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REPUBLICANS AS ONE BEHIND THE OLD PARTY FLAG

Reunion in Nebraska Made Complete by Gathering of Leaders at Convention at Lincoln.

FOR HARMONY AND VICTORY Dissension Dropped by All and United Party Will Face the Opposition.

WORK OF THE GATHERING

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—If the republican elements that split four years ago were not fully fused, the state convention today, attended by strong delegations from practically every county in the state, riveted the reunion by its enthusiasm and harmony.

While some discordant talk was heard in the street corner confabs on the outside, the convention proceedings ran smooth at every turn. Among the delegates were men who had taken active parts on both sides of the old schism but are now shoulder to shoulder behind the republican banner, and equal attention and applause were accorded the speakers, irrespective of previous factional affiliations.

"Watch Nebraska go back into the republican column, where it by right belongs!" exclaimed a seasoned republican war horse. "The spirit of reunion is in the air and along with it confidence that success is certain."

If there are any dissenters except the democrats and the democratic sympathizers they are not in evidence here tonight.

Dr. Henry Leads Douglas.

Douglas county's selection for its delegation chairman of Dr. W. O. Henry, who had "come back" after being nominated for United States senator, was hailed generally as the most tangible evidence of all the get-together movements.

In introducing E. R. Gurney of Fremont as temporary chairman of the convention, Chairman McNish said it was a pleasure to introduce a man who had done so much for a united party.

In his introductory remarks, Mr. Gurney spoke enthusiastically of the time when the great men of the party gathered with us in state convention and assisted in placing good men in nomination. Tributes were paid to John M. Thurston, Edward Rosewater, Church Howe, George L. Sheldon, C. H. Aldrich, and several others.

Applaud Honored Name.

In mentioning national characters, the names of Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, each was given a round of applause—that given the name of Roosevelt being loud and vociferous.

Later in his address, Mr. Gurney mentioned the name of William Howard Taft, who, like Lincoln, Grant, McKinley and Roosevelt, would have been elected the second time but for our own internal strife and lies of the opposition about the high cost of living, and the convention applauded loudly mention of his name.

Mention of the name of Charles E. Hughes brought out round after round of applause, lasting several minutes.

Mr. Gurney declared himself in favor of prohibition and for a reform of the primary laws.

At the close of the address, on motion of George Williams of Albin, Clyde Barnard and Max Egge of Grand Island were elected secretaries and the temporary organization was then made permanent on motion of T. L. Mathews of Fremont.

Predicts Victory.

Judge Sutton of Omaha, republican candidate for governor, spoke a short time, predicting a republican victory.

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DAHLMAN CROWD WINS AT HASTINGS

Douglas County Contest Unanimously Decided in Favor of the "Jims."

FLEHARTY HEADS BODY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Hastings, Neb., July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Delegates to the democratic state convention consumed a great deal of time in caucuses and informal conferences, and it was not until 2:25 p. m. that the convention was called to order by State Chairman Thompson. After the invocation he introduced M. L. Corey of Clay Center as temporary chairman.

H. B. Fleharty of Omaha was agreed upon for chairman of the committee on resolutions at a conference of the leaders, instead of John Cutright of Lincoln, who had tentatively been split for the place.

It was announced early in the afternoon. A. L. Sprague of York, had decided not to be a candidate for state chairman.

The Douglas county delegation held a caucus at which L. F. Langhorst was endorsed for chairman of the state central committee, and J. A. Rine was selected as member of the committee on credentials.

F. L. Weaver filed the credentials of the delegates elected by the Jacksonton democrats at the meeting held at their club room Saturday evening. It will be submitted to the committee on credentials.

Dahlman Side Wins

Hastings, Neb., July 25.—Chairman Byrnes of the credentials committee announced the Douglas county caucus was decided unanimously in favor of the delegation headed by Mayor Dahlman. The hearing was held beneath the shade of trees and offered a dramatic side show. The crowd stood around while Jacks and Jills wrangled. Senator Hitchcock and Governor Morehead kept the main show moving inside.

F. S. Weaver, T. B. Murray and H. L. Mossman pleaded the cause of the Jacks, Dahlman, J. A. Rine and L. J. Tepoll appeared for the Jills.

We requested chairman Bennett to call the county convention in the regular way, he told us his hands were tied. We are opening a self-perpetuating machine. We have many big men in our club," said Murray.

Dahlman said, "We get the water. We do things. Only one of the Jacks ever contributed to the campaign. Murray gave \$1. We have the organization."

