

112 DELEGATES ARE CONTESTED

Summary of the Republican Presidential Situation Is Made Today by Roosevelt Campaign Manager.

HE ALLOTS TAFT 36 DELEGATES; T. R. 62

Lists 94 as Uninstructed—Mississippi Claimed by Each—Total of 274 Is the Taft Claim.

Washington, March 30.—The scope of the contests that will be carried into the Chicago convention by Roosevelt forces was made clearer in a statement given out today by Senator Dixon, Roosevelt's manager, summarizing up the situation as to delegates already elected. Contests are announced as to 112 of the delegates thus far chosen. Twenty delegates elected last week in Mississippi are claimed outright by both the Roosevelt and Taft managers. They are not included in the list of contested delegates in the Roosevelt statement. Roosevelt managers maintain they carried the regular convention and have the regular delegation to Chicago.

Taft's managers claimed today a total of 274 delegates chosen for him. Roosevelt's manager credits Taft with 36 delegates and gives 62 to Roosevelt, while 94 are listed as uninstructed.

PRIMARIES ON MAY 18, AND CONVENTION MAY 25

Suggestions of State Committee Adopted by Buncombe Democratic Committee.

Responding to a call of J. E. Swain, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, a quorum of the members met in the commissioners' room at the court house shortly after 11 o'clock today for the purpose of determining a method of ascertaining the strength of the candidates for democratic nominations, and to fix dates for holding the primaries and the county convention. There were others present in addition to the members of the committee, and short speeches were made by Mr. Swain and Locke Craig, who declared that they foresaw certain democratic success in the next election. The dates of the primaries and the convention were fixed as suggested by the state executive committee, the primaries to be held on May 18 and the convention May 25.

Resolutions were introduced by Dr. D. E. Sevier and adopted, the effect of which was that for the purpose of choosing the candidates for the county offices, and to ascertain the wishes of the people as to their choice for congress, judge of superior court and electing delegates to the county convention, primaries be held in the precincts on May 18; that the vote for the candidates for state offices be determined by the delegates to the county convention to be held on May 25; and that the chairman appoint the registers, poll holders and judges for all the precincts.

The time for opening and closing the polls was at sunrise and 8 p. m. in Asheville and in the other voting precincts from sunrise to sunset.

TWO GROVE COMPANIES ARE GRANTED CHARTERS

Park Concern Has Capital of \$100,000, Automobile Company of \$5,000.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, March 30.

The E. W. Grove Park company, real estate, and the Grove Motor Car company, automobile dealers, were chartered today by the secretary of state for Buncombe county. The park company starts with a paid-in capital of \$100,000, and the motor car company with \$5,000 by E. W. Grove, W. F. Randolph and John S. Adams.

MADERO PLANNING STRONG MOVEMENT

Hopes Soon to Crush the Revolutionary Movement in North Mexico.

Washington, March 30.—The Madero government is preparing for a formidable campaign against the rebels in Mexico, according to a telegram received here by one of its representatives from Juan Axona, Madero's private secretary. The message reads: "We are sending new forces to the North. You can expect a decisive victory soon. The rebels are almost out of ammunition."

ADMITS HE CANNOT CONVICT 'TIGERS'

Solicitor Gets Continuance Because of Alleged Prejudice of Wake Jurors.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, March 30.

Solicitor Herbert E. Norris arose in open court yesterday and asked for a continuance in the case against Silas Edwards, a "blind tiger" appeal, on the ground that it was impossible to get a fair trial in Wake county with the present set of jurors. The solicitor went into detail and explained how it seemed that "blind tigers" and their sympathizers had packed the court house, some of them getting on the jury, to such an extent that a fair trial was out of the question. Although Judge Webb hardly believed that men would come to the court house for the purpose of perjuring themselves, he granted a continuance. The attorneys for Edwards, Armistead Jones & Son, pressed for a trial, but lost out. In the police court, the solicitor said, Edwards set up an alibi, but was knocked out and was now trying to destroy the character of a witness.

The solicitor and the Messrs. Jones had another colloquy over a request by the state for continuance in the case of Oscar O'Neal, charged with the murder of Patrick Hall. Mr. Norris said he could not get his witnesses in time for trial today and asked that he be not made to go into the case half prepared. Judge Webb ordered a special venire of 75 men summoned and the case was called today. Solicitor Norris said that this was the first time he had ever asked to have cases continued; he does not run from a fight, but he felt in the case of the alleged "tiger" that the state went into the matter already whipped if it had to go before the present set of jurors.

There was a good deal of feeling throughout the entire session of the court and the prohibition question figured. The solicitor said he was convinced that a dispensary was better than conditions now obtaining, and Armistead Jones said that he (Mr. Jones) voted against prohibition, while Mr. Norris voted for it. Mr. Norris said he was better able to see the error of that vote.

Grand Jury Report Cautious. The Wake county grand jury, of which the son of a former county superintendent of public instruction was the foreman, levelled its guns of disapproval at affairs in the county in general, in its report submitted yesterday. It is said that the grand jury had a warm report to submit, but for some reason changed it. As it was the report criticized the board of education for the salaries and expenses paid the superintendent and assistants and criticized the board for permitting the superintendent to take a course at college while drawing a salary here—the board having granted the superintendent an absence of several weeks during last summer.

