

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WILL CONFER WITH GOVERNOR COX

(By The Associated Press.) DAYTON, O., July 8.—Governor Cox, after working for a few hours in his newspaper office today, expects to pilot a number of visiting newspaper representatives about the home and haunts of his early boyhood at Jacksonburg, near Middletown, O. The trip will be made by automobile.

It now is expected that when Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor Cox's running mate, arrives from San Francisco, ensuing conferences will result in more than the mere exchange of felicitations. Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the democratic national committee, E. H. Moore, of Youngstown, the governor's pre-convention campaign manager, and a number of other party leaders, are expected to participate. It is understood to be probable that phases of the campaign may be discussed, especially plans for the official notification.

Dayton citizens are apprehensive that efforts may be made to have the notification ceremonies take place in Columbus and they are prepared to go the limit, if necessary, to nullify such an arrangement. From present indications the notification ceremonies probably will take place at Trails End, the governor's suburban home, where several thousand people gathered two weeks before his nomination to celebrate with him the occasion of the departure of the Ohio delegation for San Francisco.

The governor last night made his second public address since his nomination, at the Dayton country club, where a dinner was given in honor of the Ohio golf association. Governor Cox is an enthusiastic golfer and his address was chiefly an intimate talk with the members on the merits of this outdoor sport. He also spoke in cordial terms of his republican opponent, Senator Harding, who also is a devotee of the game. He declared that regardless of the results of the election he and Senator Harding will remain the same splendid friends as in the past.

The governor's interest in golf was declared by Lee Warren James, president of the Dayton chamber of commerce, to be best exemplified by an incident that occurred on Saturday before the nomination was made at San Francisco. James said he and the governor were just leaving the lockers for the course for an afternoon round when an attendant called out that San Francisco wanted Governor Cox on the telephone.

"Tell them I'll talk tonight," was the governor's reply, according to James.

CIGAR FACTORIES OPEN DOORS TO OPEN SHOP PLAN

TAMPA, Fla., July 8.—Nearly 100 large cigar manufacturers opened the doors of their factories this morning to any cigar makers who wished to work under the "open shop" plan. A strike and lockout has been in progress in this business since April 17, last.

Union leaders claimed that the efforts of the manufacturers to resume operation would prove unsuccessful as they said the non-union cigar makers organization authorized the statement yesterday that its members would not "break" the strike. The joint advisory board of the four cigar makers' unions issued a general order last night instructing all union men to stay away from the factories and not to interfere in any manner with those who wished to work.

"We will countenance no meddling," said Joseph Muniz, secretary of the board. "If a man wants to forsake the union and return to work that's his business and we will see that anyone who creates any trouble or adopts picketing tactics is properly punished."

WESTERN WHEAT RAISERS HAVE GOOD FORCE

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 8.—A land army of 100,000 farm hands recruited and organized by the department of agriculture is moving northward across the western wheat belt harvesting the nation's grain crop in better time than in many years, according to reports today to the department.

"For the first time in years farmers have not been handicapped through labor shortages," Director Taylor, of the farm bureau, said. Attracted by a wage of \$7 for a ten hour day, thousands of workers from Atlantic and Allegheny regions have gone west of the Mississippi river to join the harvest drive, according to department officials.

WILL INVESTIGATE MONEY PAID TO NEGRO, JOHNSON

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, July 8.—The senate committee investigating expenditures of candidates for presidential nominations today turned its attention to the \$9,000 payment said to have been made by Lowden campaign managers to Henry Lincoln Johnson, Georgia national committeeman. Johnson was the center of a bitter controversy before the credentials committee of the republican national convention. While testifying before the credentials committee he admitted receiving the money for campaign expenses in Georgia.

ON FAR EAST TRIP AT UNCLE SAM'S EXPENSE

List of Those Going Kept Secret Until Lately — Costs Only \$1.75 a Day.

(Theodore Tiller, in Greensboro News.)

WASHINGTON, July 7.—With the sailing of the government transport Great Northern from San Francisco, a partial list of senators and representatives who are going on a "junket" to the far east became available today. In the face of official refusal to make the entire list public for the time being—although the war department promises it later—the incomplete list was patched together in San Francisco and Washington and indicates that more than 100 congressional passengers are aboard the vessel. These include members of Congress and their families.

The journey of these legislators to the far east—the Philippines, Hawaii, Japan and China—is popularly known as a "junket," though the passengers themselves strenuously object to the term. The official reason given for the trip is that the "fast looming problems of the east" demand the attention of Congress and also demand first hand information. Inquiring newspapermen have endeavored for weeks to get the passenger list, but it was guarded both at the capitol and war department. This secrecy added to the publicity given the "junket" and this publicity, it is said, scared off a number of senators and representatives who were originally booked to go on the trip.

