LOCUST VIADUCT FIRE LOSS $50,000

New Structure Catches Fire from a Huge Bucket Used for the Heating of Tar.

REBUILDING STARTS AT ONCE

Fire starting from a spark from the huge busket used by the workmen to heat the tar which is used in laying the pavement, destroyed 500 feet of the east end of the Locust street viaduct, causing estimated loss of $50,000 and doing damage that will delay the opening of the structure at least two months.

The flames, which leaped high into the sky, made a specacular blaze, the wooden flooring of the viaduct and the pitch-soaked timbers burning like tinder.

Firemen were handicapped in fighting the flames because of the stiff wind from the northwest, the huge tanks of the Standard Oil company, located at the extreme east of the structure being for a time endangered.

Timbers Burn.

The timbers and false work of the viaduct for nearly 500 feet were totally burned away, and the steel work so badly warped by the intense heat that it will have to be replaced. Telephone cables running parallel to the structure were melted.

The heat of the flames twisted the street car rails into grotesque shapes.

While other property in the neighborhood of the viaduct was in danger for more than an hour, the fire department succeeded in gaining control of the blaze after a stubborn fight.

The viaduct was rapidly nearing completion and street cars were to start running across it Friday.

The work of rebuilding the burned part of the structure will probably start immediately.

Dreamed of Fire.

Leo Anger, a workman employed about the Standard Oil plant, asserts that his wife awakened about 2 o'clock, crying, and told him that she had dreamed that the viaduct was on fire. Mrs. Anger confirmed his statement, but despite the coincidence, maintains there is nothing in dreams. Her husband thinks otherwise.

The city commissioners wrapped themselves up in large overcoats and visited the viaduct after the fire had been extinguished. Commissioner Withnell examined the big structure and stated that the fire had put it out of plumb. He regarded the damage quite serious on the east end.

Orpet Letters Are Given to Defense

Waukegan, Ill., June 8.—Will Orpet, on trial for the alleged murder of Marion Lambert, won a long-contested point today when Judge Donnelly ruled that all letters which the defendant wrote to the girl and which are in the possession of the prosecution be turned over to the defense.

After the ruling of this point, David R. Joselyn began the opening address for the state in a court room crowded to the doors.

WANT NEW SCHOOL TO BE CALLED JOHN DALE MEMORIAL

Residents in the Hanscom park district are circulating petitions, requesting the Board of Education to change the name of the Park school to "John Dale Memorial school." Many signers have been secured.

Plans and specifications are being prepared for a new Park school, which will be started during the summer. It is proposed to adopt the new name at the time of the opening of the new school.

The new school will be on the present site, which is opposite the Hanscom Park Methodist church, founded thirty years ago by the late John Dale.

