

BRYAN FORECASTS RESULT OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

In Special Article for The London Advertiser the Nebraskan Declares Reactionary Candidates Have No Chance—Clark or Wilson the Probable Nominees.

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The course of the Democratic convention will be largely shaped by the action of the Republican convention. The Democratic platform will set forth the Democratic side of the issues presented at Chicago. For instance, if President Taft is renominated a considerable portion of the platform will be devoted to pointing out and emphasizing the difference between the President and Congress on the tariff question. His administration will be condemned for its sins of omission and commission, and an appeal will be made to progressives to join in administering a fitting rebuke to the administration.

WHAT OF ROOSEVELT?

If, on the other hand, Mr. Roosevelt is nominated, the paramount issue will be the third term—shall the traditions of the nation be overturned? Shall we embark on the road to a dictatorship? Shall we intrust the power and patronage of the Presidency in the hands of a man who might use it to keep himself in power for life?

The third term issue is no trivial thing—the protest against it is not an idle cry of alarm. A dictatorship is the one danger which threatens republics. Because of the intelligence of our people the danger is less here than elsewhere, but it is not a danger that we can afford to ignore even here. No one who has had experience in public affairs is indifferent to the fact that a President has several hundred thousand officeholders who can be coerced into activity in his behalf; he has an army that is obedient to his command (and the standing army has been doubled since ninety-six), and battleships whose guns can overawe our seaport cities. Give the desire to establish a dictatorship, and the man in the White House has a material advantage over any rival in his own party or in any other party.

But these suggestions are by way of illustration to show how the action of our convention will be influenced by the action of the Republican convention. If a dark horse should happen to be nominated our platform would have to be written to correspond with the new conditions which such a result would create.

NOMINEE A PROGRESSIVE.

In the selection of candidates, also, our convention cannot escape from the influence that will be exerted by the Republican nomination. The Democratic nominee will be a progressive—that is already settled. No reactionary could be nominated now, even if the Republican situation did not forbid such action on our part. Mr. Clark and Mr. Wilson, both progressives, will have, together, more than a majority—possibly two-thirds—of the convention. While a few reactionaries may be included among their delegates the number cannot be great enough to give any hope to those Democrats who are hostile to progressive ideas.

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REV. DR. ROSS REPLIES TO THE BISHOP OF HURON

Anglicans and Church Union—Correspondence on the Subject—Other Bodies Do Not Understand the Situation as the Bishop States It—The Validity of Orders.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The Right Reverend the Bishop of Huron, in his charge to the Synod, as reported in your issue of the 12th inst., says that the reason why the Church of England and the Church of the United States are unable to reach an understanding on the subject of the negotiations for Church Union is the intolerance of the other bodies, who refused to recognize the validity of Anglican orders, and said in substance that unless the Church of England was prepared to abandon Episcopacy the way was blocked. This is scarcely the way the other bodies understand the situation. The Joint Committee of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches, appointed to consider the question of Church Union, sent a communication to the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England in Canada, inviting them to send representatives to join in the deliberations. The Committee of the General Synod,

to which the communication was referred, replied through its chairman that it would be glad to appoint representatives if they would be received on the understanding that it would not involve any surrender on its part of the principle of church order laid down in the Preface to the Ordinal attached to the Book of Common Prayer. The Committee replied reciting the terms as a condition of negotiations for union with the Church of England in Canada. The Joint Committee regret that they are unable to accede to this condition. The Committee go on to say that if they have misunderstood the proposal, and if it appears that the Church of England

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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE COCASH IN RUBBER BOOTS?

Bowerman Says Game at Peterboro Was Slight for the Gods.

The London baseball team arrived home at noon today, from Peterboro, and are telling some great stories of the games particularly in Peterboro. Manager Frank Bowerman declares that he never laughed so much in his life as he did at Peterboro. It was all because Cocash played centre field garbed in a baseball suit, and a pair of long rubber boots.