The congressional party sailed on a government transport. Each passenger pays \$1.75 per day for board and lodging aboard ship, and that is all the expense attached so far as is known here. In justification for their journey, members of Congress argue that the boat was going to eastern ports anyway and it might as well carry along passengers.

Two Tar Heels Go.

Two North Carolina members—Small and Robinson—are on the list.

Up to the time the Great Northern sailed, the names of only three passengers were positively known. Senator Harris, of Georgia, announced two months ago that he intended to go. He is a member of the senate sub-committee dealing with fortifications and he wants to look over the fortifications at Pearl Harbor and elsewhere.

Representative Vane, of Pennsylvania, and Representative Porter, of the same state, also announced their intention of sailing. Mr. Porter is chairman of the house foreign affairs committee.

When efforts were made both at the capitol and the war department to obtain the passenger list some time ago, various excuses were given for refusing the list. The war department finally promised the list the day the ship sailed, not before. All the while, however, it was insisted that it wasn't a "junket" and those promoting the party inveighed against the unfavorable publicity the trip was receiving.

At the transportation division of the army it was said today that the Great Northern had sailed one day late because of the hold-over of the Democratic convention. Some of the passengers went from the convention hall to the ship, it appears, and the vessel had to be held pending adjournment of the convention. The estimated cost of holding a vessel in port one day is several thousand dollars.

HAYS COMES TO CONFER WITH HARDING

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 8.—Will H. Hays, republican national chairman, resumed hearings today with party leaders of the middle western states. He will leave tomorrow for Marion, O., with T. Coleman Du Pont, chairman of the nomination notification committee, to confer with Senator Harding. Hearings will not be taken up in Chicago again until the notification ceremonies at the home of Senator Harding July 22.

"The outlook for the republican party in Minnesota and the northwest generally is better than it has been for a long time," Irving A. Caswell, Minnesota committeeman, told republican elders. "The attitude of the democratic convention on the subject of liquor will work to the benefit of the republican party in Minnesota."

L. H. Stoddard, one of the leaders of the progressives in the 1912 campaign, assured party leaders of support on the part of former followers of Theodore Roosevelt.

Protests from Ohio leaders against a "front porch" campaign by Senator Harding will be taken up with the republican nominee by Mr. Hays, it was said.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL MEET AUGUST 10

Governor Issues Call For Special Session to Consider Tax Situation — Suffrage Not Mentioned.

(W. T. Bost, in Greensboro News.)

RALEIGH, July 7.—Tennessee, Vermont, Connecticut, and Florida were given their chance to go to glory or the grave when North Carolina's state council set August 10 for the extraordinary session of the general assembly.

These several states which form the battleground between the bourbons and the suffragists expect to fight the issue on suffrage solely. North Carolina takes it up incidentally. Governor Bickett is issuing the call does not refer to the "cause." He leaves place for it and all other measures of "grave importance."

Without ratification this year it is conceded that the Democracy will go to the "grave" and so eminent an authority as Col. "Hos" Watts declares the Democracy is dead this year anyway. Of course, he was talking for other purpose and doing what he could to injure one gubernatorial candidate who was steering away from the "grave" and to help the other who was headed direct for it. However, Colonel Watts did not know at that time what the Democracy would do. He hardly expected it to nominate Cox, was in fact as unable to see Cox in 1920 as Woodrow Wilson in 1912.

The calling of the special session for August 10 is in no wise a passage of the buck to some other state. Governor Bickett is extremely anxious to see a state which showed so much courage in the war, exhibit civic bravery in telling the truth about its property and in paying just rates on it. For that reason he hopes that the suffrage states that are just hankering to emancipate the women, will also set free his special session to work on taxes. If after the body has foregathered and it is necessary to give Cox the fighting chance that women will furnish, Bickett will tear his silk shirt from narrative to neckband in favor of ratification when he is not a bit crazy about votes for women.

Call of the Governor.

The call was framed this morning by his excellency and reads thus:

"By and with the advice of the council of state, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, governor of the state of North Carolina, in the exercise of the power conferred upon me by the constitution, and as contemplated by section 3 of chapter 84 of the public laws of 1919, do issue this my proclamation on this extraordinary occasion convening the general assembly in extra session, and I hereby notify and request the senators and members of the house of representatives of the general assembly of North Carolina, to meet in their respective halls, in the capitol, in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday, the 10th day of August, 1920, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the following specific purposes:

"1. To prescribe such tax rates as may be wise and just in view of the actual value of the property in the state, as ascertained by the revaluation act.

"2. To consider constitutional amendments reducing the tax rates that may be hereafter levied.

"3. To consider such other matters of grave importance to the public as the general assembly may deem wise.