HOE ESTATE WORTH OVER EIGHT MILLIONS

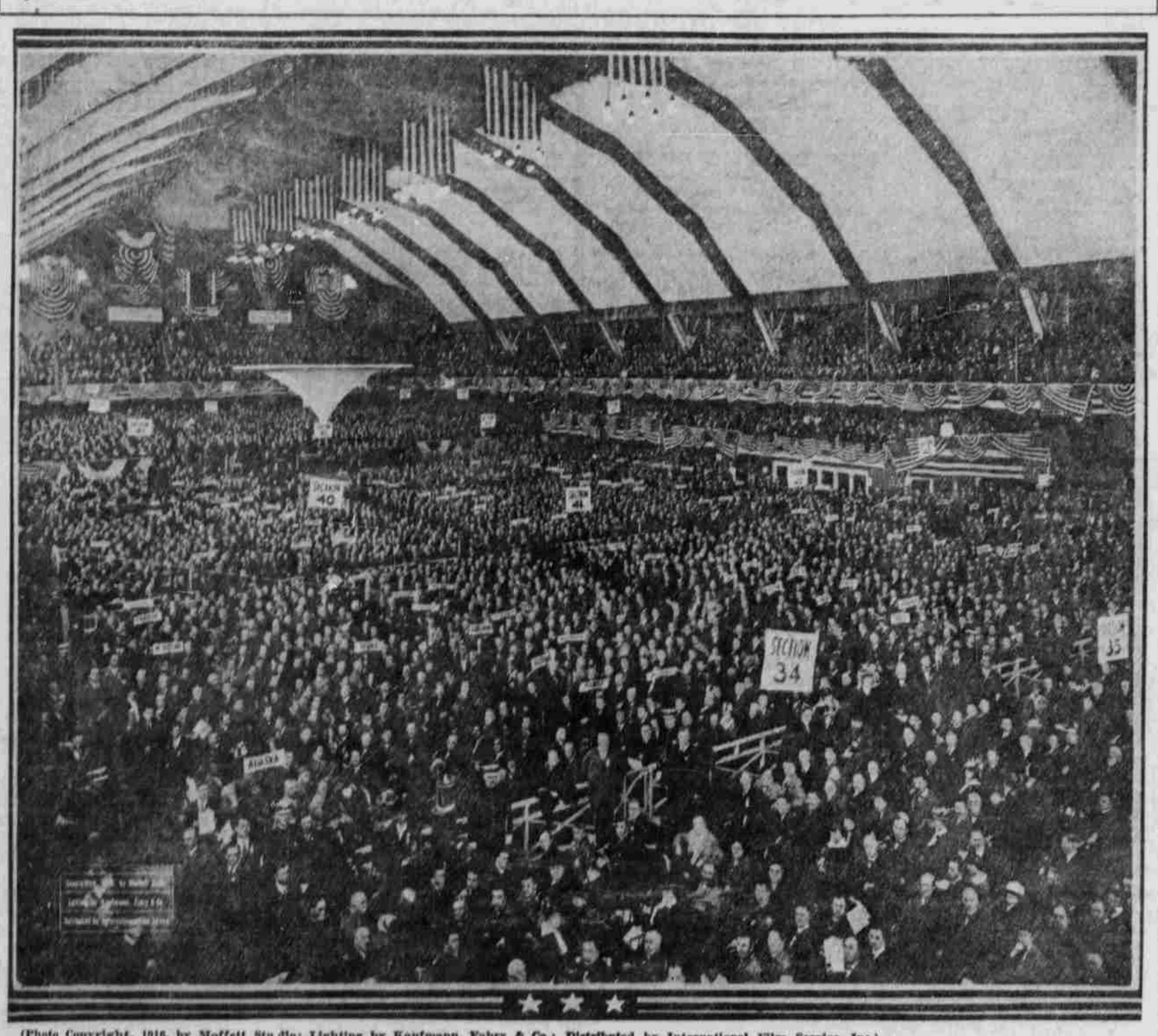
New York, June 8.—Robert Hoe, printing press manufacturer, who died September 22, 1907, left a total estate of $9,832,296, having a net value of $8,374,619, according to a transfer tax report filed here today.

Republican National Committee

Coliseum, Chicago, June 8.—Following is the list of the republican national committeemen so far selected:

Alabama, O. B. Street.
Arizona, postponed.
Arkansas, H. L. Remmel.
California, W. H. Crocker.
Colorado, Hubert Work.
Connecticut, ——
Delaware, ——
Florida, Henry S. Chubb.
Georgia, Henry S. Jackson.
Idaho, John W. Hart.
Illinois, William Hale Thompson.
Indiana, James A. Hemenway.
Iowa, John T. Adams.
Kansas, Fred S. Stanley.
Kentucky, A. T. Hert.
Louisiana, Armand Romain.
Maine, Frederick Hale.
Maryland, William P. Jackson.
Massachusetts, W. Murray Crane.
Michigan, Charles B. Warner.
Minnesota, postponed.
Mississippi, L. E. Mounsley.
Missouri, J. A. Sebree.
Montana, postponed.
Nebraska, E. H. Howell.
Nevada, G. B. Humphrey.
New Hampshire, F. W. Rollins.
New Jersey, Franklin Murphy.
New Mexico, Thomas B. Catron.
New York, postponed.
North Carolina, John E. Moorehead.
North Dakota, Gordon Cleveland.
Ohio, B. B. Hyatt.
Oklahoma, J. J. McCraw.
Oregon, Ralph E. Williams.
Pennsylvania, Boies Penrose.
Rhode Island, William P. Sheffield.
South Carolina, ——
South Dakota, William C. Dale.
Tennessee, Joseph H. Ellington.
Texas, H. P. Stallworth.
Utah, Dave Eccles.
Vermont, Earl Kimball.
Virginia, Alvah H. Martin.
Washington, E. A. Falkner.
West Virginia, ——
Wisconsin, Alfred T. Rogers.
Wyoming, George E. Felton.
Alaska, W. C. Bennett.
District of Columbia, ——
Hawaii, ——
Porto Rico, ——
Philippines, ——

WHEN THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION OPENED—General view of the Coliseum at Chicago upon the convening of the National Republican convention Wednesday noon, showing the delegates and large sections of the spectators.