The ball park is on the banks of the river, and it overflowed on to the park grounds morning. It was decided to play the game, however, the rest of the field being in good condition. As soon as Bowerman saw the park, he sent out a hurly-curl call for a pair of rubber boots, and thus equipped Cocash started the game.

Water Lilies.

"Just imagine a man playing base-

ball in long rubber boots," said Bowerman. "I have seen some funny things in my day, but that was the limit. He stood in water nearly up to his knees, and when he sprinted after a ball, you could imagine that a sprayer or something of that nature was in operation. Every time a man hit a ball into the water it was a home run, as a ball player would have to have a diver to retrieve the ball. Cocash cut off four home runs by making catches, and incidentally created more amusement than has been enjoyed in Peterboro in years. To make things worse, Cocash actually played second base with his boots on. That was the climax of a funny afternoon.

Will Take a Boathouse. "When I take a boat, I am going to take Whit Lancaster's boathouse and equipment with me. I think some life-saving apparatus would not come amiss, as I might lose some of my players in the water."

Manager Bowerman is well satisfied with the trip, having won three of the four games played while away.

350 CANDIDATES FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS

The Tests Will Commence On Wednesday Next and Will End On Friday.

Inspector Edwards has announced the programme of examinations for the high school entrance. The examinations will commence on Wednesday next, and will finish Friday afternoon. About 350 candidates will write. This number is somewhat smaller than last year.

The students should be at the Collegiate Institute sharp at 1 o'clock on Wednesday. They will be given their instructions there; and the examinations will commence.

The programme is as follows: Wednesday, June 13—1:15 to 1:30 p.m., reading instructions; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., composition; 3:40 to 4:25, spelling.

Thursday, June 20—9 to 11:30 a.m., arithmetic; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., written reading.

Friday, June 21—9 to 11 a.m., grammar; 11:10 to 12, writing; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., geography.

CAN CALL FOR POLLING IN RICHELIEU COUNTY

Judge Decides That Election of Mr. Cardin Be Cancelled.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, June 14.—The writ for an election in Richelieu County can be issued at any time now. Today the clerk of the crown in chancery received the report of the trial judge, declaring that irregularities had been admitted, and that the election of Mr. Cardin, Liberal, should be cancelled. This put it up to the Government to act.

In view of the character of the charge made in the management of the Sorel shipyard and a few other things, which have taken place in the county, it is not expected that the writ will be issued for some time.

LATE WALTER BELL

Funeral Was Held This Afternoon at Woodland.

The burial services for Mr. Walter Bell, the former timber exporter, who died at his residence, 670 Oxford street, on Tuesday morning, were conducted this afternoon by Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and were held in Woodland Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Fred Matthews, Charles McMillen, Hume Cronin, T. H. Furdon, K.C., Thos. Cameron and John Dearness.



DR. D. B. BENTLEY, of Sarnia, who has been named head of the London Health District, and who will have his headquarters in this city.

DOES LONDON RUN CANADIAN LEAGUE

President Fitzgerald Has Called Special Meeting to Find Out.

IS NOT AT ALL ALARMED

The Franchise Is Property of League, He States, and May Be Taken Away for Cause.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, June 14.—President J. P. Fitzgerald, of the Canadian Baseball League, announced this morning that a special meeting of the directors would be held in Hamilton on Saturday night.

"It is really not to reconsider the London case," said the president, "but to find out whether London is or is not to run the Canadian League."

"I am not at all alarmed at the prospect of any action the London club may take. The franchise is the property of the league, and may be taken away for cause."

NEW FREIGHT AGENT WAS HIGHLY HONORED

Presented With a Magnificent Set of Silver.

Mr. Dan W. Hayes, the new freight agent of the Grand Trunk in this city, who was recently promoted from Guelph to London, was honored by the manufacturers and shippers of his home town yesterday afternoon when at a banquet tendered him by the businessmen of the town, he was presented with a magnificent silver table set. The gift was accompanied by a beautiful embossed address book in blue leather, and signed by the leading manufacturers and shippers of Guelph. Mr. Hayes has now taken up his residence in this city.

