

RIVALRY IN RANKS OF G. O. P. FOR SEAT OF CHAIRMAN

REPUBLICANS MAY CLASH AT ST. LOUIS MEETING TUESDAY OVER WILLCOX' SUCCESSOR

SENATORIAL CAMPAIGNS EXPECTED TO AFFECT SESSION OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE AT WHICH NEW LEADER WILL BE ELECTED; HAYS AND ADAMS ARE IN CLOSE RACE.

Unless one side or the other recedes from its present position, the old guard and progressive factions of the republican party will clash at St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday.

The party will meet to elect a successor to William R. Willcox as chairman of the republican national committee and to complete the organization of the republican national convention in 1920.

ADAMS AND HAYS.

On the face of canvasses of the members, made by both factions, John T. Adams of Iowa, the present vice chairman and old guard candidate, seems to have a slight advantage over Will H. Hayes of Indiana, choice of the progressive faction.

The opponents of Mr. Adams are reported to be ready to serve notice that his election will cause another split of the party and destroy any chance of republican success in the congressional elections this fall.

The total membership of the republican national committee is 53, one each from the 48 states and five territories. There are now four vacancies, from Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and Puerto Rico.

These vacancies will be filled at the St. Louis meeting. Whether this is done before or after the election of a new chairman may determine the result.

Based upon the assumption that the vote on a chairman would be by a full membership of the committee, the old guard estimate of the coming lineups said to be about as follows:

For Adams, 30; probably for Adams, but admittedly doubtful, 5; for Hayes, 18.

GIVEN MAJORITY OF THREE.

This estimate, if correct, would give Mr. Adams three more votes than the 27 necessary to elect in a full committee, giving all the members classed by the old guard as doubtful to Mr. Hayes.

According to leaders of the progressive faction, this canvass is not correct as four of the members classed by the old guard as surely for Mr. Adams were said to be really for Mr. Hayes. It also was said that the 30 votes classed as certain for Mr. Adams included those of the states which are now unrepresented and for which members must be elected.

The first fight of the meeting is expected upon whether the vacancies should be filled before the election of a chairman. The usual procedure is for the committee to fill vacancies upon recommendation of the respective state organizations. It was admitted by the supporters of Mr. Hayes that the votes of the four new members, if they should be elected in time to be of use, would probably go to Mr. Adams. Mr. Willcox, the retiring chairman, will still be the presiding officer when this question comes up, and he is said to be inclined toward the progressive element of the committee.

MR. PERKINS TO ASSIST.

George W. Perkins, a member of the 1916 campaign committee, is expected to assist strongly in the fight for Mr. Hayes. With the other six progressive members of the campaign committee, Mr. Perkins has been asked to attend the St. Louis meeting. He will leave New York on Saturday.

The campaign committee has been requested to continue for the rest of this year and to assist in the congressional campaign. It is learned that the election of Mr. Adams as chairman may be followed immediately by the resignations of all the progressive members of this campaign committee, including Mr. Perkins, Everett Colby, Oscar S. Straus, Harold L. Jekes, James R. Garfield and Chester B. Rowell, now republican state chairman of California.

The threat that a break of this kind as the result of Mr. Adams' election at St. Louis would destroy the party's chance to control the United States senate was said to have already been held out to so-called doubtful delegates to get them into line for Mr. Hayes.

Of the 96 members of the United States senate there are 53 democrats, 41 republicans and two vacancies, one in New Jersey and one in Wisconsin. Sixty-one senators will hold over, 32 of whom are democrats and 29 republicans.

TWENTY-FOUR PLACES LEFT.

Thirty-five senators are to be elected this fall. The supporters of Mr. Hayes who are urging his election as a way of preserving party harmony have figured out that 11 of these are from southern states where the republicans have no chance of success, leaving 24 places where the republicans have a chance.

These states, which the progressives declare offer a good chance of republican success with a united party, are Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, in which two senators are to be elected; Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The republicans must elect 20 out of the 24 senators from these states to control the senate. Progressive members of the campaign committee are expected to inform the members of the republican national committee that this will be impossible if there is a break at St. Louis.

PLAY FOR RED CROSS.

Hampton, Neb., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The Hampton Dramatic club presented for the second time their four-act southern comedy drama entitled, "The Blue or the Gray" last Friday evening in the local opera house for the benefit of the Red Cross.