The grand jury criticized the filthy condition of the court house, took a shot at the county officers for not computing the taxes themselves instead of hiring it done, recommended that the county home be sold and a smaller farm be purchased, and asked the county commissioners to build the superintendent of public instruction a suitable place for his office. The grand jury suggested that the janitors and others make the court house more sanitary.

Taft to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 30.—President Taft visits Philadelphia tonight for a six hours' stay. He will deliver three speeches. His principal speech will be made at the Ohio Society banquet, which will be attended by 500 persons.

Roosevelt Speaks at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, March 30.—Enroute to Detroit, where he speaks tonight, Theodore Roosevelt stopped here today and addressed several hundred persons from a car.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News

AS USUAL, THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER GETS IT

CITIES OF WEST SWEEP BY FLOOD

Columbus Under Several Feet of Water—Hickman Levee Giving Away.

Louisville, Ky., March 30.—Advices from Hickman today say the river levee held through the night. The swollen waters are rising slowly and it is feared the snapping strength of the levee will be reached tonight. Advices from Columbus say the town is under three or four feet of water. Inhabitants have fled to the highlands.

Rock Island, Ill., March 30.—The Mississippi river here is rising at the rate of three inches an hour. It has overflowed banks in the west part of the city. Many families have been driven from their homes.

Sheboygan, Wis., March 30.—The Sheboygan river overflowed its banks today. Several factories have been closed. The water has spread over a wide area. Many people are obliged to use boats.

Boone, Ia., March 30.—Flood seriously threatened Boone and the surrounding country when the Des Moines river overflowed its banks and washed away bridges above the city today.

Springfield, Neb., March 30.—Near Ashland the river today flowed over an area covering 20 square miles. Many farmers fled to the hills. Several bridges have been washed out.

SPECTACULAR FIRE IN ATLANTIC CITY

Panic Among Hotel Guests as Young's Pier Burns—Six Firemen Injured.

Atlantic City, March 30.—Young's Ocean pier, one of the big features along the sea front was destroyed by fire this morning. Young's pier was 2500 feet long. This loss is estimated at \$250,000, partly insured. The fire, one of the most spectacular in the city, created tremendous excitement among the guests of many hotels in the vicinity. It probably was caused by a lighted cigarette or crossed electric wire in a theater. During the fire six firemen were injured. While at its height the blaze illuminated the sea for a mile around attracting thousands of people. The fire was discovered shortly after midnight and raged two hours.

TAYLOR VERY ILL

Complications Follow Operation for Gall Stones and Tennessee Senator Is Slowly Sinking.



SENATOR ROBERT L. TAYLOR.

Washington, March 30.—Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee is in a critical condition as a result of an operation two days ago for gall stones. The operation was regarded as successful, but complications attributed to delay in submitting to the operation have arisen. Stomach trouble has developed. The patient, it is said, is sinking slowly. At one time during the night, Senator Taylor was believed to be very near death. He rallied slightly during the forenoon. Despite his extreme feebleness, his family entertain hope for his recovery, basing it upon the fact that he has survived what is regarded as the critical 48-hour period following the operation.

Oxford Cambridge Race Called Off. Putney England, March 30.—The annual eight-oared rowing contest between crews representing Oxford and Cambridge universities, which started this morning at Putney bridge, was declared no race after both shells had become water logged. Presidents of the Oxford and Cambridge boat clubs decided the race shall be rowed on Monday, next.

BITUMINOUS COAL AGREEMENT MADE

Suspension Will Merely Be Which Miners Ratify Committee's Terms.

Cleveland, O., March 30.—Settlement of the bituminous coal miners' wage dispute on a basis satisfactory to both sides was announced late last night as having been practically arranged. A sub-committee to which the operators and miners' conference had referred a compromise offer by the settlement and the terms were being drawn up. The terms as given out provide for increase in pay to the miners as follows: Five cents a ton for mining lump coal. Three cents a ton for mining all other coal. Five 25 per cent increase for men paid by the day.

W. M. HILL

One of City's Foremost Business Men Suffers Final Summons—Was 62 Years Old.

W. M. Hill, one of the most prominent citizens of Asheville, died this morning at his home, 16 Vance street, of heart trouble, after an illness of about three weeks. Mr. Hill's death was sudden, and during the past few days it was thought that his condition was improving as he had been able to sit up yesterday. His death occurred at 12:30 o'clock. The deceased had been a resident of Asheville for about 40 years, coming here from Memphis, and he was actively identified with the public affairs of the city, having served as an alderman for three terms. He was engaged in the meat business, being a member of the firm of Hill & Young in the city market, and he had accumulated considerable property.

WOOL BILL DEBATED

Measure Goes to a Vote on Monday, According to House Majority Program.

Washington, March 30.—When the wool tariff revision bill was called up in the house today, majority Leader Underwood reiterated that the measure must be considered without unnecessary delay. A plan to bring the bill to a vote Monday was the majority program. Speeches were heard today for and against the bill.

