

THE WINDY CITY WELCOMES THE ADVANCE GUARD

The Different States Preparing for the Big Convention by Holding Caucuses and Doing Other Preliminary Work.

As to Who Will be the Nominee for Vice President, is Still in Doubt. Senator Fairbanks Still as Dumb as an Oyster.

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, June 20.—The forenoon train today brought in the stragglers, and the ranks of nearly all the State delegations have been filled. With the arrival of the delayed delegates were eliminated all obstacles to the holding of caucuses. State headquarters were sought and the programme of the day ascertained. It developed that most of the caucuses would be held late in the day and tonight and nothing remained to the newcomers but to take their places in the hotel lobbies and discuss the absence of contest, the inactivity of delegations and the small attendance. In the corridors of the principal hotels where the States have established headquarters is missed the buzz, the conversation proceeding from councils of national figures and one hears the hush which follows a story well told. The utter absence of sharp political work is noticeable and forces the realization that "everything is fixed."

One of the absentees is the man who has attended every Republican convention since Lincoln was nominated. It is only another illustration of the quietness of convention eve. Some importance is attached to a desultory discussion of Senator Fairbanks' probable reasons for declining to talk about the Vice Presidency and of the wisdom of his reticence. Were it not for the gossip he has furnished and the little flurry raised by the possibility of tariff revision and the reciprocity question since Lincoln was nominated, it would be a dead letter in the Republican convention this year. Though most of the States will caucus today and the convention tomorrow the hotels are not crowded. They are not even well filled. With no contest for first place on the third and apparently none for the second no occasion exists for marching clubs of enthusiastic shouting thousands headed by bands, nor for other organizations which customarily add to the din, the glare and the excitement of a convention. They are not needed and they are not here.

Senator Fairbanks' continued silence regarding the Vice Presidency has caused some of his strongest supporters in his own delegation to advise him to make an announcement today that he would be glad to have the nomination. A number of his friends, including Representatives Watson and Hemenway and Chairman Goodrich, of the Indiana State committee, met in Senator Fairbanks' room early in the day with the object of urging on him to make an announcement today that he is a candidate. The decision probably will be communicated to the Indiana delegation which meets this forenoon. "New York has not determined whom it will support for Vice President," said Governor Odell today. "It is not pledged to Fairbanks or Cannon or Hill. There is plenty of time to think it over and there should be an open field."

The New York delegation meets tonight at 9 o'clock.

Refused to be Smoked Out. Chicago, June 20.—Senator Fairbanks today continued his silence on the subject of his candidacy for the Vice Presidency. Some of his strongest supporters in the Indiana delegation advised him to make an announcement today that he would be glad to have the nomination. Some of his friends held a consultation with him as to whether he ought not now to say whether or not he will be a candidate for the office. The result will probably be announced today. Governor Odell said this morning that the New York delegation had not decided whom to support for Vice President. He is not pledged to any one and he said it should be an open field.

Senator Fairbanks Chairman. The Indiana delegation met today and on motion of Senator Beveridge, Senator Fairbanks was made chairman by acclamation. There was no mention of the Vice Presidency and it is understood that the silence on this point was due to a request from Senator Fairbanks himself, who still adheres to his determination to do nothing that would look like seeking the position. Senator Beveridge, who will represent Indiana on the committee on resolutions is a "stand-patter."

Washington for Fairbanks. "Fairbanks for Vice President will receive the solid vote of Washington." This announcement was made today by Senator Ankeny. The Kentucky delegation is divided on the Vice Presidency. A majority, however, are favorable to the Indiana Senator. A caucus is to be held late today when an effort will be made to unite on a candidate. Delegates from Indian Territory, uncertain as to what action will be taken by the convention on the subject of statehood, are making an earnest

fight for home rule for all Territories, pending their admission to the Union.

The Iowa Idea.

The "Iowa Idea" was emphatically laid on the table today by the Iowa delegation. It is understood, however, that Governor Cummins will advocate it on the floor of the convention in supporting the Hansbrough resolution for tariff revision and reciprocity.

The Iowa delegation met and organized today. This ceremony occupied but 15 minutes. At its conclusion Governor Cummins took the floor and presented his "idea" concisely embodied in a set of resolutions. Discussion which lasted for an hour and a half followed, when the resolutions were laid on the table by an overwhelming vote. The details of the vote were not recorded.

The Cummins resolution, which is the "Iowa Idea," up to date are as follows: "Resolved, That it is the sense of the delegation that the national Republican platform about to be adopted should be broad enough to furnish comfortable standing room for all Republicans who believe in the essential principles and policies of the party that upon the subject of tariff and reciprocity it should embody in some form the following statements:

First, clear and emphatic declaration of the time proven policy of protection. "Second, an unmistakable recognition of the fact that the tariff schedules must be readjusted at reasonable times to change the condition of production, and that any such readjustments should be made by the friends of protection. "Third, that at the next session of the present Congress the subject should be taken up and such changes in the schedules should be made as are required to preserve for our producers and consumers the most adequate protection—no more, no less. "Fourth, a plain and forcible declaration for reciprocity; to be established either by treaty or by act of Congress circumstances may demand, whenever the policy can be employed to increase production at home and increase the general welfare whether in competitive or non-competitive things. "No action was taken by the delegation as to the Vice Presidential nomination, although the sentiment seems to be for Fairbanks.