"We have Senator Hitchcock in our club," said Mossman.

Credentials committee consists of C. Byrnes, W. B. Banning, J. C. Egan, L. Schell, E. O. Weber, Bernard McNeely, William Mitchell.

Nearly Gets Away

The convention nearly got away from Chairman Corey when Fleharty of Douglas moved to allow the chair to name a resolution committee of seven. W. I. Allen of Schuyler insisted that the real democratic way would be to permit delegates to name the committee. Phipps of Colfax advised giving the chair authority. Otto Meier of Lincoln called for division and said democrats should be wary of hand-picked committees. On roll call of committees, the chairman was allowed to appoint. He named H. B. Fleharty chairman, J. W. Cutwright, Lincoln; Arthur Hulien, Omaha; Julius Maas, Norfolk; Earl Marvin, Beatrice; Ward K. Newcomb, Clay Center; J. G. Beeler, North Platte. The convention adjourned at 6 for a recess. Many delegates are returning on evening trains on account of heat and general lack of interest in the proceedings.

Thompson Mounts Platform.

The afternoon session of the convention will not endure in the annals of political history. The band played "Edward Christian Soldiers," and W. H. Thompson mounted the platform, accompanied by a solemn faced engineer. At 2:30 the Grand Island "Little Giant" pounded his gavel and the drama began. Governor Morehead was escorted to the stage and a call was heard for Edgar Howard, who hid from publicity behind a post. He was dragged to the platform. When the stage was properly set Thompson told in mournful measure of his forthcoming retirement from the political spotlight after carrying water for the party thirty years.

"Too bad, Bill," yelled a sympathetic delegate. Thompson evoked applause by mentioning Bryan and Wilson, Charley Poole, Willis Reed and others.

In his valedictory he advised the boys to keep the party pure and clean. Merton L. Corey of Clay Center was elected permanent chairman. He spoke an hour and ten minutes in the keynote address. He is a promising young lawyer who won several deplorable medals at Clay Center.

BLACKLIST NOT INTENDED TO HIT AT NEUTRAL TRADE

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, Gives Information to Acting Secretary Polk.

CONTRACTS ARE IMMEDIATELY Glad to Consider Cases Where Firms Desire to be Proof of Any Unfair Dealings.

ANSWER ONLY PARTIAL ONE

Washington, July 25.—Part answer to the state department's request for information concerning the blacklisting of American firms by Great Britain, was given informally to Acting Secretary Polk late today by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador. Sir Cecil said the blacklist was not directed against neutral trade, it was not intended to effect existing contracts and the British government would be glad to consider the cases of the firms desiring to offer proof that they have been put on the list unjustifiably.

In telling of the ambassador's visit, later, Mr. Polk said the information had been accepted without prejudice to any action which the United States might determine to take in the matter. It was said the president and his advisers were studying treaties with Great Britain involved in the question and were waiting for replies to informal inquiries on the subject sent to London through Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador here, and Ambassador Page.

While it is understood that it has been determined to take vigorous action, members of the cabinet said after today's meeting that no definite course of procedure had been decided upon.

Lord Cecil Defends Blacklist.

London, July 25.—Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, said today that the American press criticism of the British blacklist was based largely on misapprehension. The act under which the statutory list of American firms was issued, he said, was passed last December and lists referring to most of the neutral countries already had been published. Nor were the provisions of the act, he added, unduly stringent.

The French law, the minister said, provided that all persons of "enemy nationality, wherever living, were enemies of France, and that it was illegal to trade with them."

In the British case, only persons who had shown themselves hostile to Great Britain were put on the list. Neither did Great Britain seek by these lists to interfere with the freedom of action of neutral citizens, Lord Robert said. It sought only to secure that British goods and credit be not used for the support and enrichment of those actively assisting England's enemies.

If any persons were unjustly included in the lists, the minister said, their names would be removed and great care would be taken in applying the law to existing contracts. He was informed that Germany had taken similar action.

Many Canadian Babies Die of Heat

Montreal, July 25.—The extreme heat of the last week has been responsible for the death in Montreal of more than twenty-five children. At 3 o'clock today the temperature registered 93, the hottest in five years.

In the city of Quebec twenty-eight children have died since Sunday, owing to the heat.

Kansas City, Mo., July 25.—The official temperature reported 97 degrees here today.

Des Moines Ia., July 25.—Temperature of 98 degrees was recorded here this afternoon.

