

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

With the Republican Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates selected, the party's position defined in its platform and the party organization set up and ready to go into battle, the Presidential campaign of 1936 is now actually under way. While the Democrats are still to meet at Philadelphia, on the 23rd of this month, to renominate President Roosevelt and Vice-President Garner, political observers here do not anticipate any startling developments.

So far as the best informed political prophets can peer into the future, none of them foresees any declarations in the Democratic platform which have not already been anticipated by the acts and utterances of the party leaders and spokesmen.

The political situation, therefore, thus narrows down to the extremely practical question of which party can carry which states.

Of course, both party's managers are claiming everything in sight. That is ordinary political tactics, and fools nobody, not even the politicians themselves. And, while neither party officially concedes that the other will carry any state that may be named, the wise men whose business it is to analyze such things and to bring the light of long political experience, to bear upon the subject, are pretty well in agreement on certain conclusions.

How Will States Go?

The consensus of observers is that New England will go Republican, with only one New England state really doubtful. That is Massachusetts. Certainly outside of Boston and its immediate environments there is ground to believe that Massachusetts' sentiment today is Republican.

New York is regarded as decidedly a doubtful state this year. It is not difficult to find prophets to predict that Mr. Roosevelt cannot carry his own state. The influence of Tammany Hall in New York City is expected to be massed against him, while upstate New York is always overwhelmingly Republican.

Keen political observers classify Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky this year as doubtful states with the chances about even between the two parties; Virginia as a doubtful state with the odds favoring the Democrats. They are practically unanimous in giving the rest of the Northeast to the Republicans, while conceding most of the Solid South to the Democrats.

The one exception in the South is Florida, which is split open over the issue of the Florida Canal. North Florida will vote according to its historic tradition, but South Florida has an enormous new population of recent immigrants from the North—mostly Republicans. Some expert guessers put Florida in the fifty-fifty class.

Battle in Mid-West

The rest of the old South, including the comparatively new state of Oklahoma, is regarded as practically certain to go Democratic, although some not very sanguine hopes are expressed by Republicans that they may carry Tennessee.

The Mountain States, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, are regarded at this time as being Democratic. Colorado is regarded as about 50-50. Of the three Pacific Coast states, Oregon is the only one which the Republicans, as of this date, have any great hope of carrying.

That leaves, as the main battleground of the campaign, the great area in the drainage basin of the upper Mississippi, commonly termed the Middle West. The real fight will be waged in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Nebraska, and Kansas. Of these, the seers of Democratic leanings admit the probability that the Republicans might carry Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kansas. Republican realists don't concede any of these Middle West states to the Democrats.

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Speaker Bankhead



WASHINGTON—A newly posed picture of Representative Wm. B. Bankhead of Alabama, elected Speaker of the House of Representatives at the death of the late speaker Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee.

REYNOLDS ASKED TO APPEAR HERE

American Legion Plans Picnic for Fourth of July and Senator Is Invited.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds has been asked by members of the American Legion to come to Boone on the fourth of July and deliver a patriotic address on the occasion of a Legion picnic which is to be held on the organization's property here. Since Senator Reynolds was in the state at the time the invitation was extended, he hasn't yet had an opportunity of accepting or declining the invitation, however, there is a belief that he may find it possible to come. In case he doesn't another speaker of state-wide note will be invited. Present plans call for the serving of an old-time basket picnic dinner in Legion Park, but the details of the program haven't as yet been worked out. By the next issue of the Democrat the event will be definitely arranged.

BOX SUPPER AN EVENT AT JUNIOR ORDER HALL

The Daniel Boone Chapter of the Junior Order will sponsor a box supper in their hall over the Boone Department Store tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock. Mayor W. H. Gragg will act as master of ceremonies and will sell the boxes to the highest bidder. An interesting program has been arranged and a large crowd is expected. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The proceeds from the sales of the boxes will go to the building fund of the lodge.

WATAUGA LADY HAS GOOD COLLEGE RECORD

Banner Elk June 16—Lucy Farthing of Sugar Grove graduated this spring from the new postgraduate course in vocations at Lees-McRae college, one of the first to successfully complete this work. Miss Farthing did her work in the home economics department, specializing in institutional management. According to Registrar Leo K. Pritchett, she did an excellent piece of work. She is employed this summer in the dining room department of Pinnacle Inn.

Heart Attack Fatal To Well Known Man

Funeral services for W. C. Petty, 58, manager of the Selwyn Hotel in Charlotte, and a summer visitor to Boone and Blowing Rock and well known here, were held last Thursday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, and burial took place in Carthage.