Mr. Long's Candidate. John D. Long, of Massachusetts, former Secretary of the Navy, today authorized the Associated Press to announce that his Lincoln candidate for the Vice Presidency was William H. Taft, Secretary of War, whom he regards as in every way the most available and best man for the office.

"There can be no question of the strength of Mr. Taft," said Mr. Long. "He has made his record. The country knows him, and the ticket, Roosevelt and Taft, would in my opinion sweep the country."

"First, his eminent qualifications as a presiding officer; dignity, sound judgment and deliberation, are characteristic of the man. "Second, his close and warm friendship for the President. He would certainly make an agreeable running mate for Mr. Roosevelt. "Third, the fact that he is splendidly qualified for the increased responsibilities which would devolve upon the vice-president in the case of an emergency, and lastly, or perhaps I should have said, first, the fact that there is a strong sentiment throughout the country toward Taft for the Presidency in 1908.

My suggestion of Mr. Taft is being everywhere warmly received, and especially among the Eastern delegations, the sentiment seems to favor him for the vice-presidential nomination."

Senator Cullom will organize the Illinois delegation over the opposition of Governor Yates. Twenty-eight out of the fifty-four delegates met in Senator Cullom's room today and pledged themselves to support him as chairman of the meeting of the delegation later in the day.

The Pennsylvanians will hold a contest tonight, when Senator Boies Penrose or Senator Knox will be made chairman.

"Speaker Cannon is primarily our selection for the vice-presidency," said Congressman Patterson to the effect so unequivocally opposed to it, that, out

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The Well Known New York Negress Killed by Her Common Law Husband, Charles Arthur, Who is a White Man.

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The shooting was the culmination of a quarrel in which the couple had been engaged for more than a week and occurred after Arthur had been apparently deserted by the woman. Arthur was arrested as he was about to fire a fifth shot into the woman's body as she lay in the street where she had fallen and on the way to the police station he was menaced by negroes who sought vengeance for the death of a member of their race.

Mrs. Howard was 23 years old, and was exceptionally pretty. Arthur said he had intended to shoot himself after killing the woman, because, he said, she had ruined his life. He was locked up on a charge of murder.

THE FIRST MEETING TONIGHT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION

It Will be Called to Order at 8:30 O'Clock at the Colonial Club. Mr. Chase Brenizer to Welcome the "Legal Lights."

At the Meeting Tomorrow Morning Hon. Burton Smith of Atlanta to Deliver the Annual Oration. Association Notes.

(Special The News)

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Mr. F. R. Woodard, chairman of the executive committee will call the session to order and Mr. W. D. Pruden, president of the Association will present Mr. Chase Brenizer of the Charlotte Bar who will make the address of welcome. Judge R. W. Winston will respond to the address in behalf of the association.

This will be followed by an address

of Raleigh, and Marshall W. Bell of Murphy.

"They are an unusually fine looking set of men and one passing about the hotels cannot but notice them. The early trains this evening will be crowded with incoming lawyers from all parts of the State. Among the arrivals expected tonight is Hon. Lee S. Overman, United States Senator.

They are gladly given the freedom of the city and the entire place will join with the Charlotte Bar Association in giving them a hospitable welcome and trying to make their visit a pleasant one.

"POISONED THE WELL. A Mean Attempt to Make Way With a Family Near Raleigh. (Special The News.) Raleigh, June 20.—An attempt to poison the well and kill the family of Mr. Will Cooley, a prosperous farmer, who lives a few miles from Raleigh, was discovered Sunday. Pieces of bread with some evidently poisoned substance spread on it, were found in the well and a small sack of roots and herbs with a hook for a slaker was found lodged on the wall, near the water.

A negro tenant dismissed for neglecting the crops is suspected. He refused to drink the water from the well before the suspicious substance was found. The State Chemist is making an analysis of the bag of roots and the bread.

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(Special The News) Raleigh, N. C., June 20.—Editor J. W. Bailey of the Biblical Recorder, who, as chairman of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League wired each of the four candidates for governor for an expression as to their position in the temperance fight in this State, said this morning that he has received satisfactory replies from three, Stedman, Davidson and Turner. Glenn, he says, is an avowed temperance man and the only reason nothing has been heard from him is that he is away from home and has not yet gotten the inquiry.

Col. P. M. Persall, private secretary to Governor Aycock gave out the statement this morning that the governor wishes to emphatically deny the persistent reports that he is a candidate for election as a delegate to the National Convention, that he is not now and has never been a candidate for that honor and in fact could not go to St. Louis were he made a delegate; that he has always told those who mentioned the matter to him that he did not desire the election.

A charter was issued for the Brown-Rogers Co., Winston-Salem. The incorporators are Thos. J. Brown, Jas. M. Rogers, W. T. Carter. The capital stock will be \$100,000. The company will conduct a wholesale and retail hardware business.

Death of a Child. Fred Bangle, the 16-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bangle, died this morning. The funeral service will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence on North Davidson street, and will be conducted by Rev. Messrs. George W. Belk and L. A. Falls. The interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

TO INSTRUCT FOR PARKER. Texas Will Fall in Line For New York Jurist. (By Associated Press.) San