

SWISHER FORCES WIN OUT

SUB-COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

The Decision of the Sub-Committee, Which Was Approved by Chairman Hitchcock, is That Swisher Was Nominated by the Regular Republican Convention of West Virginia...

New York, Sept. 9.—The involved political situation in West Virginia, where the factions, led respectively by Arnold Scherr, now serving a second term as auditor, and Charles R. Swisher, Secretary of State, each claiming recognition as the only regular and authorized representative of the regular Republican organization, was cleared to-day by the recognition as regular the convention presided over by Congressman Joseph H. Gaines, leader of the Swisher forces.

After a careful investigation and hearing, at which both sides received all the time they asked for, we find that the convention presided over by the Hon. Joseph H. Gaines was regular, and that the Republican State committee, of which Mr. S. V. Matthews is chairman, elected at that convention, is the regular Republican State committee of West Virginia.

Chairman Hitchcock has approved the finding of the sub-committee. This settles the dispute point as to which of the two conventions held on July 8th and 9th was authorized. The Scherr party, it will be recalled, held an hour before the regular field of the convention and put in the ticket of its own, in opposition to that headed by Swisher for Governor.

As far as the rank and file of the party is concerned, said he, "the action of the national committee in recognizing the convention presided over by Congressman Gaines as regular removes all doubts that may have existed as to the legitimacy of the ticket nominated by that convention. It clears the committee headed by Mr. Matthews of all accusations by the other side and establishes Charles T. Swisher as the official gubernatorial nominee of the Republican party in West Virginia."

Mr. Swisher when questioned as to the effect which the action of the national committee would have on his opponents was reluctant to give his opinion. He was gratified that the legitimacy of the convention nominating him had been officially recognized, but would not say whether, in his opinion, his adversaries would accept the verdict and retire from the field. He admitted the possibility that the Scherr faction would oppose him at the polls with a "Lincoln Republican" ticket. His position, however, had been materialized and made definite by the recognition of Moore, Matthews and Gaines.

CAUGHT ROBBING STORE.

Negro Who Had Been Stealing From His Employer's Store at Last Run Down.

Special to The Observer. Concord, Sept. 8.—(Helen Kerlan, a young negro employed on the plantation of Mr. George F. Heglar, several miles south of the city, was last night caught in the act of robbing his employer's store at last run down. The store had been entered, and several articles of value, including a watch, a pair of shoes, and a pair of trousers, were stolen. The negro was captured by the storekeeper and taken to the county jail at 11 o'clock, where he is held in default of a \$200 bond.

Snakes of Kowloon.

South China Morning Post. A snake story comes to us from the Kowloon side. A few days ago a brown adder, measuring some two feet and a half, was killed by Mr. Coke, landmaster of the Rajput, under rather curious circumstances. The reptile was slain right in the open road upon the water front, where the Kowloon children are wont to play, and Mr. Coke's attention was first drawn to it by an animal duck which was going on between the snake and a sea horse. The snake was gradually being fascinated by the duck, and must have eventually succumbed but for the timely assistance of the "boatman." While we do not suppose that snakes are too numerous in Kowloon, we think that a man in charge of children might safely be warned to keep a sharp look out when strolling near the Kowloon water front.

WORKING OUT THE DETAILS

OF MR. TAFT'S CAMPAIGN TOUR

Until the Arrangements for the Trip Are Completed the Plans for the Cincinnati Campaign Are Held in Abeyance—Two Appointments for Delegations to Visit Judge Taft in Cincinnati—A Deluge of Letters Inviting Him to Deliver Addresses—Will Speak in Chicago October 7th—Many Friends Call to See Him—His Arrival in Cincinnati Merchants' Association Pays Him Respect.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 9.—Pending the arrangement by the Republican national committee of the details of Judge Taft's intended trip throughout the country, plans for the Cincinnati campaign are being held in abeyance. But two appointments for delegations to visit the candidate here have been made—September 11th and 22d. Others will not be arranged until after the itinerary of the trip has been finally settled. Mr. Taft said to-day that the committee was now working out the plan and he expected to have it brought to him for his consideration before its final adoption. The announcement through the press that a "swing around the circle" was to be made by the candidate has resulted in a deluge of letters from various sections inviting addresses. All such invitations are being referred to the national committee. It was stated by Mr. Taft to-day that it had not yet been determined whether the speaker is to make outside of Cincinnati, or to be confined to an extended trip, or divided into several journeys of shorter duration.

The one thing settled about the traveling campaign is that the candidate will be in Chicago October 7th, where he will address the Lake to the Gulf Deep Waterway Association at the Auditorium. Mr. Bryan has accepted an invitation to address the association October 8th. The committee which extended the invitation and received the acceptance represented the business interests of St. Louis, Chicago, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Judge Taft's first day in Cincinnati was taken advantage of by many of his personal, political and professional friends to pay their respects, and from the time he reached his newly-established offices at the Sinton Hotel shortly after 10 o'clock until late in the afternoon he was constantly engaged with callers. The Merchants' Association of Cincinnati, now in session here, marched behind a band to the Taft residence to-day in honor of the return of the candidate. Although presenting himself and being cheered, he made no address to the several hundred business men in line.

CANNON AND SHAW SPEAK.

The Speaker and Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Are the Principal Figures at the Illinois Republican Convention—Both Denounce the Democratic Party and Its Platform.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 9.—With two national figures in American politics present, Joseph G. Cannon and Leslie M. Shaw, both leaders in the councils of the Republican party, the Republicans of Illinois met here in State convention to-day. Both made stirring speeches and were vigorously applauded.