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Snyder Looks Up the Home Folks Who Are at Chicago Convention

BY EDGAR C. SNYDER.

Chicago, June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—"Straight ahead" was Senator Harding's command to the national republican convention, and "straight ahead," but "watch your step" will probably be the party's slogan in conformity to the keynoter's pronouncement made under exceptional circumstances, to nearly 15,000 people crowded into Chicago's big Coliseum to watch the development of as fine a game of politics as had been played for lo, these many years. Senator Harding was in fine fettle and the keynote address was received with ringing cheers as he epigrammatically told of the mishaps and bad performance of the democrats. While the speech was brilliantly delivered it will read better than it sounded, for it breathes simple honesty and conciliation in every line. It was a "get together" speech, finely phrased and with sufficient punch to tickle the ears and the senses of the most blase "old guardsmen" sitting with the delegates or looking on from the bedecked galleries upon the most inspiring of scenes.

National Committeeman R. B. Howell said of Harding's keynote address: "It was a very able effort and such as to command the earnest attention of the entire country."

Chairman Gurney of the Nebraska delegation said the speech of the temporary chairman for the convention was most admirable. He thought that while it possibly lacked the enthusiasm of other keynote speeches, it would more than make up for this loss in its clearness of definition of what the republican party stands for.

Ex-Congressman Pollard thought that while Senator Harding's effort lacked rhetorical finish, the message embodied in it was most convincing, full of epigrams and alliterations at once startingly striking.

"It was a splendid speech," said Gould Dietz, "full of homely truths, and will afford no end of disputation when the presidential delegation gets under way."

In this connection may I wander away from Mr. Gould Dietz's thoughts on Harding's big effort to say that Mr. Gould Dietz is for Mr. Justice Hughes and not for Teddy, where he has been classed by uninformed friends and neighbors. Mr. Dietz laughingly said during the afternoon of today that many of the people had gotten Dietzs considerable mixed up, that C. N. is an ardent admirer of the colonel, but that he would vote for Hughes after he had complied with his instructions to vote for Henry Ford, conformably to the primary election.

"Harding's speech will do good," said J. M. Kemp of Fullerton, delegate from the Third congressional district. "I believe the speech meets present conditions in an unusual degree. It was clean and conciliatory, and he struck a number of body blows when he pointed out the difference between promise and performance on the part of the common enemy, the democratic party."

The Nebraska delegation arrived at the Coliseum some time before the fireworks were to be touched off, to find that the place designated for the prairie state was decidedly "peek-aboo," in sharp contrast with their location four years ago. Nebraska is flanked by Idaho, while Missouri is in front. Across the way to the left is Vermont, at the head of whose delegation sits a distinguished citizen, Theodore N. Vail, president of the Western Union and the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

As for the Coliseum itself, it is immensely improved since that very memorable convention of four years ago which was called to order by the then chairman of the national republican committee, Victor Rosewater, editor of The Bee. It is a much more sightly interior than formerly, the decorations are more harmonious and less garish, while over the stage, occupied by the national committee and the officers of the convention, hangs a splendid life-sized painting of Abraham Lincoln, framed in electric light.

Now a word about the personnel of the convention. As a matter of fact it is a much more substantial looking body of men than that of four years ago. It is a cleaner looking convention, and better groomed than its predecessor of 1912, and this is said nevertheless and notwithstanding what Nell Brinkley thinks about the "ugly men" who contribute to the assembly. But Nell Brinkley is not the lone newspaper woman in the press gallery, "not by a jug full." Mary Robert Rinehart is doing feature stuff for a syndicate, as is Dorothy Dix and a lot more of lesser known women. There is Irving Cobb and Sam Blythe and Kin Hubbard and William Jennings Bryan and Arthur Brisbane and ever so many more brilliant writers, making altogether the most impressive "Fourth Estate" I have seen in a national convention in twenty years.

One of those wise "ginks" who are always on the lookout for the out-of-the-way stuff, has said there are 400 lawyers in the convention, and a hundred or so bankers and real estaters and stock raisers and other bone and sinew. Be that as it may, it certainly does look like a business convention which will be thoroughly and completely deomnstrated in my humble judgment by the time Saturday morning dawns.