POOR BOND MARKET.

Quebec, June 14.—The city of Quebec, which was recently authorized to borrow \$200,000 for urgent needs, has found it impracticable to sell bonds as the English market is now unfavorable for the issue of bonds.

To obviate these obstacles, the Bank of Montreal is to advance amount in treasury bills, payable in six months, at a rate of 3 1/2 per cent. The city has accepted this offer.

ABOLISH THE BAR

Word was received this morning by the committee in charge of the arrangements for the Dominion Day political meeting that several good-sized parties would be made up at distant towns to join in the demonstration to Mr. N. W. Rowell, M.P.P.

The Sarnia Liberals are reported to be taking the matter up with enthusiasm, and a meeting will be held within the next few days to consider a proposal to organize a party that will surpass any other representation at the meeting. Word has also been received from Petrolia that much interest is being taken in the coming demonstration on the First of July, and it is expected that all along the line, Watford, Strathroy and other towns, will send contingents.

DUNDAS ST. PROPERTY BOOSTED \$150 PER FOOT BY ASSESSORS

Stores on North Side, Between Richmond and Talbot Streets Are Run Up at a Lively Clip—Increases Mean From \$3,000 to \$12,000 in Assessment.

The large increases being made in the man assessment throughout the city is creating a great deal of discussion, and from present indications the court of revision will have the busiest season on record.

There is no question but that the gross assessment of the city will show nearly \$5,000,000 increase over last year. On Dundas street, north side, from Richmond to Talbot, property has been boosted to \$150 a foot frontage. One businessman is raised \$3,000, another \$12,000, another \$5,000, and so on, and they must pay on an additional 60 per cent on these amounts as a business tax.

On Ridout street some residential property is also raised to a large extent. One asserts that he is assessed for \$1,500 more than the property will bring today. There is an option on the houses for a lower sum, and the owner thought he was making a good sale when he made an agreement to sell it at that figure, which is less than the assessment.

As a result of these increases there is a great deal of discussion, and much dissatisfaction. "The assessment has been raised systematically every year," said a businessman. "With the increases the tax rate is as high now as it ever was, and still we have to pay for all improvements. It does not look like a fair deal to me, and I will decidedly object."

BIG IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PARKS OF LONDON

Messrs. Dilger and Glaubitz Will Go to Detroit To Get Pointers.

Parks Superintendent Dilger, Mr. Emory B. Hamilton, and possibly one or two other members of the parks commission, will go to Detroit on Saturday to look into the parks system in that city. When they have made this tour, a definite plan will be announced by Mr. Dilger covering the parks of London.

"For the past few weeks, we have been busy getting the parks in shape, but have worked out no large scheme for the future," said Mr. Dilger. "You will understand that this is a big undertaking, and when we start out, it will be gone through with. We will go to Detroit, and then we will decide what really is wanted."

"At the present time, we are making certain little improvements. We have put the cannon in Victoria Park on substantial bases, and I think the change is for the better. We have taken down the fences about the park, and are arranging for a roadway there. Some of the walks may be closed, but that has not been decided upon. The roads in

THIS SIGN IN YOUR WINDOW WILL MEAN YOU HAVE HELPED THE PLAYGROUNDS

On Wednesday of next week the inmates of every London home will be given the privilege of displaying in their windows the accompanying pledge of good citizenship. A number of London's leading women have planned a campaign by which every home in the city will be visited on June 19, and help solicited towards the establishing of supervised playgrounds for the children of London.

The presence of Dr. Curtis, the playgrounds organizer, during the past fortnight, has been a great impetus towards the founding of recreation grounds here. The subject is now on everyone's lips. But much more than talk is necessary. The movement needs money. We must back up our talk by giving financial support. It is for the average parent to realize what properly organized, supervised recreation and exercise means to his or her child.

It means physical development. As the growing child is, so will the future man and woman be. Every little one in London has the right to possess a healthy constitution. Sometimes it means life!

