

# THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OPENS

AN EXCITING CROWD JAMS VAST COLISEUM HOURS BEFORE SIGNAL TO START.

## ROOT TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

The Roosevelt Advisers Spring an Eleventh Hour Scheme to Permit Only Uncontested Delegates to Participate in Temporary Organization.

Chicago.—With battle lines drawn taunt, with contending leaders and lieutenants straining for possession of strategic positions, warring Taft and Roosevelt forces met in conflict in the fifteenth republican national convention Tuesday for a struggle that promised to make red pages in American political history.

Hours before the signal gun crashed out its summons to battle, the Coliseum was crowded with humanity, all scrambling, jostling, electrified by excitement over the impending contest. The stress of feeling between principals and the struggle was reflected in the great throngs on the convention floor and among the thousands who crowded nearby hotels and streets all eager and grasping for sensations that were expected to develop in the Coliseum.

President Taft's managers had concluded their plans for the fight on the floor of the convention on the assumption that the temporary roll as pre-

## SENATOR ELIHU ROOT



pared by the national committee would show a Taft majority by a small margin. Also they assumed that the temporary roll of the committee would become the temporary roll of the convention.

Colonel Roosevelt and his advisers, evidently familiar with the Taft figures, evolved an eleventh hour scheme for reducing this small Taft majority by means of an arrangement to eliminate from the roll on temporary organization those votes which are challenged by Colonel Roosevelt.

Taft men drew first blood in the national convention, when Chairman Rosewater, after listening to arguments of the Roosevelt and Taft forces, ruled out of order the demand of the Roosevelt men that the temporary roll be amended. By the proposed amendment, Roosevelt delegates that were under contest would have been substituted for Taft delegates admitted by the national committee. The action of Chairman Rosewater prevented the vote by the convention on the Roosevelt proposition.

Chairman Rosewater presented the name of Elihu Root for temporary chairman. Cochems of Wisconsin, presented the name of Governor McGovern. Job Hedges seconds nomination of Root. Great cheering, delegates rising and waving hats and applauding vociferously.

### Absence of Tributes.

Chicago.—Well known leaders came into the hall unnoticed; there was entire absence of tributes of applause by state delegations to "favorite sons." After Root's election when he came upon the platform, the welcome to him lasted perhaps thirty seconds and when he began his speech, Pennsylvania showed its bitterness toward Senator Root with jeers and caustic remarks which went for to discount the cordiality of his reception. Senator Flinn led the attack of the Pennsylvania delegation on Senator Root.

### Negroes For Taft.

Chicago.—With few exceptions the negro delegates from the South about whose steadfastness there has been so much spoken, stood fast for the Taft candidate. Early in the vote for temporary chairman William Barnes, watched out for the Taft interest on the floor, said they would have 560 votes. They got two less than that. Strains of "Dixie," which followed the rather doleful melody of old favorites, brought the Southerners to their feet with a yell. Many Northern delegates joined them.

## VICTOR ROSEWATER



Job Hedges, of New York, seconding nomination, quoted a complimentary tribute that Roosevelt once paid to Root. This caused great amusement. Hadley followed Hedges to second McGovern's nomination and there was loud and prolonged cheering. Governor Johnson, of California, seconded McGovern.

Against the threats, charges and bitter invective of the Roosevelt forces, Taft supporters put through the first portion of their program by electing Senator Elihu Root of New York as temporary chairman. In spite of the fact that Victor Rosewater, chairman of the national committee, consistently ruled out of order every motion made by the Roosevelt forces, it required more than five hours to reach a vote on the temporary chairmanship.

Calling of the roll was beset with difficulties from the very first name on the list of delegates, but in the end, when the tumult had died away, Senator Root was found to have won by a vote of 558 to 502 for Governor Frances E. McGovern of Wisconsin, with fourteen scattering votes and four not voting.

Vote on temporary chairman follows:

Alabama 24 votes: Root 22; McGovern 2.

Arizona 6 votes: Root 6.

Arkansas 18 votes: Root 17; McGovern 1.