"In witness whereof, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, governor and commander-in-chief, have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed.

"Done in our city of Raleigh, this 7th day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the one hundred and forty-fifth of our independence.

THOMAS WALTER BICKETT, Governor.

By the Governor: "Governor."

SANTFORD MARTIN, Private Secretary.

ONEY ISLAND MAY SEE DEMPSEY-CARPENTER FIGHT

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 8.—Coney Island, New York's playground, was added today to the list of possible battlegrounds for the prospective Dempsey-Carpenter heavyweight championship boxing match, when the managers of the two pugilists met here to discuss terms for a bout.

An unnamed promoter is said to have authorized Charles J. Harvey, former secretary of the boxing commission, to offer \$500,000 for the privilege of staging the championship contest at the famous amusement park. Thanksgiving Day was the date discussed at the conference.

SOUTH CAROLINIAN DIES FROM MAD DOG BITE

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Michael W. Hester, 56 years old, of Easley, S. C., died on a train at Alexandria, Va., today as a result of being bitten by a dog seven weeks ago. He was being rushed to Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, for treatment, accompanied by members of his family and Doctors Ponder, of Easley, and Charles W. Gentry, of Greenville, S. C.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

Monthly Bulletin From Secretary Allen's Office Reveals Varied Workings of Chamber.

Additional street car service from Loray has been urged for Saturdays and Sundays by several members and as a result of their requests the Chamber of Commerce took the matter up with D. K. Jackson, commercial agent of the Piedmont and Northern Railway. It was found that Mr. Jackson had already been stressing the need and he immediately took the matter up anew with the result that the service was doubled, beginning with last Saturday. The company is trying it out and it is understood that if it breaks even on the increased service that it will be continued.

Freight service at the Southern Railway Company's freight station has been the subject of strong complaints lodged with the Chamber of Commerce by a number of local shippers and energetic protest has been filed with high officials in an effort to get relief from the congested situation. G. C. Andrews, agent, and Mr. McKee, acting during the absence of Mr. Andrews from the city, have both done all in their power but the facilities at hand are entirely inadequate. The Chamber of Commerce was informed by wire by an official today that "the matter is being gone into thoroughly and within the next few days you will see great improvements in conditions." Shippers are accordingly hopeful that some permanent relief will really be given.

Express service will be improved at once if the American Railway Express Company will grant the request of the Chamber of Commerce to raise the local office to an "A" classification. The Chamber of Commerce for over a year has had continual trouble in getting prompt service on claims. The present agent has endeavored to give the best service in his power but the real remedy would be in the Company's raising the classification of the office as that would then provide adequate help to properly handle the heavy incoming and outgoing express from this point. Application has been made for the change and it is hoped that it will be granted. Regardless of whether claims are paid promptly or not shippers would naturally prefer to receive their goods intact and in good condition.

Switching limit extension is being sought by the Chamber of Commerce from the Carolina and Northwestern Railway for South Gastonia. This is quite necessary for the industries in the southern section of the city.

Gastonia received rather shabby treatment at the hands of the Bankhead motor convoy, regardless of the fact that when the Bankhead Highway project was launched this county had the largest unit between Washington and Atlanta and gave the pathfinding party one of its most notable receptions. A telegram was received twenty four hours ahead of the party's arrival last week from Benehan Cameron, president, stating that the party of approximately one hundred and eighty would reach Gastonia the following noon "for one hour to accept hospitality." In Gastoniae that doesn't mean landing out a drink of ice water all around or anything of that kind but it means real hospitality. So preparations were hurriedly made for the providing of a sumptuous luncheon for the entire party. The next morning the party arrived but the colonel in command stated that he had not been advised until he reached Mount Holly regarding the matter and that the convoy could not possibly stop. He left his deep regret and an uneaten luncheon on our hands.

But Gaston is building good roads, anyhow.

Road routings are furnished members free but we only ask that you notify the office in advance far enough ahead if your trip includes highways regarding which there may be no information on hand. If we haven't, we'll get it, if you'll speak early enough. A road report card will be ready for distribution soon, which all motorists are urged to take with them and mail back, indicating road conditions. This will enable the Chamber to keep up a road condition information file which will be of great value to members.

"A traveling man was talking with me and told me of your city. He spoke well of it and I am interested in it." This is an excerpt from a letter received at the Chamber of Commerce, and not the first by any means referring to good works from traveling men. Did you ever stop to think what good boosters they are for Gastonia? A little courtesy and cordiality towards the commercial traveller always comes back in good dividends for the city.

Orthopedic day was a great success, R. B. Babington and others on the committee in charge making the laying

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BOARD OF APPRAISERS FIND \$75,000,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY IN COUNTY

Represents Increase of 400 Per Cent Over Last Years Valuation of Nineteen Million Dollars — Acreage in County is 211,528 as Against 201,263 Originally on Books — Tabulation of Last Year's Values as Compared With Findings of Board of Appraisers.

