up a more unjust fight than a bank robber would and then claim to be religious. You have no more religion than a heathen. We wish to notify you that you have made enemies of lots of Table Rock citizens as well as a lot of country people, and if this thing is carried through unfair as you do it, you and Mr. Young is not out of town within ten days after this notice you will probably get a bullet hole in you. So don't be out after night by yourself. We are a society of 7, and are parts that are not afraid to do our part and will do our part if it takes six months, so think it over.

## Business Changes at Seward.

SEWARD, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—The Searle and Chapin lumber has been sold to Mr. Neumann of Hallam, Neb. This was one of the oldest business firms here, it having done business here for thirty years. The sale amounted to \$25,000.

Frank Tipton has purchased the 20-acre farm, belonging to the estate of the late J. G. Taylor, pioneer auditor of the Burlington, consideration \$23,000. The foundation for the new Burlington depot has been completed, and the brick work has commenced. A new steel water tower has been erected.

Ray Moler of Geneva has re-opened the Commercial hotel.

## Notes from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Fred Truxes died yesterday in the Menonite hospital after an illness of three days, aged 79 years. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Carrie Truxes.

W. J. Shinn, state agent for the Book-walter lands, returned yesterday from a trip to Pawnee county, where the Book-walters have 5,000 acres of wheat. He says the crop is in fine shape and will average close to twenty bushels to the acre.

C. S. Crumb, a civil war veteran, died at his home at Wymore Thursday, aged 70 years. He is survived by a widow and five children.

The officers of Wymore raided the restaurant of Harvey & Young of that place where they found a big supply of beer and whiskey, which they confiscated. The proprietors were arrested on the charge of bootlegging and were lodged in jail. Yesterday they were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Their cases were set for hearing June 20, and in default of \$300 bond they were remanded to the city jail.

## NEBRASKANS LEAVE FOR THE CONVENTION

LINCOLN, Neb., June 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Two special sleepers loaded with travelers to the national republican convention left here this evening for Chicago. Among the number were Governor Aldrich and wife, Senator E. J. Burkett, Paul Clark, republican candidate for congress; John Dorgan and wife, Secretary of State Waite, Delegates Don Love and J. C. Harpham, L. L. Lindsay, Tom Benton and about thirty others from Lincoln.

Dan Garber of Rod Cloud and George W. Nail of York, delegates, were among the number who came here to take the train. I. A. Renuau of Broken Bow was the center of interest from his very close resemblance to Roosevelt. Mr. Renuau has always been an admirer of the colonel and hopes to see him nominated.

Mr. Renuau is one of the republican delegates-at-large. When asked if he intended to join the bolt if the Roosevelt faction moved out, he said with a smile, "We will wait till that time comes before talking about it." This sentiment was approved by Mr. Neill, the delegate from Torrey.

## BRYAN APPEARS ON SCENE

Talks with Roosevelt and Two Campaign Managers.

## RECEIVES BIG DEMONSTRATION

Refuses to Speak on Ground that He is Only Newspaper Reporter—Comes to See Steam-roller.

CHICAGO, June 16.—William Jennings Bryan was a center of attraction in the pre-convention scene today, and though appearing at the headquarters of leaders of another party as a newspaper reporter, was given a demonstration by the throng of visitors and delegates.

Mr. Bryan had a personal chat with Theodore Roosevelt late in the day, after he had interviewed Senator Dixon, the Roosevelt campaign director, and Director McKinley of the Taft bureau.

As he entered the hotel lobby, elbowing his way through the crowd, somebody shouted, "Hurrah for Bryan," and the Nebraskan was given a demonstrative welcome. He was cheered for several minutes, and continuous cries of "speech, speech" came from all parts of the lobby.

Mr. Bryan waved those near him that he had come "merely as a newspaper reporter" and not seeking the presidential nomination from a republican convention.

"I came to see your steam roller," said Mr. Bryan as he shook hands with Congressman McKinley. "Is it anywhere in sight?"

"No, we have laid it aside," said Mr. McKinley, "but would be glad to lend it to you if you would like to have it at Baltimore."