California 26 votes: Root 2; McGovern 24.

Colorado 12 votes: Root 12.

Connecticut 14 votes: Root 14.

Delaware 6 votes: Root 6.

Florida 12 votes: Root 12.

Georgia 28 votes: Root 22; McGovern 6.

Idaho 8 votes: McGovern 8.

Illinois 58 votes: Root 9; McGovern 49.

Indiana 30 votes: Root 20; McGovern 10.

Iowa 26 votes: Root 16; McGovern 10.

Kansas 20 votes: Root 2; McGovern 18.

Kentucky 26 votes: Root 23; McGovern 3.

Louisiana 20 votes: Root 20.

Maine 12 votes: McGovern 12.

Maryland 16 votes: Root 8; McGovern 8.

Massachusetts 36 votes: Root 18; McGovern 18.

Michigan 30 votes: Root 19; McGovern 10; one absent.

Minnesota 24 votes: McGovern 24.

Mississippi 20 votes: Root 16; McGovern 4.

Missouri 36 votes: Root 16; McGovern 20.

Montana 8 votes: Root 8.

Nebraska 16 votes: McGovern 16.

Nevada 6 votes: Root 6.

New Hampshire 8 votes: Root 8.

New Jersey 28 votes: McGovern 28.

New Mexico 8 votes: Root 6; McGovern 2.

Timothy Woodruff voted for McGovern, causing a great shout of applause.

New York 90 votes: Root 76; McGovern 13. Root did not vote.

North Carolina 24 votes: McGovern 21; Root 3.

North Dakota 10 votes: McGovern 9; Hauser 1.

## OHIO 48 VOTES: ROOT 14; MCGOVERN 34.

Oklahoma 20 votes: Root 4; McGovern 16.

Oregon 10 votes: Root 3; McGovern 6. One absent.

Pennsylvania 76 votes: Root 12; McGovern 64.

Rhode Island 10 votes: Root 10.

South Carolina 18 votes: Root 11; McGovern 7.

South Dakota 10 votes: McGovern 10.

Tennessee 24 votes: Root 23; McGovern 1.

Texas 40 votes: Root 31; McGovern 8. Absent 1.

Utah 8 votes: Root 7; McGovern 1.

Vermont 8 votes: Root 6; McGovern 2.

Virginia 24 votes: Root 22; McGovern 2.

Washington 14 votes: Root 14.

When Washington State was finished and Root had won the convention went wild with excitement.

West Va. 16 votes: McGovern 16.

Wisconsin 26 votes: McGovern 13; W. S. Lauder, North Dakota, 9; W. L. Hauser, Wisconsin, 2; Senator Gronna, North Dakota, 1. McGovern not voting.

Wyoming 6 votes: Root 6.

Alaska 2 votes: Root 2.

District of Columbia 2 votes: Root 2.

Hawaii 6 votes: McGovern 6.

Philippines 2 votes: Root 2.

Porto Rico 2 votes: Root 2.

Total, Root 558; McGovern 502.

Both the Taft and Roosevelt forces claimed this vote indicated that their candidate was absolutely sure to win. The advantage appears to be with the President, however, for while he is sure to lose some of the votes that were cast for Senator Root, it was claimed he would gain, if instructions were lived up to, some of the votes were independently cast for McGovern.

Those leaders who had been urging a compromise candidate ever since they arrived in Chicago pointed to another angle in the figures and claimed they showed that it is essential to name a so-called "dark horse" to save the day for the Republican party.

When Senator Root began his "key-note" speech people in great numbers began to leave the hall. He announced then that he would suspend until all those who wished to go had retired.

Thousands then left, but nearly all the delegates remained and listened to the speech.

Even those who had most bitterly fought his election heard him to the end.

When Senator Root finished, amid long continued applause pursuant to an agreement between leaders of the factions, the whole business of appointing committees and other proceedings naturally belonging to Tuesday's work went over until Wednesday.

## SENATOR DIXON



Senator Dixon Sees Victory.