Fair Play.

It means arousing of "fair play" instincts. Parents are often mortified by the selfish little tendencies that their children show. They cannot account for them, but there they are, and if not checked may develop into dangerous faults. Sportsmanship in its best sense is a keynote of all the supervised recreations.

It means a lessening of juvenile crime. Our children are not immune to the dangers and evils that arise in more crowded communities. Many parents realize this only too late. It is an absolute fact that in larger places the offenders in juvenile courts have fallen off 50 per cent.

These are vital facts, and the people of London cannot afford to shut their eyes to them.

So be prepared on Wednesday next. Make the solicitor's work smoother by having your subscription ready, and prove your title to good citizenship by obtaining one of these receipts for membership in the London Playgrounds and Recreation Association.

Membership Receipt in the London Playgrounds and Recreation Association

WOMEN TO BOYCOTT THE CHURCH UNLESS THEY ARE GIVEN VOTE

Mr. Henry Macklin, J. P., Says that the Situation in Diocese of Huron Has Become Acute in Many Sections—London Ladies Have Advocated the Boycott.

A proposed boycott of the churches is the latest manifestation of the woman's rights movement. Mr. Henry Macklin, J. P., is authority for the statement that the ladies of the Anglican Diocese of Huron have in some places seriously considered the idea of absconding themselves from church services until they are given some voice in the church's affairs.

Mr. Macklin, who was the father of a resolution passed by the synod last night, authorizing the executive committee to consider the question of al-

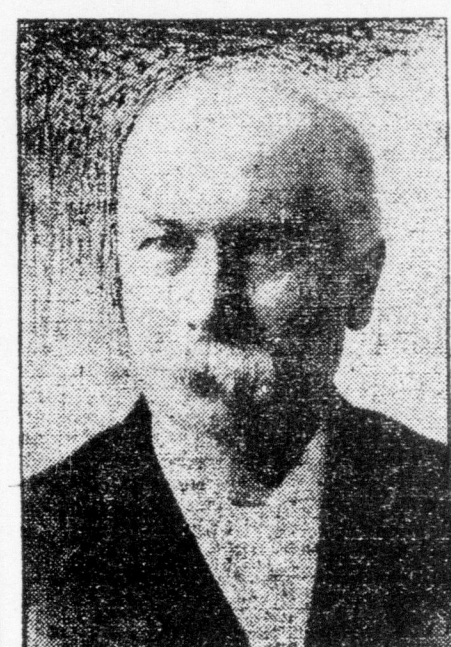
lowing women members of the congregation to participate in vestry meetings, has for seven years been working to secure this privilege for the feminine workers of the church, and feels very strongly on the subject.

Talking Boycott. "The women of the diocese, who take just as much interest in the work of the church as do the men, feel that they have been treated most unfairly," he told The Advertiser. "They think that the church ought to be at least as liberal and as fair in the treatment of women as is the state. The Province of Ontario grants the right to women who own property to vote in municipal elections, but the church refuses it to its women who support it by their contributions and assist in its work. I can tell you further that so strong is the feeling in this matter, that many ladies have advocated a boycott of the church. They feel, and justly so, that they are being discriminated against on account of their sex."

"In what part of the diocese was the boycott talked of?" Mr. Macklin was asked.

Situation in London. "There was a good deal of talk right here in this city," he replied. "Of course, I don't think that the scheme ever would have been carried out. I am sure that the ladies have too good sense to resort to such extreme measures. It does, however, serve to show the depth of feeling engendered by this unjust discrimination."

The reforms proposed by Mr. Macklin cannot take effect until after the next meeting of the synod, as it will be necessary to repeal a canon of the church in order to give them effect.



MR. HENRY MACKLIN, J.P.

\$328,240 PAID FOR REAL ESTATE WHICH CHANGED HANDS IN MAY

Deals Totalled 153 in Number—Showing Is Better Than in April.