LIVES AFTER SHOCK

Current of 13,000 Volts Falls to Kill Switch Board Operator—Man Fearfully Burned.

OFF FOR WILDS, BRAVING DEATH

Clues Furnished by Latest Captive May Land Sidna Allen and Nephew Today.

YOUNG FRIEL TAKEN AT FATHER'S HOUSE

Says His Uncle Admits Killing Judge and Declares He Will Never Be Taken Alive.

Hillsville, March 30.—Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards it is believed are surrounded in Sugar Loaf mountain. Detectives located last night the camp of the men three miles west of Floyed Allen's home. A battle is probable soon. Hillsville, Va., March 30.—With grim determination and caution inspired by the belief that success almost certainly will mean death to some of their number, Detective Feits and his men resumed the search early today for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the last free members of the gang that shot up the Carroll court house. It now seems certain the fugitives are hiding within a surrounding territory known as No Man's Land, on the North Carolina border. The detectives believe it will be only a matter of hours before Allen and Edwards are beaten out of the mountain bush. Direct word from Allen and Edwards came to the searchers yesterday for the first time, when young Friel Allen, the 17 years old nephew of Sidna and one of the eight indicted for the court house murders, was captured at his father's home. Friel, who left the mountains and came expecting capture because he was "plum starved out," told his captors he parted from his uncle and cousin at the base of the mountains Wednesday night. He declared both men told him as he left they would never be taken alive and they would die shooting at detectives. Sidna Allen, he said, admitted killing Judge Massee, while Edwards confessed to killing Foster. Friel Allen would say nothing about his part in the tragedy. Friel and Claude Allen, who were together in the Hillsville jail, last night, will be taken to Roanoke today. A father's anxiety to have his youngest son spared a terrible death in the mountains is assumed to be the cause of Friel Allen's capture. Jack Allen was not involved in the court house shooting, but it is known that since his son Friel joined the outlaws he has been endeavoring to advise him to submit to the mercy of the law. Just how the parent communicated with the boy has not been disclosed. Friel disclaimed knowledge of the part Claude Allen took in the shooting and denied knowledge of the activities of Sidna Edwards, Victor Allen and Bud Marion, now in jail at Roanoke.

ONE IS SLAIN, ANOTHER SHOT

Waldo McCracken and Lee Wells, of Prominent Haywood Families, in Fatal Gunfight at Clyde.

WELLS MAKES THREAT TO "SHOOT UP" TOWN

Wounds McCracken, Special Officer; Is Shot Twice—Injured Man Here in Critical Condition.

Waldo McCracken, the 20 years old son of W. D. McCracken of Crabtree township, Haywood county, near Clyde, was brought to the Blount hospital this morning with a bullet wound in his head, which he had received in a pistol duel with young Lee Wells of Canton, who was killed in the fight. It is said Wells, a son of Harley Wells, had ridden to Clyde from Canton with the expressed intention of "shooting up" the town. He was intoxicated, it is said. McCracken was deputized by the town officer to arrest him. McCracken's father is one of the wealthy stockraisers of Haywood county, while Wells was a member of a well known family. Mr. McCracken, the father of the wounded man, came to Asheville with his son. He said this afternoon that as well as he could learn Wells was shot by Marshal Rogers. He said Wells was one of a party of five or six, some of them much intoxicated. It seemed the marshal would need help in arresting them. Wells rode up on the school ground and Mr. Rogers advanced on one side and young McCracken on the other. The latter caught hold of the bridle of Wells' horse, and Wells fired, one shot into the rear of the side of the head, wounding McCracken, and the other into the body. It is the head wound that is serious. Wells turned his horse and started away, and then, as Mr. McCracken understands, the officer fired. One bullet went through the neck and the other penetrated the heart. Wells screamed twice and fell from his horse, dead. The wounded man was sleeping, it was reported at 2:30. The physicians decided this morning to perform an operation at 3 o'clock. Some hope of recovery was held out.

W. J. BRYAN WILL STUMP OHIO AGAINST HARMON

Plans Speaking Campaign Against Candidate for the Democratic Nomination.

DR. LONG HONORED

Bronze Tablet Placed Today to Commemorate the First Use of Ether as Anesthetic.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Seventy years ago today Dr. Crawford W. Long, a native Georgian, used ether as an anesthetic in surgery, opening a new era. Today at the University of Pennsylvania Medical school, where ether was first used as an anesthetic, a bronze tablet in memory of the event was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies.

Dr. Long was born at Danielsville, Ga., in 1815. He was graduated from Franklin college, now the University of Georgia, and then entered the University of Pennsylvania Medical school. He died at Athens, Ga., in 1878.

Roosevelt Republicans Name Delegates. Augusta, Ga., March 30.—Roosevelt republicans of the tenth district today elected Dr. A. N. Gordon and Dr. G. S. Burrus, negroes, delegates to the national convention. No white men were present. The so-called "regular" wing of the party previously had selected Taft delegates.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT. If I could select the man I would name. Name, Address. Out this ticket out and mail it to The Gazette-News, or hand it in at this office. If you do not care to write your name on the ballot, you can write it in a registry book from time to time and in no race will the name of the voter be given out unless so requested.