Chicago, Ill.—"We have them whipped," said Senator Dixon, manager of the Roosevelt campaign, after the convention had elected Senator Root temporary chairman. "The vote proves it. It demonstrated beyond doubt the impossibility of Taft's nomination."

The Senator did not appear at all disappointed. He rushed around the Roosevelt headquarters from caucus room to caucus room, insisting that events of the next few important days would tell a different story.

### Committee on Platform.

Chicago.—Members of the committee on platform and resolutions elected by the different states delegations included:

Alabama—James J. Curtis.

Florida—Joseph E. Lee.

Georgia—J. W. Martin.

Louisiana—H. C. Warmoth.

Mississippi—L. K. Atwood.

Missouri—Herbert S. Haley.

New York—William Barnes, Jr.

North Carolina—Cyrus Thompson.

Virginia—D. Lawrence Croner.

Southerners on Rules Committee.

Chicago.—Southern states members of the convention committee on rules included: Florida, W. H. Lucas; Georgia, J. M. Barnes; North Carolina, W. L. Robinson; Virginia, R. H. Angelle. Southern states members of the committee on permanent organization of the national convention, who were announced included: Florida, M. P. Wegott; Georgia, Roscoe Pickett; North Carolina, Moses N. Harshaw; Virginia, J. L. Crupper.

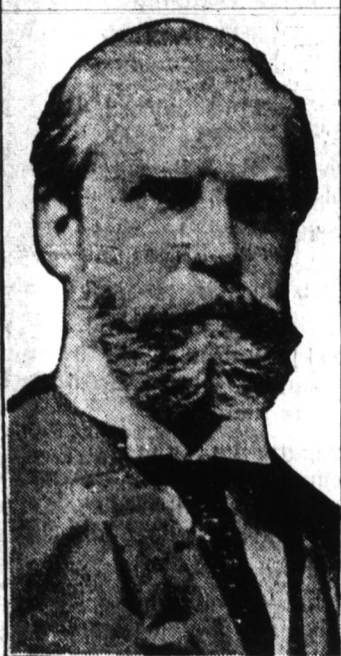
### Predicts Two Conventions.

Chicago.—Congressman Murdock, of Kansas, a progressive leader, predicted there would be two conventions. He would not go into details.

### On Permanent Organization.

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## CHARLES EVANS HUGHES



### Justice Hughes Says No.

Lake Placid, N. Y.—That his decision not to permit the use of his name before the Republican national convention at Chicago is final, was made plain by Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States Supreme Court who is spending the summer here. Justice Hughes confirmed a report from New York that he had telephoned friends in New York and telegraphed others at Chicago that he will not, under any circumstances, permit his name to be used and asked that all mention of him cease.

## WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY



### McKinley Claims Control.

Chicago.—Taft managers privately admitted the vote on the election of Senator Root was "too close to be comfortable," although they insisted they would maintain control of the convention.

"The days vote showed unmistakably that we have control," said Director McKinley.

"Will you be able to keep the delegations in line?" he was asked.

"Certainly, the line-up will be preserved and we will gain more votes. The defeat today will discourage the other side," was the reply. Every effort of the Taft campaigners was directed toward holding firmly that narrow majority of 18.

## HERBERT S. HADLEY



### Addressed Convention First.

Governor Hadley of Missouri, the Roosevelt floor leader, was first to get the attention of the chair.

### Disorder Eliminated.

Chicago.—Aside from the practical absence of the "rough house" tactics which had been so elaborately prepared for by the heavy police guard and the extraordinary pains of the national committee officers to guard against outbreaks of any kind, there were several remarkable things about the convention. It was desperately serious business from beginning to end. There was none of that long continued uproar, extending into minutes, even hours, which have lately become a feature of political conventions.

### Make Bitter Fight.

Chicago.—Colonel Roosevelt and his leaders decided Tuesday night to make the contest over the report of the credentials committee Wednesday a decisive test of strength. Most of Tuesday evening was given over to discussion of the plan to be adopted. Governor Hadley of Missouri, received a commission to exercise a free hand in directing the fight. Talk of a bolt as the result of a decision to disregard the action of a majority of the convention unless it be composed of uncontested delegates was unfounded.