The record is far better than for May, 1911. During that month there were 94 transfers, the assessment being \$103,120, and the consideration \$140,000.

For Five Months.

The total for the first five months of the year has reached 456, as compared with 423 in 1911. The assessment is largely in excess of last year, reaching the sum of \$706,675 as compared with \$458,199 for the first five months of 1911.

The consideration for the same period amounted to nearly a million dollars, the exact total being \$847,576, as compared with \$462,689 in 1911. "The returns are very satisfactory," said Assessment Commissioner Grant. "Land values are good, and there is a healthy demand for property. London is a good place for investment."

The real estate transfers for the month of May in London beat all records for number, no less than 153 being registered with Assessment Commissioner Grant. In April there were about 140, and this was considered an excellent showing. However, May exceeded that number.

The assessed value of the property changing hands was over a quarter million dollars, or to be exact \$250,235. The consideration was in advance of the assessment, the sum of \$328,240 being paid for the property. The assessment was 76.2 per cent of the consideration.

ROOSEVELT BUYS A NEW HAT AND IS OFF FOR CHICAGO

Leaves New York This Afternoon to Personally Lead the Fight.

acrimonious argument at the forenoon session of the Republican national committee today had as its net result the transfer of the two delegates from a single Oklahoma district from the contested to the Taft column. No roll call was taken, the decision being by viva voce vote.

Taft Confident.

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POLICE KNOW MAN WHO MADE ESCAPE

Will Be Arrested as Soon as He Is Located.

The police have learned the identity of the man who on Wednesday night broke loose from the grasp of P. C. William Middleton, after being arrested on a charge of vagrancy, and while it is thought that he has left the city for a time he will be taken in custody as soon as located.

According to the police the man has an unimpeachable record here, his marriage to a London lady having made her life miserable. Her death was hastened, it is alleged, by worry over his conduct and ill treatment.

The prisoner was accompanied by another man at this time of his arrest, but only one of them was taken on the vagrancy charge. As he was being led away however the other rushed from behind and jolted the officer causing him to lose his grasp.

TALK OF STEAM LINE TO PORT BURWELL NOW

Aylmer People and Others Are Busy On the Traction Scheme.

It was fully expected that a meeting of the representative from Aylmer, Port Burwell, Springfield, Malahide, South Dorchester, and other municipalities interested in the proposed electric line from London to Port Burwell, would be held prior to this time, but it has been impossible to get the parties together.

However, the gentlemen interested are working out the proposition, and it is expected that the details of the organization will be announced very soon.

"We have not heard from the Aylmer people of late," said Mr. J. Grant (London, secretary of the joint committee. "They are working out the scheme, I am told, and will be ready to talk business in a short time."

Application will be made to Parliament for a new charter for a steam railway from Port Burwell to London, will commence his line at an early date. He built the line now owned by the C. P. R. running from Malahide to Port Burwell. The impression was that the Canadian Northern would build the line, but this could not be verified.

A bylaw will be submitted to the ratepayers of Yarmouth Township, Ashner, and other municipalities through which the extension of the London and Lake Erie Traction line is to pass. A model bylaw is now being prepared, and when it is ready will be submitted to the various municipal councils for their approval and then a vote will be taken. The support of the amount of bonds each municipality is to guarantee has not been completed as yet, but it will be finished in a short time.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Forecasts.

Today—Fresh easterly winds; becoming showery by night.

Saturday—Showery.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

LONDON.....71.5 41 Fine

Vancouver.....62 42 Cloudy

Calgary.....70 42 Fair

Winnipeg.....78 56 Clear

Port Arthur.....64 38 Cloudy

Parry Sound.....64 40 Fair

Toronto.....44 34 Cloudy

Ottawa.....64 42 Fair

Quebec.....50 48 Cloudy

Patric Point.....48 36 Cloudy

Weather Notes.

A widespread depression stretches from the Western Provinces to Texas, attended by much rain, the outlook being favorable for a period of showery weather in Ontario.