"Oh, no; we democrats do not need it," Mr. Bryan laughingly responded. "We are going to hold a model convention."

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## ARMIES GRAPPLE, WITH AIDS ALL IN

Quiet Counting of Delegates Follows Excitement of Strugglers in Chicago.

## NEW YORKERS HOLD A CAUCUS

Sixty-Nine Delegates Vote for Barnes in Lineup.

## ROOSEVELT PLANS MAPPED OUT

Council with Leaders Marks Colonel's Taking Command.

## STRONG CLAIMS BY M'KINLEY

Asserts the President Will Have Fifty More Than Needed, but Includes Too Many from New York.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The "high spot" in the ante-convention situation came yesterday when Colonel Roosevelt arrived from New York, received a welcome almost hysterical from crowds of delegates and admirers, who cheered him all along the way from the Lake Shore railroad station to the Congress hotel, and then went into conference with his "general staff."

Mr. Roosevelt's advent upon the scene of factional conflict had been so widely advertised, and the subject of so much advance comment both friendly and hostile, that its sensational aspects were, if possible, exaggerated in the minds of all elements. The result was that when the first excitement had subsided and he had made his brief speech from the hotel balcony, the crowd came to realize that after all the world was still revolving with its wonted smoothness; the convention was still more than two days distant, and the question was still one of who would have the 500 delegates necessary for a majority and for a nomination.

So matters quieted down to a degree which in the hour between 4 and 5 o'clock seemed hardly possible.

Not Candidate for Chair. Mr. Roosevelt last night definitely declined the suggestion that he stand as a candidate for the position of temporary chairman of the convention. This proposal has been discussed more or less during the last few days. It was made to him by Alexander Moore of Pittsburgh.

The colonel dined in an entirely commonplace manner with Mrs. Roosevelt, and the leaders of the faction returned to their more or less interrupted task of corralling delegates.

After the national committee had finished its work, Director McKinley gave out a table claiming a total of 300 delegates for Taft—fifty more than necessary for his nomination—and conceding only 43 to Roosevelt. The Roosevelt people declined to give up any figures at all.

The McKinley table gave Taft eighty-three of New York's ninety delegates, but at the very moment when he was giving it out, the New York delegation was in caucus—the New Yorkers called it a "conference"—and ex-Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff was declaring that eighteen delegates from Roosevelt would follow him into the Roosevelt camp. Later it was reported that the Brooklyn delegates were anything but willing to accept Mr. Woodruff as a "bell wether" and more than that nobody knew what they would decide to do. Conservative estimates had allowed Mr. Taft not more than seventy-five votes from New York. Late in the day, after the New York meeting, State Chairman William Barnes, Jr., said:

"The votes of the New York delegation indicate that the vote will stand: Taft, 76; Roosevelt, 9; anti-Roosevelt, 3; doubtful, 2. This is counting the absentees."

## Barnes Wins in Caucus.

After an acrimonious discussion William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the New York state committee, was chosen to represent that state on the committee on resolutions. The opposition was led by Delegate William A. Prendergast of the Fourth district of Brooklyn.

Of the seventy-seven delegates present sixty-nine voted for Mr. Barnes and five against him, while three were excused from voting. The vote was the nearest expression obtained on a presidential preference.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Timothy Woodruff, also of Brooklyn; Francis M. Hugo, Jefferson county, and Frank O. Anderson of Chautauqua were excused from voting. Mr. Woodruff gave no reason for asking to be permitted not to vote, while Messrs. Hugo and Anderson said the sentiment among their constituents was unfavorable to the policies advocated by Mr. Barnes. Mr. Hugo said his people were opposed to both Taft and Roosevelt.

Mr. Prendergast based his opposition on the ground that Mr. Barnes is reactionary and non-progressive and therefore undesirable as representative of so great a state as New York on a committee which would declare the principles on which the republican party must appeal to the country for support in the coming campaign.

Replies were made by Messrs. Parsons, (Continued on Third Page.)

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