

O'MEARA ELECTED PRESIDENT OTHER OFFICERS CHOSEN BY CONVENTION AT LATE HOUR

Fight Between LaBeaume And Logan Compromised By Election of Latter As Assistant Secretary At Same Salary As His Principle After Long Series of Caucuses

CONVENTION PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO ASHEVILLE

Social Features of The Day Including Visit To Biltmore Estate Carried Out In Spite of The Heavy Downpour of Rain

The twentieth convention of the Travelers' Protective Association which has been in session here since Monday morning adjourned at 1:45 this morning, the delegates, however, have another day here since most of them will accept the trip to Lake Toxaway tendered them by Asheville.

The incidents of the day were the drive through Biltmore estate and an important session in the afternoon, the day culminating in a fierce contest at night for the various offices which had been contended for by the so-called "Missouri faction" and "Indiana faction" from the first moment of the meeting, a contest which gave to the convention every aspect of a political assembly.

What was expected did not happen and then the unexpected happened. Louis T. LaBeaume was re-elected secretary without a dissenting vote, because an arrangement had been made whereby T. Schuyler Logan of Indiana, the opposing candidate, was to be elected assistant secretary with the same salary as the secretary, conservatives effecting this arrangement shortly before the convention met in the hope of procuring harmony.

When the arrangement was made clear it was supposed of course that there would be little contest of a factional nature for the other offices, but on the contrary the fight was intensified and the Missouri side swept everything including the next meeting place, the vote in many cases being exceedingly close.

The delegates met with an intense spirit of excitement pervading them, some restless, and prior to calling to order, roared out popular songs, many delegates rising and giving chants of state songs.

Chairman Wilson reported that the entertainment for orphans had netted \$472, and to make it even \$500 he passed the hat, getting a total of over \$544.

After convening, Delegate Broyle, of Georgia, rising to a question of personal privilege, made an earnest address. He said politics was greatly injuring the T. P. A. and the struggle for office at Norfolk was disgraceful. He said he was informed that some of the oldest delegates had met during the afternoon, Smith, Crandall, and Thompson of Indiana, and Hudson and Johnson of Tennessee, and himself, to see if harmony could not be secured. They adjourned without result, but also it came to him that a certain prominent candidate had issued an edict that nothing would be agreed to unless it met with his cautious ideas.

Chairman Wilson appealed to the delegates to play the part of men and brothers and get a round of applause. Chairman Bruner presented the

report of the resolution committee. The features of recommendations were: Reasonable compensation to railways. Regulation by the inter-state commerce commission; gradual substitution of steel coaches. Reduction of fares to large users of transportation. Excess baggage rate similar to the Indiana plan. Good roads, recommending T. P. A. attending at St. Louis.

For an inventor. An unusual feature was the endorsement of the action of the Pennsylvania convention in behalf of Dr. Theodore Rueckes Timby of Brooklyn, N. Y., who claims to be the real inventor of the "Monitors" turret, and that congress be petitioned to grant Dr. Rueckes a rehearing before the court of claims. The resolution recites that Church's life of John Erickson proves amply grossed errors in the history of the Monitor.

Thanks to Asheville. The following resolutions of local interest were reported and adopted by a rising vote:

- OFFICERS ELECTED. President, Patrick J. O'Meara, of Indiana. Secretary-Treasurer, Louis T. LaBeaume, of Missouri. Assistant secretary, T. Schuyler Logan, of Indiana. First vice-president, Frank Rogers, of South Carolina. Second vice-president, Edward J. Wardenke, of California. Third vice-president, John A. Gulce, of Missouri. Fourth vice-president, W. L. Dikeman, of Florida. Fifth vice-president, Frank R. Hewitt, of North Carolina. Directors from St. Louis, George W. Smith and Fred H. Shartach. Directors: John T. Rock, of Iowa; George W. Able, of Texas; W. W. St. John, of New York; Chairman of railroad committee, F. W. Crandall, of Missouri; Chairman of legislative committee, W. E. Jenkins, of Maryland; Chairman of press committee, William H. Bass, of Arkansas; Chairman of hotel committee, Max Banner, of Georgia; Chairman of employment committee, L. W. McKown, of Iowa; Chairman of good roads committee, Frank Loucks, of Illinois; National chaplain, Homer T. Wilson, of Texas. Next Meeting Place, Chattanooga, Tennessee.



PATRICK J. O'MEARA, Elected President of T. P. A.

"WHEREAS, the good people of Asheville have been so considerate in their hospitality and have extended to us such splendid entertainment and as we have found much in and about Asheville that appeals to the hearts of us all, and as our convention as a whole unanimously decided that if they could they would make Asheville our permanent meeting place.