HARDING IS BUSY ON HIS SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

MARION, O., July 8.—Senator Harding arrived at his office earlier than usual again today in order to accomplish as much as possible on his speech, now under preparation, accepting the republican presidential nomination. Instead of dictating it to a stenographer, however, the senator, following a habit acquired during 30 years of newspaper work, is writing it out in long hand with a pencil. According to members of his office force, the senator makes "clean copy" and few changes are required in his manuscripts. Owing to the rush of work, Senator Harding has been unable since his return to Marion to engage in his favorite outdoor recreation, golf, but he hopes shortly to arrange his engagements so he can play a round occasionally in order to keep in good physical condition during his campaign. There are no golf links nearer than Mansfield, about two hours distance by motor from Marion, but the senator expects to play during some of the week-end vacations he contemplates taking during the summer months.

WILL INVESTIGATE RAILROADS AND COAL DELIVERY

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Priority of service in favor of the more essential commodities is necessary to relieve the present transportation congestion on the railroads, Daniel Willard, chairman of the advisory committee of the Association of Railway Executives, declared today before the interstate commerce commission.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Investigation of the railroads' observance of the service order requiring preference to be given eastern coal mines in the assignment of open top cars was begun today in hearings before the interstate commerce commission.

The preference order was issued recently by the commission as a measure to relieve coal shortages in the east, particularly in New England. Since its issuance numerous complaints have been filed with the commission relative to the supply and exchange of coal cars by the railroads. The commission therefore ordered a hearing to determine whether any change in the present regulations was necessary.

Determined protest against continuation of the preference order is expected from a number of shippers. Organization meetings were held last night by shippers of building materials preliminary to participation in the hearings and every effort will be made, it was said, to convince the commission of the need of an adequate car supply for the shipment of cement and other building commodities.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PALMER'S CAMPAIGN

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 8.—The senate committee investigating campaign expenditures will move to St. Louis tonight to take up the investigation of Attorney General Palmer's campaign for the democratic nomination, Chairman Kenyon announced when hearings were resumed here today.

The principal witnesses in the Palmer investigation will be Edward F. Galtra, democratic national committeeman from Missouri, and Joseph T. Davis, an attorney of St. Louis.

Reports that Galtra paid the expenses of 28 delegates to the state convention which ousted Senator Reed from his national convention seat will be one of the matters investigated, it was said. Senator Reed is a member of the investigating committee.

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With their books showing the taxable property real and personal, of Gaston county to be \$75,090,248, as against the figures of \$19,495,172 according to the old system of listing on the 1919 tax books and a total of 211,528 acres of land in the county as against 201,263 acres in 1919 representing a gain of nearly 400 per cent in taxable property and an increase of 10,000 acres of land, the county board of appraisers have practically finished the work of revaluing the property of the county, and are ready to report to the State Tax Commission that Gaston county is a \$75,000,000 county, exclusive of railroad property which will doubtless run the figures up to \$85,000,000.

The most remarkable feature of this report is that part which shows that property which for years has been listed at less than its real value is now appraised at its full value, and that an increase of taxable values of 400 per cent has been thereby recorded. Ten thousand acres of land which has from time immemorial been lost to the list takers of the county has appeared on the books.

The work of the appraiser, C. C. Cornwell, J. W. Armstrong, R. C. Belk, R. K. Davenport, Jr., and Miss Georgia Connelly secretary has been long and arduous. Twelve months ago, in June 1919, they started work on the tedious task of inspecting every bit of property in the county. Throughout the long hot months of last summer and the cold rainy days of last winter they have covered the county acre by acre until not hardly a square foot of land has escaped observation and inspection. The results as secured by them justify the claims of the adherents of Governor Bickett's tax revaluation program. Gaston county's property has been truly and fairly assessed and its real value placed on the books.

There are 211,528 acres of land in the county whose value, minus improvements and manufacturing plants, is \$11,786,622. Last year's books give the acreage at 206,263.

The figures as given below do not include railroad properties which in Gaston county last year totalled over \$4,000,000. It is thought that this year, with the Southern's double trackage completed, the value of railroad property will run to \$10,000,000, making the total taxable property in Gaston county \$85,000,000. In the summary given below the word "real" includes mill properties.

A comparison of the values by townships in the county as listed for the year 1919, and of the new valuation just completed is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Valuation Data (1919 Real Estate, 1920 Real Estate, Personal, Total). Includes Gastonia Township (outside), Gastonia (Inside), South Point Township, Dallas Township, River Bend Township, Crowders Mountain Township, and Cherryville Township.