DEMOS WORRIED BY NEVILLE'S SMILE

CANDIDATES AND THEIR FRIENDS SHOW ANXIETY OVER GOVERNOR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD NOMINATION.

(From Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Feb. 10.—(Special)—While Governor Neville sits motionless and only smiles when the question is asked him if he is going to be a candidate for renomination for governor, the old saying that a "man may smile and smile and be a villain still," might apply in his case, for there is much anxious waiting on the part of some others as to what the governor will do.

Charlie Bryan, however, is not worrying.

When the time comes to announce his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor, he will not hesitate nor ask the aid or consent of any other democrat on earth.

It is said that he fears most the activities of Carl Slatt, the farmers' union organizer, who it is believed, feels that he would make the strongest candidate that the democrats could nominate.

SLATT FLIRTS WITH FARMERS.

Slatt, of course, expects to get the support of the farmers' union and looks with longing eyes toward that other farmers' organization, the Nonpartisan league.

Then, too, he remembers that his old friend W. J. Taylor of Custer county aided and assisted by the Honorable Jim Auten of Boone county, is endeavoring to call a convention which if it meets will be a nonpartisan of the nonpartisan kind.

It will be a Mecca for all politicians who having received all the honors that the old parties may have given them in the past, now turn their backs on the old friends and seek more laurels in the new organization.

THREE-CORNERED RACE.

With the farmers' union, the Nonpartisan league and the nonpartisan-nonpartisan league in the scrap for honors, it will take some maneuvering on the part of Slatt, in the opinion of his friends, to keep his political equilibrium and land the support of all three.

Former Mayor Charles Bryan says he is not worrying at all over the outlook.

Some people say that he will receive the endorsement of the Nonpartisan league and the nonpartisan-nonpartisan league without much effort.

Just how the wires are being pulled has not developed, but it is said that the former Lincoln mayor has no cause to worry over the situation.

The Bryan forces say that the anti-Bryan fellows are not going to even get a look-in when it comes to making up the state ticket nominations.

They claim that they have been deprived of their greatest political factor in the loss of the support and prestige of the brewers, distillers and the other fellows of the same character and that when the primary vote is counted the anti-Bryan candidates will

have polled so small a number that they will hardly be worth counting.

DEMOCRATIC IN MIDDLE.

They say that this is evidenced by the efforts of Boss Mullen and his triumvirate to switch the governor to the United States senatorship track.

The situation in the democratic party is admitted by those who are looking for the loaves and fishes to be a serious matter.

It is a common thing to see the fellows at the state house standing around conversing in hushed voices as if they were getting ready to go to a funeral and the corpse was in the next room. Those who are expecting to shove their little tootsies into the shoes of their chiefs who already have had two terms are beginning to wonder if being a democratic subordinate with longings toward promotion is really a game worth the playing, while the chiefs themselves who have visions of even higher honors admit that their vision at times seems to be obscured by political clouds appearing in the offing.

BEATRICE COUPLE CELEBRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Beatrice, Feb. 10.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marlowe, pioneer residents of Beatrice, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home in this city yesterday. They were married at Burlington, Vt., and came to Beatrice 33 years ago, where they have since resided. They have five children living.

A petition liberally signed by residents of Wymore has been filed with the city council there asking that a weighmaster for that place be appointed. The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance providing such an office. It will be read at the next meeting of the council.

The funeral of Vencil Malicky, the Barneston farmer who was killed Wednesday by falling from a load of straw, was held Saturday afternoon from the home, conducted by Rev. Mr. Scofield. Interment was in the Barneston cemetery.

S. F. Nichols, who recently sold his farm southeast of the city for \$20,000, intending to move to town, shipped six carloads of cattle to the market at St. Joe Thursday for which he received \$12,000.

Funeral services for Emil Peterson, the engineer who was scalded to death when his engine blew up near Falls City, were held yesterday afternoon from the Christian church at Virginia, conducted by Rev. C. F. Stevens of this city. Interment was in the Virginia cemetery.

Allen Douglas, formerly a resident of Tecumseh, and a member of Company F of Wymore, died the first of the week at Camp Cody, N. M. He was 23 years old. The body was taken to his home at Riverton, this state, for interment.