San Francisco, Cal., July 25.—The death list in the preparedness parade bomb explosion of Saturday grew to seven today with the death of Captain Reuben J. Vaughn of Berkeley, Cal., whose leg was mangled by scraps of steel and bullets sprayed by the bomb among the spectators and participants in the parade. Vaughn was captain of a river steamship. Of the forty or more persons injured, two women are said by physicians to have about an even chance between life and death.

War Summary

THE BRITISH ARE holding all the ground gained along the Somme front in northern France against desperate counter attacks by the Germans, according to today's official statement from London. The greater part of the important fortified town of Pozières, which stands on high ground, vital to a further advance toward Bapaume, is in British possession. North of the town, despite the strong opposition by the Germans, additional ground has been gained.

SOUTH OF THE SOMME the French have made progress both to the north and south of Soyeuxart.

AT VERDUN there are indications of an operation of importance northeast of the citadel, a violent bombardment being reported.

ON THE AUSTRO-ITALIAN FRONT, Rome announces the capture of the Americans of Monte Cimone.

BIG BRITISH GUNS ON SOMME LINE—Here is a picture of "Big Jim," one of the guns which is creating havoc along the Somme battle line.



BIG BRITISH GUN IN THE GREAT ADVANCE

STATE SOCIALISTS ADOPT A PLATFORM

Denounce Demos and Republicans Alike and State What They Want.

DESIRE NEW TAX SYSTEM

The democrats and the republicans were alike denounced in the socialist state platform adopted yesterday afternoon in that party's state convention of some forty delegates held at the old Lyric hall in Omaha.

It was agreed to let the democrats and republicans scrap over the prohibition question and the socialists decided that temperance will naturally come with better conditions of the working man, and also that any attempt to regulate the temperance question by legislation is a failure.

What They Want.

The party reaffirmed its allegiance to the national socialist platform; demanded the initiative, referendum and recall be placed upon a working basis; demanded a new system of taxation whereby land should be taxed at its full valuation, exclusive of improvements thereon; demanded a revision of the income tax to bring more revenue to the state and make a \$2,000 income exempt; demanded that no more franchises for water rights be issued to private concerns, and that the state develop water rights in the future; that the state sell no more of its land; demanded for the working man the right to strike, and insisted that the militia should not be used in strike troubles; demanded an eight-hour working day and equal suffrage for women.

The seating the "South Omaha" delegation caused a skirmish also. Jesse Brillhart insisted that South Omaha no longer exists, and, therefore, there could be no delegation from there. He insisted that the Omaha local alone should have representation. He was voted down, however, and the delegates of the old South Omaha local were seated.

The socialists passed a special resolution prohibiting smoking in the convention hall. Several perfectly good 5-centers, only half consumed, had to be consigned to the cuspidors upon the reading of this resolution.

O. R. Lake of Lincoln was temporary chairman. No chairman is going to gain control of this convention. The socialists elect a new one for every session. This morning they expect to choose a new chairman for today's session.

Denver Traction Car Hits An Automobile; Two Persons Dead

Denver, Colo., July 25.—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Waugh of Coldwater, Kan., were killed today when their automobile was struck by a Denver and Interurban railroad electric car at Barzoi crossing, nine miles north of Denver.

First Iowa Entrains For Brownsville

Des Moines, Ia., July 25.—The final movement of troops of the Iowa National Guard began today when the First battalion of the First Iowa infantry entrained at 12:50 p. m. for Brownsville. The First battalion will be followed by the Second and Third. With the Third will go Brigadier General Hubert A. Allen, commander-in-chief of the Guard, and his staff. It was expected the entire regiment will be enroute by 4 this afternoon.

General Rain Needed to Save Iowa's Corn

Des Moines, Ia., July 25.—Unless heavy general rain visit Iowa within the next few days the Iowa corn crop will be in jeopardy, according to a statement issued today by the state weather and crop service.

Want Rates on Packages Forwarded to Soldiers

The Commercial club is endeavoring to secure action by the Wells-Fargo Express company granting a two-third rate on packages sent American soldiers now stationed on the Mexican border.

POOR SICK MAY GET FREE AID IN OMAHA

Many Institutions in Various Sections Will Care for the Needy.

NEED PROMPT ATTENTION

Much of the sickness among the poor oftentimes can be checked before it becomes serious by prompt medical attention; likewise, it is often the case that the members of the family or friends of the stricken person do not know where to go or who to call to get free medical attention immediately.

The majority of appeals for free medical attention are made through the Associated Charities or the Visiting Nurse association.

Persons in destitute circumstances requiring medical attention, who call at the headquarters of the Associated Charities, 1716 Dodge street, are sent to the free dispensary of the University of Nebraska, which is located in the same building.