Of the sixteen alternates to the convention from Nebraska are present to take the principal seats should occasion arise: J. F. White, Blair; John W. Towle, Omaha; Frank A. Dean, Holdrege; C. N. McElfresh, Columbus; Daniel Garber, Red Cloud; A. B. Wood, Gering; Frank H. Woodland, Omaha; T. R. Evans, David City; S. J. Weeks, O'Neill, representing O. O. Snyder, alternate; John O'Neill, John F. Boyd, Neligh, representing Alternate Thomas C. Kirk. Judge Boyd of Neligh represented the Third district in congress for one term.

Among the late registrations at Nebraska headquarters at the Congress hotel are: Clinton N. Brome, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Scott, Mrs. R. B. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilheim and their daughter, Esther; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Towle and Miss Marian Towle, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Syfert, and Miss Dorothy Manlick, all of Omaha.

A national republican convention would not be complete nor anywhere as interesting if Luther Drake of Omaha failed to show up at the proper moment. Mr. Drake arrived yesterday and is keenly enjoying the matching of political minds in their efforts to nominate a presidential candidate who will be acceptable to all factions.

Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific, now a resident of Chicago, but who still has a very warm spot in his heart for Omaha, looked in on the Nebraska headquarters today, meeting many old friends. Mr. Fort thinks the selection of Mr. Calvin to be president of the Union Pacific, vice Mr. Mohler, resigned, was wholly logical and that Mr. Calvin will prove to be the right man for the place.

John T. Bressler of Wayne, one of the old wheel horses of the G. O. P., is convinced that Nebraska is going republican this year. "We have a splendid ticket, with Kennedy and Sutton at its head, and with the democrats divided I cannot for the life of me see how we can lose," he said.

Committeeman Howell got hold of a bunch of tickets yesterday by some hook or crook and as a result was able to make a number of Nebraskans happy by giving them tickets to the opening session of the convention.

W. F. Gurley of Omaha is here shouting loudly for Hughes. While a bit disappointed that he could not come to Chicago as a delegate, he is happy in being able to send up his voice for the justice.

Among the new registrations at Nebraska headquarters are: Frank H. Woodland, Omaha; J. F. McConaughy, York; O. E. Bishop, Blue Springs; William P. Mohr, Spencer; John F. Nesbit, Tekamah; A. B Wood, Gering; W. E. Bock, Omaha; A. Barnett, McCook; W. H. Ferguson, Lincoln; Robert Simmons, Gering; M. W. Folsom, Lincoln; Ed G. Bohannon, Lincoln; Harry E. Sidlot, F. M. Hall, R. E. Moore, Lincoln.

SOUTH'S STRENGTH IN CONVENTION CUT

Republican Committee on Rules and Order of Business Reduces It to 89 Delegates.

HOWELL SUGGESTS A CHANGE

Chicago, June 8.—By a vote of 28 to 6 the republican convention's committee on rules and order of business today approved the present basis of apportionment of delegates to the national convention, made by the national committee in December, 1913, and later endorsed by every state convention, which reduced the representation of southern states to eighty-nine delegates. Under this rule each state is given four delegates-at-large and one delegate for each congressional district; with an additional delegate in each district casting 7,500 or more republican votes.

National Committeeman R. B. Howell of Nebraska attempted to have the rule on representation in the national convention reduced by fixing the number of delegates to four at large for each state and one for every 10,000 republican votes cast at the previous presidential or congressional election. The change suggested in a modification of the Burke plan, defeated in the party's convention of 1908.

Irvin B. Tucker of North Carolina was the only representative of a southern state to support the suggestion that the south's representation be cut down. He wanted congressional districts which cast less than 2,000 republican votes deprived of delegate representation.

ASSISTANT TICKET AGENT OF WABASH IS PROMOTED

S. C. Baird, assistant ticket agent at the local offices of the Wabash, has been notified of his appointment as city passenger agent of the same road at Kansas City. He is notified to report for duty next Monday morning. The appointment is a promotion.

MAY CHOOSE SCHRECKENGAST WESLEYAN CHANCELLOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, June 8.—(Special.)—Rev. I. B. Schreckengast, who has been acting as treasurer of the Nebraska Wesleyan university for the last year and has shown his ability as a fund raiser, may be selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chancellor C. A. Fulmer.