# BAR ASSOCIATION AT MOREHEAD CITY

NORTH CAROLINA LAWYERS WILL GATHER AT THE SEASIDE RESORT JULY 3-5.

## VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

The Increasing of Judges, Solicitors Salaries, Selection of Jurors and Many Other Matters Are to Be Discussed at the Convention.

Wilmington.—The North Carolina Bar Association will meet at Morehead City, July 3-5 and will be a very important one to practicing attorneys and to the public.

The following matters will be reported to the meeting by the committee specially appointed for considering them:

A bill for increasing the number of superior court judges and redistricting the state. The reported bill provides for an increase to 24 districts and a division of the state into 3 circuits of 8 districts each. The rotation will be in each circuit.

A bill placing solicitors on a salary to be paid from the state treasury. The reported bill provides for a salary of \$1,800 for fifteen weeks of court or less; and \$100 a week for each additional week.

A bill to regulate the selecting and challenging of jurors. The reported bill provides for three jury commissioners for each county to be appointed by the judge in the district. In any action, except a capital felony, on the demand of either party or of the state a panel of 20 jurors shall be made up and after they are found to be qualified, the jury is selected by each party, alternately striking off a name until 12 names remain. Challenges for cause may be made. It shall not be ground for challenge that the jury is not a free-holder, or if drawn from the box, that he has served within two years. In other respects the causes of challenge remain as now provided for by law. In capital felonies the state is allowed four peremptory challenges and the prisoner eight peremptory challenges. If a special venire is ordered it shall contain 100 names and the state and the defendant shall alternately strike off the names until the jury is reduced to 40. Out of them the jury is selected. The state can not stand jurors at the foot of the panel.

Have Postponed Highway Meeting. The Charlotte-Asheville-Knoxville highway meeting, which was to have been in Rutherfordton was indefinitely postponed on account of the hard rains making it impossible for automobile parties from cities and towns along the proposed route to attend. A strong sentiment has been worked here in favor of the highway and a record-breaking crowd would have been in attendance had the rains not interfered with the plans.

Woman's Missionary Union Meeting. The woman's missionary union of Fayetteville Presbytery closed its twenty-third annual session, which was held in the Presbyterian church at Rowland. The hospitality of the people has been cordial and delightful. The union has enjoyed inspiring addresses by Rev. A. W. Crawford, pastor of the church; Dr. A. A. McFadden, Rev. W. H. Hudson, Rev. Lacy I. Moffet, from China; Rev. J. L. Crawley, from Africa, and Rev. R. L. Whorton, from Cuba.

Monument to Soldiers of Perquimans. The U. D. C. of Hertford, N. C., unveiled a handsome monument on the courthouse green in memory of the Confederate soldiers of Perquimans county who gave their lives for the lost cause. Chief Justice Clark, of Raleigh, delivered the chief address of the occasion, and Miss Elizabeth White, Master William Small and Master Edwin McMullan, children whose fathers fought in the Confederate army drew the ribbons.

Salisbury Wants Interurban Line. Officials of the Southern Power Company and of the North Carolina Public Service Company will meet in Salisbury in the near future at the request of the Salisbury Industrial club to discuss the proposition of extending the interurban road north from Charlotte as far as Salisbury at once. It is thought the proposition will be looked upon favorably by the Southern Power Company.

Convention of Seventh District. The convention of the seventh senatorial district was held in New Bern the purpose being to nominate two candidates for the state Senate. At the opening of the convention Hon. Frank Thompson of Onslow county was made chairman and the members of the Democratic press made secretaries. This organization at first was only temporary but upon motion was made permanent. There was four candidates for the nomination, A. D. Ward, M. L. Davis, A. Britton and Whitaker. When a vote was taken, it was found that Ward and Davis had each received 91 votes and A. Britton and Whitaker 25 votes each.