Mr. Petty suffered the attack at 3 a. m., after an illness of several days at his home in the Selwyn. He died after being taken to a hospital.

Active pallbearers will be R. H. Brooks, Cabell Young, Joe McCoy, A. D. Brabble, George Terry, and C. B. Ross. Honorary pallbearers will be Cameron Morrison, C. F. Dalton, Dr. J. Q. Myers, Torrence Hemby, L. E. Wooten, Vernon Porter, I. K. Coyne of Rock Hill; Thomas C. Cox of Wadesboro; U. L. Spence, Paul Kennedy, and O. D. Wallace of Carthage, and Claude Edwards of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Petty, a native of Carthage, Moore county, for the last 15 years had operated the Selwyn hotel. He built and later sold the Mecklenburg hotel.

Surviving are his widow, two children, William Calvin Petty, Jr., of Jackson, Miss., and James B. Petty, 17, of Charlotte, a brother, J. C. Petty of Washington, D. C., and three sisters, Mrs. Palmer Jerman of Raleigh and Greensboro, who is assistant internal revenue collector for North Carolina, Mrs. J. H. Brodie and Mrs. W. B. Waddill of Henderson.

BONUS BONDS ARE BEING DELIVERED

Veterans Are Made Happy as Mails are Flooded With Government Bonds and Cash.

Veterans of this community are wearing broad smiles these days as they finger the crisp new government bonds furnished them in payment of their adjusted compensation certificates, more commonly known as the "bonus," and Postmaster Hartzog and his assistants are rendering all possible service in the matter of certifying the securities for the veterans. A special office has been set aside for this work, and those who desire to exchange their securities for cash will get their returns within the shortest possible time.

Fifty to sixty groups of bonds have arrived at the local postoffice, but there is no estimate available as to the total amount of cash therein represented. Treasury checks for odd amounts of less than \$50 are being sent with the bonds, and many veterans have already turned these checks into the channels of trade, which is expected to be stimulated more and more as the bonds are cashed.

American Legion officials believe that the total receipts by veterans of this county will be no less than \$200,000. Quite a number of the veterans however, have signified their intention of holding the securities against the "rainy day."

Auto Salesman Wins In State-wide Sales

Mr. C. H. Blackburn, salesman for the W. R. Chevrolet Co., of this city has been notified that he is to appear in Charlotte this morning for the purpose of taking delivery on an \$800 Chevrolet Master Sedan, the prize for having led the state in number of used cars sold during the first ten days in June.

During the period mentioned Mr. Blackburn disposed of 23 used cars, or 316% of his quota. Friends are congratulating him upon his remarkable achievement in producing more business than any of the several hundred Chevrolet salesmen in the state.

Mr. W. R. Winkler, manager of the local Chevrolet agency states that Mr. Blackburn's record of sales of new automobiles has been outstandingly high for many years, and that his ability and diligence have been responsible to a large extent for the consistent preference of people of this section for the Chevrolet.

Tubercular Clinic Splendidly Attended

The District Health Department held a tubercular clinic for the purpose of diagnosing and checking up on suspicious or known cases of this disease. The clinic was held for a period of four days, from the 10th to 13th inclusive,—a like period of time being given to both Avery and Yancey counties.

The North Carolina Sanatorium sent one of their physicians, Dr. A. Papineau, to make the fluoroscopic examinations, and here in Watauga county he examined a total of 162 individuals for whom records were kept. Of this number 14 were found to have tuberculosis in some form, although this does not mean that all of these are in an active stage or capable of transmitting the disease to others. 17 of those examined were shown by the fluoroscope to be afflicted with conditions other than tuberculosis, while 131 proved to be free from all chest defects as far as this examination could determine.

This attendance was far greater than is usually allowed at similar clinics, owing to the danger of too much exposure to the operator, but it speaks well for the people of Watauga county that they show so much interest in combating this disease. We hope, in the future to have other clinics of this type and in order to accommodate those interested they will probably be of longer duration.

Tuberculosis is a reportable disease and should be called to the attention of the health authorities in order that they may take every precaution to prevent its spread. A great success has been made in the control of this disease and it is not beyond expectation that at sometime it will be eradicated.

RECORDER'S COURT

Following are the cases disposed of in the Recorder's court Tuesday: Buret Pressnell, carrying concealed weapon. Prayer for judgment continued for 90 days.

Roy Lentz, driving while intoxicated. Fined \$50.

Velma Simmons, Jessie Oaks, operating disorderly house. Prayer for judgment continued for 90 days on payment of one half the cost.