"Therefore be it resolved, that the thanks of this convention be extended to the good people of this fair city in the Land of the Sky." "Be it further resolved that our thanks are due the Governor of North Carolina, Hon. W. W. Kitchen, and to the representative of the mayor of Asheville, Hon. Locke Craig, for their splendid addresses of welcome.

"Be it further resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the entertainment committee for their splendid services in looking after the welfare during our sojourn among the good people of this town.

tion in so courteously giving us an opportunity to see the magnificent scenery in Biltmore.

"Whereas we would not be unmindful of the most excellent service rendered our members and their families and friends by the hotels of Asheville, and as we have found much in and about Asheville that appeals to the hearts of us all, and as our convention as a whole unanimously decided that if they could they would make Asheville our permanent meeting place.

"Whereas the Southern Railway has used every effort to make the Annual convention of the National Travelers' Protective Association a success, and done everything in their power to



STORM CAUSES SERIOUS DAMAGE THROUGHOUT MOUNTAIN SECTION

Unprecedented Rainfall of Thirty Hours Interfered With T. P. A. Convention Here and Caused Many Washouts on the Railroad Lines Leading From the City.

The continuous rain for more than twenty-four hours has left its record upon Asheville and the decorations as well as bringing in its train great damage all through this section of the country. With scarcely a respite of more than thirty minutes at a time during the period of thirty hours the clouds opened and a steady rain descended. It was not a violent rain for any great length of time nor was there any heavy wind which generally accompanies destructive rains.

The storm came from the Atlantic coast where it had been raging for the past day. In North Carolina it was chiefly confined to Charlotte and Asheville. It was stated at the weather bureau last night that the rainfall had not yet been, during this storm excessive.

Last night the French Broad river had risen several feet but it had not yet overflowed its banks. At Biltmore the Swannanoa river had risen and the velocity of the stream had increased to such an extent that it was possible to hear the mad rush of the waters some distance.

It was reported that there was a washout at Tryon due to the storm. The telegraph connections were somewhat injured and the telephones suffered as well. They remained after a lapse of nearly an hour during the heaviest part of the storm.

Gov. Kitchen Rewards His Campaign Manager with Judgeship.

(Special to The Citizen.) RALEIGH, June 3.—Governor Kitchen announced this afternoon the appointment of Hon. J. S. Manning of Durham as associate justice of the Supreme court to succeed Judge H. G. Connor, now United States judge for the Eastern district of North Carolina. Mr. Manning is fifty years old and is a distinguished lawyer and an able legislator.

Mr. Manning managed the campaign for Governor Kitchen last year and succeeded in overthrowing the forces of Hon. Locke Craig of Asheville, whom following made the strongest fight ever shown in a state convention and succeeded in holding up the convention for three days and as many nights.

The rain in the city was a great disappointment to a great many of the visitors who had planned trips and excursions to the different points of interest near here.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., June 3.—Following a heavy rain-fall for the last eighteen hours had wash-outs are reported on the Southern railway between Spartanburg and Asheville, and the passenger trains on that division are now reported six hours off schedule. The largest wash-out is between Tryon and Landrum, twenty-four miles west of here.

SYLVANIA, Ga., June 3.—A half dozen persons, probably more, were injured in a terrific cyclone that passed over the lower part of Screven county at four o'clock this afternoon and while no life has yet been lost because of its passage many persons escaped by seeming miracles, houses were blown about and upon them without inflicting fatal injuries.

CHARLOTTE SOCIETY IS SHOCKED BY SCANDAL Separation of Hurley's Followed by Grand Jury's Consideration of Case.

(Special to The Citizen.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 3.—Sylvester Heriot Clarkson presented yesterday to the grand jury now in session the case of the state vs. Mr. Dennis A. Hurley, charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill his wife, Mrs. Katherine Jordan Hurley.

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MRS. BEBEE KILLED IN A RUNAWAY HIGH POINT, N. C., June 1.—Mrs. Esther McLain Harwood Bebee, relative of the late President McKinley, who owns a summer home and other valuable property at Elsie, in Morganton county, was killed in a runaway Saturday at that place, and her body brought here to be shipped to her former home in Norwich, Conn.

ROCKY MOUNT, June 3.—Residents of Plymouth and the neighboring vicinity are puzzled over the finding of an opened vault about three by two feet in width and about two feet in depth on the bank of the Roanoke river about one hundred and fifty yards from the Atlantic Coast Line station there.

MANNING APPOINTED TO CONNOR'S PLACE Charlotte Society is Shocked by Scandal

HAS CAPT. KIDD'S VAULT BEEN FOUND AT LAST

PARENTS JOIN TO SEND HUSBAND TO THE ROADS

PECULIAR CASE IS TRIED IN RECORDERS COURT OF RUTHERFORDTON



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