

REPUBLICANS PLAN TO CORRAL WOMAN VOTE OF COUNTRY, URGE EARLY SUFFRAGE RATIFICATION

Seven Governors Asked to Call Special Sessions of Legislatures so Sex May Have Voice in Presidential Primaries—Convention Call Issued.

Washington, D. C., Monday. In anticipation of early ratification of the federal suffrage amendment, the Republican national organization, as represented by the members of the National Committee and the State chairmen, has accorded full recognition to the importance of the feminine factor in national politics and made every effort to take steps to align a majority of the women of the country with the Republican party.

Suffrage leaders were jubilant at the adoption of a resolution by the National Committee calling upon the Governors of Republican States which have not ratified the suffrage amendment to call special sessions of their respective legislatures in January for the purpose of ratification. Will H. Hays, chairman of the National Committee, said the committee hoped the amendment would be ratified so women would be able to participate in all the Presidential primaries, the first of which will be in New Hampshire on March 8. Word was received later in the day that a call for a special session had been issued by the Republican Governor of Oregon.

The action of the National Committee is expected to result in ratification before the spring primaries. Twenty-two States, eighteen of which are claimed as Republican, already have ratified. Assurances have been received that at least five out of seven States, the legislatures of which will convene in regular session in January, also will ratify, which will make a total of twenty-seven.

Nine More States Needed. Nine more States are needed to make ratification effective, and it happens that there is just the number of States that have not ratified which have Republican governors. The suffrage workers expect that several of the Democratic States remaining outside the suffrage fold will also ratify, but have been concentrating upon the Republicans, because the hope for ratification next month lies only in favorable action by the Republican Governors.

Women took an active part in the meeting of the Association of State Chairmen, which was formed to bring the party heads in each state in closer cooperation with the national organization. Speeches describing the work of the women's division of the National Committee were made by Mary Garrett Hay, of New York, chairman of its Executive Committee, and Mrs. Margaret McArthur, of Kansas. Women's divisions have been formed in most of the States and arrangements were made to extend these organizations.

The meeting of State chairmen was largely devoted to discussion of routine affairs. Heads of the different departments of the National Committee explained what they had done and hoped to accomplish. Speeches were made by P. H. Hitchcock and William R. Wilcox, formerly national chairmen; Mr. Hays and H. H. Motter, of Kansas; Frank Hall, of Massachusetts; and Senator Howard Sutherland of West Virginia. Raymond Benjamin of California, chairman of the association presided.

Reserved Seats for Women. Further recognition of the women was given by the National Committee in deciding upon reservations of seats on the floor of the convention. In addition to the National Committeemen, who have had the floor privilege, seats will be reserved for the chairmen of each State Central Committee, the head of the women's division of each State, the head of the "ways and means" Committee from each State, and the woman director of the "ways and means" work in each State.

Mr. Hays said the ways and means organization, which will raise funds for the campaign and of which Colonel William Boyce Thompson, of New York, is the national head, will be most thorough. He said the different State organizations had decided to follow the National Committee's example and limit the amount of any one subscription to \$1,000. "In accordance with this system," he said, "women will be asked to contribute as well as the men. They want to give and have already responded widely and liberally."

The seating capacity of the Coliseum at Chicago, where the convention will be held, has been increased to 12,000, and an effort will be made to increase this by building another gallery. A. T. Hart, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, stated that he would call a meeting at Chicago for the week of January 5.

Convention Call Issued. Mr. Hays and James O. Reynolds, secretary of the National Committee, issued the formal call for the convention on June 8. Under the rules adopted by the last national convention the convention will consist of four delegates-at-large from each State, two additional delegates-at-large for each representative-at-large from each State, one delegate from each congressional district in which the vote for any Republican nominee for Congress in 1918 was not less than 7,500 and two delegates from each of the Territories and the District of Columbia.

The total number of delegates will be 984, divided as follows: Alabama 14, Arizona 12, Arkansas 12, California 26, Colorado 12, Connecticut 14, Delaware 6, Florida 8, Georgia 14, Idaho 8, Illinois 68, Indiana 20, Iowa 26, Kansas 20, Kentucky 26, Louisiana 12, Maine 12, Maryland 16, Massachusetts 24, Michigan 30, Minnesota 24, Mississippi 12, Missouri 36, Montana 8, Nebraska 16, Nevada 6, New Hampshire 8, New Jersey 28, New Mexico 8, New York 88, North Carolina 22, North Dakota 10, Ohio 48, Oklahoma 20, Oregon 10, Pennsylvania 18, Rhode Island 10, South Carolina 11, South Dakota 10, Tennessee 20, Texas 22, Utah 8, Vermont 8, Virginia 15, Wisconsin 26, Wyoming 6, Alaska 2.

could not be ascertained. John T. King of Connecticut, manager of the Wood movement, expressed himself as satisfied with the outlook for his candidate and said he would not be hurt by the sentiment for untrained delegates.

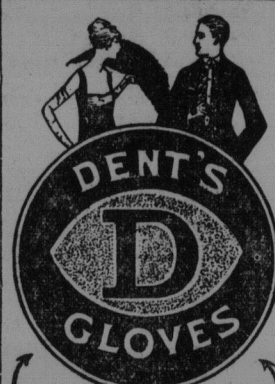
Having obtained the convention for Chicago, the adherents of Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, unmasked their batteries and started a propaganda campaign for him. Governor Lowden was endorsed for the nomination by the Republican members of the Illinois Congressional delegation at a dinner at the New Willard Hotel.

District of Columbia 2, Hawaii 2, Philippines 2, Puerto Rico 2.

More Talk of Harding

There was even less talk of Presidential candidates today than the day before. Workers for the various booms continue to be busy under cover, but there seemed to be a growing sentiment among the leaders that the best interests of the party demanded they should not commit themselves at this time.

More interest seemed to be shown today in the boom for Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, than in any other. There was no visible center for passed along that he would be a good man to consider. Whether this was due to a belief that he would make a good conservative candidate who might be selected as a compromise, or whether to a desire to throw a monkey wrench into the Wood machinery



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