Glean Brown, disturbing public meeting. Fined \$10.

ALFRED MOSSMAN LANDON



Alfred M. Landon, twice Governor of the state of Kansas who was nominated as the Republican candidate for the Presidency by the unanimous agreement of the Cleveland convention. Col. Frank Knox, Chicago newspaper publisher, was chosen as the candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

LANDON AND KNOX ARE NOMINATED AT G.O.P. CONVENTION

Kansas Governor and Chicago Publisher to Lead Republican Ticket This Fall.

NOMINEES OVERWHELMING CHOICE OF CONVENTION

Vandenberg Withdraws to Promote Harmony; Question of Borah's Actions Holds Spotlight; Convention Details.

Convention Hall, Cleveland, June 12.—The Republican convention nominated Col. Frank Knox of Illinois for the Vice-Presidency today with the same unanimity that marked the nomination of Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas for the Presidency last night.

From a start of the call of the states, the delegates went for him without a solitary dissent; cheered a telegram from Landon saying the "road led to victory in November"; and disbanded for the intense campaign already under way.

For a time a "draft Vandenberg" movement seemed in the making. But the Michigan Senator, in a letter read to the convention, asked that his name not be considered. He said he could "serve more effectively on the floor of the senate during the next Landon administration."

Col. Knox had left the city evidently with a harbinger for him farthest from his mind. He indicated all expectation that Vandenberg would be nominated and accepted.

Some Wanted Vandenberg

There were plain signs that some of the main Landon leaders were working for Vandenberg on the ticket, even after the convention met. But they finally joined the rush.

No other name was voted on. Learning of his nomination in Michigan City, Knox said he was "profoundly grateful."

Now 62 and publisher of The Chicago Daily News, he has been on the warpath against the New Deal for months. He was a rough rider in the Spanish American War; worked for "Teddy" Roosevelt in the Bull Moose days the same as the then youthful Landon. But their paths were not destined to cross until this later point in the 80-year history of Republicanism.

Of the 19 non-Landon votes, Wisconsin cast 18 for Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, while a single one from West Virginia's bloc also went to the "Lion of Idaho." Wisconsin then quickly moved that the nomination be made unanimous. Another tumult spoke the affirmative answer.

Today a new question hung fire. "What will Senator Borah do?" Many delegates wondered.

Speeding to Washington after losing the presidential race but winning recognition for his views in a compromise platform which the convention adopted with a whooping chorus of "ayes," Borah was reported stumped on hearing that Governor Landon had wired the convention reserving the right to place his personal interpretation on two major planks.

In calling for a "sound currency" the convention's program had omitted any mention of the "Gold Standard," and it advocated a wage and hour legislation by the states under the constitution as it now stands. These planks were widely regarded as Borah victories.

But soon after the platform went through, John Hamilton, Landon campaign manager, stepped to the speaker's rostrum with a telegram from Topeka, Gov. Landon wired that he would unqualifiedly pledge himself to "be true to the principles and program" of the document.

"However," the governor added, "with that candor which you and (Continued on page 8.)"

Stanburys Will Sail To Europe This Week

Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro and a native of Boone, in company with Mrs. Stanbury, is sailing this week for Europe. They are going aboard the Berengaria in New York today and will be members of a party of Southern Methodists attending the world Sunday School convention at Oslo, Norway.

They will land at Southampton and proceed to London where they will spend several days. Thence they go to Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Newcastle. From Newcastle the party sails to Bergen and goes over land to Oslo, reaching the latter city July 6. While in Oslo they will live at the Hotel Norum Pension. July 12 they leave for Copenhagen and thence will travel by way of Hamburg, Cologne and Brussels to Paris. They sail from Cherbourg July 22 on board the Queen Mary, to land in New York July 27.

PLAYGROUND NOW A CIVIC REALITY

Public Spirited Business Men Co-operate in Bringing Joy to Children of Town.

Through the co-operation of a number of the leading business men of Boone, who are interested in the physical welfare of the children and in keeping them off the streets, the services of Miss Mae Bryant have been secured to operate the Demonstration school playground for the benefit of all the children. Miss Bryant is physical education major at Appalachian College.

Miss Bryant supervises the playground from 4 to 8 each day except Sunday, and roller skating is indulged from 7 to 8 p. m. daily in the street facing the school, which is roped off for the purpose. The playground has been open since May 1 with an average daily attendance of 18.

