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CONVENTION PLANS MADE AT CLEVELAND

EXPECT RECORD CROWDS

Preparations to Take Care of All Comers and Hotels to Maintain Reasonable Rates, Report

Plans for housing about 2,500 delegates and alternates and the thousand or more working press representatives who will invade Cleveland prior to the opening of the Republican national convention next June have been practically completed, Colonel Carmel Thompson, chairman of the local convention committee, has announced.

With the exceptions of the assignment of quarters to the Maine and Alabama delegations, the requirements of every state have been taken care of, it was stated.

The greatest crowds in the history of Cleveland are expected to invade the city by train, interurban and motor car. It was predicted that a larger number than ever before in the history of a political convention would make the trip in their own cars, and a sub-committee of the committee on arrangements has supervision of the working plans for looking after the influx of cars from Kolls-Royce to the tin lizzie expected to come and see the wheels go round.

Hotels—at least the downtown ones—will be pretty well filled with members of the national committee, delegates, alternates and newspapermen, who will assemble here from every part of the country to make the history and write it from a thousand varying viewpoints for the information of those who must stay at home.

To Care for All
The other fellows—the casual convention visitor who comes by himself, or with his family, to see a President named—will be taken care of all right, committee members declare; but the first thing is to see that the men who have to attend the sessions of the convention for one reason or another are adequately looked after and their needs supplied.

As to the entertainment, the committee has underway plans at this time which, members believe, will cause Cleveland to be long remembered as a convention host. Recalling the favorable publicity San Francisco received as a host of the Democratic legions four years ago, Cleveland has decided to take a leaf from San Francisco's book and write a new one as well—all on the matter of making her thousands of casual visitors remember Cleveland pleasantly when they go home and want to come back again.

Rates Kept Down
Hotel rates will not be increased in the slightest degree, it was officially stated. Some of the delegations will be housed at one hotel, although some of the larger ones, like New York and Pennsylvania, will be split up, and entertained at different places. The Massachusetts delegation, because of the added prominence of furnishing one of the leading candidates in the person of President Coolidge also will have quarters at the Cleveland, Hollenden, Statler and Fenway Hall. While Senator Hiram Johnson will have his headquarters at the Cleveland, the California delegation has had quarters reserved at the Olmstead, within a stone's throw of the public hall where the convention will be held.

The big Illinois delegation will be housed at the Statler, and the Wisconsin friends of Senator Robert M. La Follette at the Winton.

PHONE OPERATORS STICK DURING FIRE

Girls in Exchange in Pennsylvania Town Stay at Post Despite Danger

During a recent fire in the Bell Telephone Building at Cynwyd, Pa., nine telephone operators remained at their positions at the switchboard while firemen fought the blaze for nearly an hour.

Shortly after nine o'clock in the evening, Miss Sarah M. Lovelace, the night chief operator, discovered a fire in the wall directly opposite the back of the switchboard. She pulled a hand extinguisher from the wall while one of the girls summoned the fire department. Although Miss Lovelace succeeded in extinguishing the fire behind the switchboard, the firemen found the blaze had reached the second floor and threatened the entire building.

"Put the asbestos cover over the top of the switchboard, we cannot allow service to be interrupted by water and chemicals that may pour through the ceiling from the upper floor," said Miss Lovelace, and as soon as the top was covered, the girls returned to their positions and continued their work. All during the time the firemen fought the blaze, not one interruption to service occurred.

MORE PRECINCTS IN COUNTY ARE PLANNED

County Board to Discuss Need of Additional Voting Divisions

At the next meeting of the county board the proposition of establishing more voting places in the county by the division of some of the largest precincts will be discussed.

The recent primary shows that the need for more polling places is very great. Since the women of the state have been given the power of the ballot the number of votes cast has nearly doubled, yet no provisions have been made in Lake County to change the election machinery, the same number of judges and clerks being employed as before in the handling of the increased vote.

At the primary last week the clerks and judges in many precincts worked practically all night and in a number of others they worked until late the next morning. In West Deerfield the vote count could not be completed until noon Wednesday. In many precincts in Shields and Deerfield townships the clerks worked through the night, and this also was true in Waukegan and other precincts.

James O'Connor, supervisor from West Deerfield, was in Waukegan Friday to line up plans for additional precincts. He is going to ask the other members of the county board to divide the West Deerfield precinct.

KELLER RESIGNS AS WAUKEGAN HIGH HEAD

Request for Increase in Salary Not Complied With; Held Office Four Years

Paul G. Keller, superintendent of the Waukegan Township High School for the last four years, will sever his connection with that institution at the close of the school year. Mr. Keller asked the board for a three-year contract with a \$500 increase in salary for 1924-25, and a \$300 increase for each of the two succeeding years. Mr. Keller's salary at the present time is \$5,500 a year.

The matter was brought up at a board meeting but was not approved by the members. The resignation of Mr. Keller then was presented to the board and was accepted.

Mr. Keller came to Waukegan four years ago from Appleton, Wis. During the time he has been head of the

high school in Waukegan he has brought the institution to a high state of efficiency. He has striven always for perfection and his efforts have born fruit.

PROFESSOR TEACHES BY LONG DISTANCE

Uses Telephone to Instruct His Class During Illness and Proves Success

Teaching a university class by long distance telephone is a novel expedient recently employed by a professor in one of our Western universities.

During the Christmas holidays this gentleman made a visit to a town some 50 miles away from the university, and was unlucky enough to be detained there by a quarantine imposed to check the spread of a contagious disease. Being unable to return to his work, and yet unwilling to give up his classes throughout the entire duration of the quarantine, the professor conceived the novel idea of resorting to the telephone. The long distance service proved so satisfactory that he was able by this means to

conduct his classes at the university fifty miles away, and to keep in touch with his students, without contravening the quarantine regulations in the slightest degree.

SHERIFF'S FORCE INADEQUATE, REPORT

Heavy Increase in Duties Make It Necessary to Work Day and Night

Following the charges filed by 45 Lake Villa residents with the board of supervisors last week that the sheriff's office failed to respond to a recent call, and that in the meantime a young man, who had been locked in the village jail succeeded in making his escape, Sheriff Edwin Ahlstrom explains that many people are not aware that the activities of the county have grown to such an extent that the present force at times is unable to attend to calls as promptly as they could if there were sufficient men to handle the work.

Not only the force of deputies but also the sheriff in many instances are compelled to work day and night.

Only recently Sheriff Ahlstrom and a deputy worked until 3 a. m. on a tip that bootleggers were headed toward Lake county. The sheriff had no more than got to bed when he received an important call which kept him out the rest of the night. In both instances the officers performed successful service and "got their men."

On another recent occasion the officers worked until past midnight on an accident case, and had been asleep only a few hours when a robbery was reported from Antioch and the officers put in the rest of the night chasing the robbers. On account of mud and snowy roads the sheriff wrecked his automobile.

Such instances occur frequently and it is pointed out that the present force is kept busy serving papers for the court, which has been particularly active, and responding to emergency calls to such an extent that the sheriff and his deputies many times are unable to get sufficient rest.

In the Lake Villa case, it was explained the person who called did not make plain the seriousness of the case.

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