John Schroeder and Miss Daisy Hageman, both of this city, were married at Lincoln yesterday.

Forty-five city and county superintendents of southeastern Nebraska attended the normal training conference held in the high school auditorium yesterday afternoon and last evening. A. H. Dixon, inspector of normal training, presided.

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have polled so small a number that they will hardly be worth counting.

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THOSE OF US WHO CANNOT SERVE IN THE TRENCHES WITH OUR BOYS "OVER THERE" SHOULD INVEST EVERY CENT POSSIBLE IN THESE STAMPS. I KNOW I SHALL DO SO AND WILL ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WITH WHOM I MIGHT HAVE ANY INFLUENCE TO DO THE SAME.

ANY PERSONAL HELP I CAN BE TO YOU IN THIS WORK, I AM YOURS TO COMMAND.

JOSEPH BARKER
Chairman Omaha Branch
War Savings Committee

FREIGHT HEARING SET FOR THIS WEEK

RAILWAY COMMISSION WILL HOLD SESSIONS IN LINCOLN; OMAHA AND OTHER SHIPPING POINTS INTERESTED.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Feb. 10.—(Special)—The hearing before the State Railway commission over the closing of freight depots in Omaha by the carriers at an earlier hour than has been customary, will be continued tomorrow, probably will last three days.

The scene was shifted before adjournment yesterday to Lincoln, the shippers appearing to feel that if the shorter hours and earlier closing goes into effect in Omaha that it will also be made an order for Lincoln Grand Island and other jobbing points.

CARRIERS WANT EARLY CLOSING.

Most of the testimony so far has developed along lines intending to show that a greater amount of efficiency can be given by the carriers if they are allowed to close earlier thus giving the men a chance to get the goods loaded and hauled without the usual rush at the last moment, when shippers bring their late shipments in and expect them to be handled for shipment the same day.

The shippers, on the other hand

content that if the carriers would

use a different system in handling the goods, putting on an increased force during the rush hours that there

would be no cause for errors and

goods would not have to be held over until the next day.

OTOE COUNTY FARMER SELLS LAND NEAR AVOCADO.

Avoca, Neb., Feb. 10.—George Easley, well known Otoe county farmer, sold \$16,754 out of his farm and stock sale, which was held this week.

Fernely Bates of near Union and Miss Margaret Lewis of Venice, Calif., were married this week by County Judge Beeson.

James Tigner and Miss Mary West, popular young people living near Murray, were married at Omaha last week. They will reside on a farm near Union.

Lay Hathaway and Miss Myrtle Lanum, living near Union, were united in marriage at Plattsmouth last Saturday.

Francis Orton, son of Mrs. Frank H. Orton of Unadilla, and Miss Dorothy Crownover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Crownover of Unadilla, were married Wednesday of this week at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crownover. They will reside on a farm near Unadilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Naseman are the happy parents of a baby boy born last week.

Miss Mamie Hillman spent Wednesday night with relatives at Weeping Water.

Mr. John Everett, son Charles, and daughter Leona, were visiting relatives at Elmwood, Sunday.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rohlf, Jr., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bogrenfref were Omaha visitors the first of the last week.

Frank Grenrod and H. C. Young

were at Omaha last Tuesday with stock.

Henry Youngquist left Friday for Camp Funston for a visit with his brother, Fred.

George Martin and Howard Maple were Omaha visitors the first of last week.

Dr. J. W. Brendel was attending to business matters at Omaha the first of last week.

EDGAR ELEVATORS FILLED AND NO CARS TO MOVE THE GRAIN.

Edgar, Neb., Feb. 10.—(Special)—

Ninety-seven cars of freight, some of it perishable stuff, are standing on the

side tracks of the St. Joseph and

Grand Island railroad and have been

there since about 3 o'clock Wednesday

afternoon awaiting the ability of the

company to move it. In the meantime engines pulling from two to ten

cars have gone through. Passenger

trains have used double headers when

one engine would have pulled the

load if the other engine was dead.

This looks to the loyal people of

Edgar as if the railroad officials were

convincing to make conditions as bad

as possible in order to discredit govern-

ment control. The Union Pacific

has always found means of preventing

congestion of traffic when storms are

worse than they have been this year

in the middle west. The people are

doing their best to help win this war.

The elevators in Edgar are full,

absolutely "full up," and have been</