Miss Bryant can take care of 40 boys and girls from 8 to 16 years of age, and she and the other sponsors of the civic improvement urge the parents to take advantage of the opportunity to engage their children in wholesome recreation. The children are taken care of in most approved style and there is no occasion for uneasiness as to their welfare while they are on the playground.

INSURANCE MEN MAKE UNUSUALLY FINE RECORD

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Payne left Wednesday morning for Myrtle Beach, S. C., where they will attend the annual convention of the Security Life and Trust Company's sales personnel. Mr. Payne, who is district agent for Security is in sixth place among all the agents of the company in volume of insurance sold, and collected for during the past year. The five who carry a higher rating in this connection are all located in the larger towns of the state.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Payne is J. Ralph Gaultney of Banner Elk, who since his connection with the Security last April has made a wonderfully fine showing. Mr. Gaultney will be a special guest at the convention.

Spruce Pine People Lease Local Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young have leased from Mr. J. L. Qualls the Commercial hotel and cafe and are now in charge of the business. The building has been thoroughly renovated, Mr. Young states, and adds that a thoroughly modern hostelry and cafe will be operated.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have had years of experience in the restaurant business and may be expected to attract a large patronage.

EARTH TREMOR REPORTED

Mrs. J. H. Beach of Shulls Mills inquires if any earth tremors have been noted in this section. Mrs. Beach states that on Sunday morning the 14th, one mile from Shulls Mills in the direction of Blowing Rock, there was a very noticeable tremor of the earth, which shook the house and rattled the mirror on the wall. Mrs. Beach did not state the duration of the shock.

WATAUGA COUNTY LEAGUE GAME FOR JUNE 20th

Bamboo at Valle Crucis Blowing Rock at Aho Mabel at Boone Park

TELEGRAPH LINE NOW ESTABLISHED

Linville River Railway Succeeds in Providing Western Union Service Locally.

The Linville River Railway Co., through Mr. H. W. Wilcox, local agent takes pleasure in announcing the opening of a joint Western Union telegraph office, with direct wire facilities to the Western Union offices in Johnson City.

The new service gives Boone direct contact with the outside world through telegraphy, and is a great improvement over the former service, whereby the messages were received and dispatched at Boone by telephone. The company is proud of its record of having installed the first direct telephone service to Boone and takes further pride in giving Boone its first direct telegraphic communication to outside points.

Frank D. Julian, former official telegrapher in the United States Senate Press Gallery, Washington, D. C., and who up until recently was Associated Press telegrapher on the Salisbury Post, is in charge of the local wire. Hours are eight a. m. to seven p. m. except Sunday and holidays when they will be 8 to 10 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m.

Red Cross Officials Are Named Last Week

Mrs. James H. Council has been named chairman of the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross to succeed Dr. J. D. Rankin, who now acts as vice-chairman and Miss Bernice Gragg has been named secretary-treasurer. Mr. Eugene Garbee remains as chairman of first aid and Miss Cora Le May life-saving. Miss Maude Cathcart is chairman of the Junior Red Cross for schools, and other officials are to be named later.

Mrs. Mary Camp Sprinkle, national field representative for the Red Cross was in Boone and assisted in the reorganization. She stated she was well pleased with the progress made by the chapter under the leadership of Dr. Rankin, and that an active fall program was expected to be developed under the new organization.

Watauga Man To Enter West Point In July

Joseph W. Shipley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shipley of Villas, who has been residing at Blacksburg, Va., during his four-year course at V. P. I., has passed all entrance examinations for West Point and will report to the Military Academy July 1, it has just been learned here. Young Mr. Shipley's appointment came through Representative Robert L. Doughton.

Mr. Shipley is an unusually capable young man and is a candidate for a degree at Blacksburg this summer, where he has specialized in animal husbandry.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Mrs. Baxter M. Linney suffered minor bruises when the automobile in which she was riding and which was being driven by Mr. Linney, rolled down an embankment on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock road. The accident occurred Tuesday as the Linneys were returning to their home in Lenoir from Boone. Mr. Linney was uninjured. The accident happened when a front tire blew out, and the machine was seriously wrecked.

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"If you desire to prosper, do not make too much haste to get rich."

JUNE

18—French fleet forces British to abandon Philadelphia, 1778.

19—Father's Day is first celebrated, 1910

20—Spain's Queen Isabella frees Columbus' Indian slaves, 1492.

21—Hendrick Hudson's crew mutiny and cast him adrift to die, 1611.

22—Congress establishes the Department of Justice, 1870.

23—Irvin S. Cobb, noted humorist, born, 1876.

24—Cabot discovers North American continent at Cape Breton, 1497.