Mr. Cannon, as chairman of the first Republican State convention under the new primary law. The selection of four trustees for the University of Illinois, the naming of presidential electors at large and the adoption of a platform were the business transacted. The gathering was more on the order of the opening of the State campaign and an effort was made to harmonize all differences resulting from the recent primary election.

Speaker Cannon, as chairman of the convention, made a speech in which he attacked the record of the Democratic party. He called attention to the action of the St. Louis convention in 1904 in denouncing the Panama canal legislation. "Does it," he exclaimed, "secure the site for the Panama canal, that this convention at St. Louis denounced it? It was the answer of the Democratic party, backed by William Jennings Bryan, the great 'Am' and 'The Great American Boss.'"

Favors for a Giant Recruit.

Pat. Mail Gazette. There was no difficulty about cheap measurements when the Serbian club, which existed in the army at Sarajewo, some years ago he had evaded his term by enlisting in America, where he developed into a splendid boxer. The degree of general popularity on the occasion of King Francis Joseph's jubilee enabled him to return unimpeded, and he presented himself to the authorities as a recruit. His colossal dimensions have caused immovable difficulties, and a special kit and bed almost twice the ordinary size had to be provided, not to mention that he has to have double rations.

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FOREST FIRES STILL RAGE

BREAKING OUT IN NEW PLACES.

The Car Shops of the Wisconsin and Michigan Railroad at Peshtigo Burned, Entailing a Loss of \$70,000—Engines of Express Train on the Canadian Pacific Broke Through a Bridge, Falling 30 Feet, But Caus Remain on the Tracks—The Little Town of Grand Marais Entirely Shut Off From Communication by Telephone or Telegraph—United States Gunboat Goes to Rescue the Inhabitants Whose Lives Are in Jeopardy.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 9.—Forest fires are still doing great damage. The heavily timbered Isle Royale in Lake Superior was ablaze to-day and hundreds of campers were in jeopardy. Fires have also broken out near Duluth and at Lester Park, a suburb. The burning bush this afternoon threatened great damage.

A dispatch from Menominee, Mich., says: "The car shops of the Wisconsin and Michigan Railroad at Peshtigo, were burned to-day by fire which swept in from the woods and is now endangering the City of Peshtigo. The loss to the railroad is estimated at \$70,000. No rain has fallen in this section for three months. Conditions are similar to those of 1911 when the City of Peshtigo was nearly obliterated."

Reports from the country around Marinette are that forest and brush fires are raging. Farm houses near Coleman and Grover have been destroyed. Along the Soo Railroad the fires are menacing and it is predicted that unless rain comes soon there will be heavy property losses. The Town of Dunbar is surrounded by fire. Many ranches nearby have been burned and the entire crop destroyed.

A dispatch from Winnipeg, Man., says a Canadian Pacific express locomotive on the Lake Superior division was forced through a bridge at Winstown, east of Port Arthur, to-day and fell 30 feet to the bottom of a ravine. The bridge had been burned by bush fires. Although the engine was badly injured, the cars remained on the track.

The most dramatic incidents of the entire fire promise to develop around Grand Marais. The steamer Gopher, the United States gunboat, carrying 10 members of the naval militia left here last night for the purpose of rescuing the settlers along the coast. The little village is entirely shut off from communication by means of telephone or telegraph and it will be 24 hours at least before anything is heard from them. The past few days the last boat reported that the fires were rushing toward the lake and gradually hemming in the inhabitants of the little village, comprising about 600 people, mostly fishermen and Indians.

Another Move For Recorder's Court For Durham.

Durham, Sept. 9.—The merchants last night took action looking towards a recorder's court when they passed resolutions memorializing the next Representative in the General Assembly to work for the bill. The bill is a trial officer with enlarged jurisdiction. The step came at the suggestion of Mr. A. E. Lloyd, who was on the grand jury last week. In the trial of petty offenses and offenders Mr. Lloyd said he had observed the tremendous cost to the county in bringing small criminals to justice. He said he believed a simple trial of a watermelon cost \$100 and the sentence could not possibly make the county come out in a mile of the even point. The association urged that the scheme be kept from politics and in the realm of business.

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No one who has not paid careful attention can appreciate the enormous amount of people who are now taking Colonel Dillingham's "Plant Juice" remedies. From early morning until late at night one continual stream of people flows in and out of the drug store of W. L. Hand & Co., where the remedies are sold, and before the night is over probably a hundred people have purchased or made inquiries regarding the medicines.

It is very interesting to stand for a few moments in a crowd and listen to the hum of conversation of the different types of humanity. One out of every two is either taking the medicine or is going to obtain some, because they have had direct proof of the power of the remedy through some friend, neighbor or even member of their own family.

On every side can be heard people telling of remarkable cases which they themselves have witnessed or to people who have been restored to people's time. In some places will be people repeating their experience to eager listeners, telling of their remarkable remedy and of the immediate benefit they had received from its use.

Here will be a happy mother telling how one of her children has been cured of a number of years, despite all that could be done for the child, and that finally Colonel Dillingham and his remedy had been the means of miraculously putting the little one on the high road to health and happiness.

Each day the sale increases, and each day Colonel Dillingham says for himself a host of new friends. Probably the most remarkable new remedies are arousing in the fact that orders have been received from every physician throughout the State who have sent for the remedies with which to treat their own patients.

Perhaps one of the most unusual cases is that of Mrs. T. P. Whipple, a prominent cotton buyer's wife, who had been afflicted for several years with rheumatism, which had grown constantly worse. The case for the past few months she had been in great pain in moving about. Mrs. Whipple secured some of Colonel Dillingham's Plant Juice. She has taken but one bottle of the remedy and is now apparently completely cured, and so happy over her good fortune that she tells all she meets how well she is feeling, and showers blessings on Colonel Dillingham's name.

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