Wake Medical Association Meet. The monthly meeting of the Wake County Medical association was held in the chamber of commerce rooms at Raleigh and was well attended by the physicians of the county. Instructive papers were read by Dr. C. O. Abernathy, Dr. John A. Ferrell and Dr. M. C. Horton. Dr. Horton's subject was "Nasal Obstruction." The paper read by Dr. Ferrell was in the form of a digest of the work done by the hookworm commission and will be again read at the meeting of the Hooworm Commission.

Politics in the Sixth District. For the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Congress a primary will be held throughout the sixth congressional district Tuesday from 12 o'clock noon to 7 o'clock in the evening. The contest is between Hon. H. L. Godwin of Harnett, the incumbent, and N. A. Sinclear of Cumberland, solicitor of his judicial district. Thus far not a great deal of interest has been manifested in the primary, but interest is expected to warm up in the district as the candidate for the primary approaches.

## LATEST RAILROAD HUMOR

The Final Location of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Will Be Decided in Near Future.

Albermarle.—Rumor in this place has it that within the next two weeks the final location of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railway will be decided upon. The surveyors have been at work about 5 months and it is reported that they have about finished their first task, and within a short while the question as to just what town will get the line will have been settled.

It is a significant fact that when the Raleigh, Charlotte Railroad is built that beginning with Troy it will connect good towns at distances of about every 15 miles until it reaches Charlotte. The towns to be connected are Troy, Albemarle, Mount Pleasant, Concord and Charlotte. All of these towns are progressive and all are industrial towns. Not counting Charlotte, the other four towns furnish at present a freight business of about \$2,000,000 per year. The freight receipts are rapidly increasing, those of Albemarle having increased about 100 per cent in the past three years and of the other towns in about the same proportion.

All these towns also have splendid farm country surrounding them with the coming of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern new developments will take place, new industries will spring up and the towns along the new line are destined to have a growth unequalled by any other in the state. These towns have all responded liberally with concessions to the new road. Rights of way and suitable sights for stations have been guaranteed the railroad by Albemarle, Mount Pleasant and Concord. Troy and Charlotte have also met the requirements of the road promoters.

The citizens along the line recognizing what this east and west line across the state will mean for the communities traversed are co-operating with the railroad officials and surveyors in every way possible. Co-operative committees have been appointed in the various towns looking towards the mutual interest of the towns and the railroad.

### Veterinary Medical Association.

The eleventh annual session of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association will be held in Raleigh June 25 and 26 and will have two sessions daily.

In connection with the convention the state board of veterinary medical examiners will meet at the veterinary department of A. and M. College at 10 o'clock, June 25, at which time candidates for license to practice veterinary medicine in the state will present themselves. The officers of the association are: Dr. L. J. Herring, Wilson, president; Dr. L. F. Koonce, Raleigh, first vice-president; Dr. J. P. Spoon, Burlington, second vice-president; Dr. M. J. Ragland, Salisbury, secretary; Dr. T. N. Spencer, Concord, treasurer. The state veterinary medical examining board is composed of Dr. T. B. Carroll, Wilmington; Dr. G. A. Roberts, Raleigh; Dr. Adam Fisher, Charlotte; Dr. W. G. Chrisman, Raleigh, and Dr. A. C. Jones, High Point.

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### The B. Y. P. U. Convention Closes.

The third B. Y. P. U. convention came to a close in the Baptist church of Dunn. The report of the executive committee read by the chairman, Rev. W. C. Barrett, revealed great progress in the work. A recommendation asking the Baptist state mission board to appropriate \$900 a year for the support of a regular B. Y. P. U. secretary, the rest of the salary being provided for by the B. Y. P. U. organization. More than 400 was raised by the convention in a few minutes for that purpose.

### Will Not Interfere Further.

Governor Kitchin announce that he will not interfere further with the death sentence of G. G. Wilkins, the negro wife murderer from Nash county whom he has twice reprieved, pending an effort on the part of counsel to procure commutation to life imprisonment. He is to die in the electric chair in the penitentiary here, June 21. Protests against commutation have been filed by citizens and the judge, solicitor and other court officers refused to join in petition for commutation.