Persons calling by telephone are referred to Dr. Van Camp, county physician; if he is not in at the time, and the case is an urgent one, it is handled by the University of Nebraska free dispensary.

Will Send a Nurse.

If the case requires the services of a nurse, the Visiting Nurse association, with headquarters on the fourth floor of the city hall, sends one immediately.

Calls for free medical attention received by the Visiting Nurse association are referred to the Associated Charities.

The Associated Charities care for the poor sick, after medical attention has been provided for, in the way of food, ice and milk.

According to Dr. Connell, city health commissioner, the following institutions are available to the poor for free medical attention:

City Emergency hospital (contagious diseases).
County hospital.
Free dispensary of the Creighton Medical college, Fourteenth and Davenport streets.
Free dispensary of the University of Omaha, 3612 North Twenty-fourth street.

Free dispensary of the University of Nebraska, 1716 Dodge street.
Salvation Army Rescue Home, Twenty-fourth and Spaulding streets, (maternity cases).

Any hospital in Omaha is supposed to take in cases of destitute persons, upon recommendation of a member of the staff of the hospital.

St. Joseph's hospital takes in cases of destitute persons, regardless of the recommendation clause.

Young Man Held For Death of Girl

Olney, Ill., July 25.—Roy Hinterliter, son of a well to do farmer, was held by the coroner's jury today to the grand jury in connection with the death of Miss Elizabeth Ratcliffe, a 17-year-old girl, who died last Friday night while buggy riding with Hinterliter.

A medical commission reported death due to embolism. Hinterliter was held without bail.

City of Brussels Is Fined For Celebrating Holiday

Amsterdam, Holland, July 25.—A fine of 5,000,000 marks has been imposed upon the city of Brussels for celebrating the Belgian national festival last Friday, according to the Echo Belge.

TWENTY-TWO MEN ARE ASPHYXIATED

Explosion in Water Works Tunnel at Cleveland Causes Death of Men at Work.

ELEVEN RESCUERS DIE

Cleveland, O., July 25.—Twenty-two men are dead and half a dozen others dying as the result of an explosion of gas in a waterworks tunnel five miles from shore underneath Lake Erie last night.

The dead include workmen who were trapped in the tunnel when gas exploded and members of two rescue parties who attempted to save the men first trapped.

Of the dead eleven were in the force trapped by the explosion. None of these escaped. The first rescue party consisted of seven men. Four of them perished and three were saved. The second rescue party comprised eleven men. Six of these lost their lives and five escaped. The first rescue party accomplished nothing. The second saved one of the first relief expedition. No one has reached any of the original eleven caught in the workings. Of the eight rescuers who got out alive two died later. The others may die. Two men were also overcome by fumes who did not go into the tunnel.

A third rescue party entered the tunnel at 8:30 and brought out alive Gustav C. Van Duzen, superintendent of waterworks construction, who had headed the second relief force.

Van Duzen may die from his experiences. One body was also brought out by the third rescue party. This was a member of the second rescue crew. It had been supposed that Van Duzen had perished.

The tragic fate of the rescuers in the first and second instances was due to the fact that they worked without oxygen helmets, which were unavailable. Of those rescued two afterwards died because no pulmonary apparatus was condemned by the rescuers and Mayor Davis today promised to conduct a rigid investigation into this shortcoming as well as into the catastrophe itself.

Bishop Eveland's Fishing Rod Hits High Tension Wire

Carlisle, Pa., July 25.—Rev. William Perry Eveland, missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church for the Philippine Islands, was found dead today near Mount Holly Springs, having been electrocuted when his steel fishing rod came in contact with a high tension electric wire. He was passing under a railroad bridge when the accident occurred.

Bishop Eveland had been spending his vacation at Mount Holly Springs with relatives. When he did not return from a fishing trip yesterday a searching party set out to find him. The body was found near a swollen stream. Bishop Eveland was 52 years old.

The National Capital.

Tuesday, July 25, 1916.
The Senate.
Senator Meritt's resolution urging clemency for Roger Casement, referred to foreign relations committee.

House.
Representative Gaudier, Massachusetts, introduced resolution making facts as to National Guard organizations short of military peace strength sent to border.

ITALIANS TAKE MONTE CIMONE WITH BAYONETS

Rome Reports Capture of Important Point and Long Line of Trenches by Storm.

CAPTURE BLOCK HOUSE

British Official Report Tells of Capture of More of Village of Pozières.

BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT

Rome, (Via London), July 25.—Italian troops have captured Monte Cimone from the Austrians, says the official Italian statement issued today. The text of the statement says: "On the Posina-Astice line at daybreak of the 24th, after a fierce attack by night, we captured Monte Cimone."

"In the Asiago plateau, during the night of July 23, the enemy made violent attacks on the trenches, which we had gained near Sasera and Zebio. The Fortieth battalion of the Fourteenth Bersaglierie regiment not only drove them out each time with heavy losses, but as the result of a brilliant bayonet attack, gained possession of another long entrenchment.

"Further north our Alpine troops renewed their efforts against the steep rock barrier rising to more than 2,000 yards between the peaks of Monte Chiesa and Monte Campiolotto. Under heavy fire from the enemy's machine guns, they crossed three lines of wire and succeeded in establishing themselves just below the crest.

"In the Fassa region, notwithstanding bad weather, we extended our occupation to the Ceremana valley.

French Take Block House.

Paris, July 25.—On the south bank of the River Somme yesterday evening French troops captured a block of houses south of Estress and drove the Germans out of trenches north of Verdmandovillers, says the French official statement, issued this afternoon.

Between the Oise and the Aiane several German patrols dispersed near Tracy-Le-Val.

On the left bank of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, there was a general fighting at Hill 304.

On the right bank of the Meuse a violent cannonading was in progress at Fleury and La Laufée.

A German attack on the French positions at Baschwiller in Alsace is claimed to have failed.

Sub-Lieutenant Nungesser of the French aviation corps brought down his tenth airplane.

Britons Take More of Pozières.

British troops have captured the greater part of the village of Pozières, says the British official statement issued this afternoon. The Germans brought up reinforcements of infantry and guns, but the counter attacks everywhere, the statement adds, were repulsed by the British.

Germans Admit Losses in East.

Berlin, July 25.—(Via London.)—Russian troops succeeded in penetrating the German first line on a small part of the front defended by the troops under command of General von Linsingen, according to the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

An English and French combined attack made yesterday north of the River Somme in France, says the official statement issued today by the German headquarters, broke down.

Russians Gain in Armenia.

Petrograd, July 25.—(Via London.)—Some Russian detachments already have reached positions about ten miles from the Turkish fortified town of Erzingan in Armenia, says the Russian official statement, given out here today.

Drug Store Porter At Seattle Shoots Two Policemen

Seattle, Wash., July 25.—Police Sergeant John Weedin and L. Hiro, a Japanese porter employed in a drug store owned by Logan Billingsley, who has been arrested several times for violating the prohibition law, were killed, and Robert Wiley, police chauffeur, was dangerously wounded late tonight in a pistol battle between the policemen and Hiro. The shooting occurred in front of Billingsley's warehouse, which had been the scene of a liquor raid late today.

Hiro, shortly before he died, told Chief of Police Beckingham that Billingsley had given him the pistol and told him to keep watch on the warehouse. He said they thought the policemen were robbers.

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The Weather

For Nebraska: Generally fair and continued warm.
For Iowa: Generally fair and continued warm.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	76
6 a. m.	75
7 a. m.	75
8 a. m.	81
9 a. m.	84
10 a. m.	84
11 a. m.	84
12 m.	84
1 p. m.	84
2 p. m.	85
3 p. m.	85
4 p. m.	86
5 p. m.	86
6 p. m.	82
7 p. m.	82
8 p. m.	82
9 p. m.	82

Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years.	1915.	1914.	1913.
Highest yesterday	85	77	84
Lowest yesterday	75	62	74
Mean temperature	85	79	84
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

Normal temperature	Deg.
Express for the day	77
Total excess since March 1	121
Normal precipitation	.14 inch
Deficiency for the day	.14 inch
Total deficiency since March 1	2.82 inches
Deficiency for cor. period of 1915	.67 inch
Deficiency for cor. period in 1914	.71 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m.

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Rain.
Omaha, Neb.	82	86	0.00
Dubuque, Ia.	82	86	0.00
Denver, Colo.	74	86	0.00
Des Moines, Ia.	84	88	0.00
St. Paul, Minn.	84	88	0.00
Lander, cloudy	82	86	0.00
North Platte, cloudy	84	86	0.00
Portia, clear	84	86	0.00
Pueblo, clear	84	86	0.00
Rapid City, clear	78	80	0.01
Sioux Falls, clear	78	82	0.00
Sioux City, clear	80	82	0.00
Valentine, cloudy	74	88	0.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.