to vote as a unit on all questions adopted. The disorder was due to a

and necessary sequence social equality be

ALABAMA FOR PARKER.

No Indorsement, but Regards Him as

the Most Available Candidate.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 25.-The

Democratic State Convention was held to

Montgomery today, and dispatched its

work in a few hours. Although no in-

structions were given, the resolutions

adopted recite that at the present time

Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, is

the most available and acceptable candi-

date for the nomination for the Presi-

ention is for his nomination.

ency, and that the sentiment of the con-

E. L. Russell, general counsel for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad; Colonel S. D. H. Mallory, chairman of the State Demo-cratic Committee; William H. Richardson,

Congressman from the Eighth District, and Rufus N. Rhodes, editor of the Bir-mingham News, were elected delegates at large to the St. Louis Convention. Rich-

mond Pearson Hobson, of Greensboro, and William H. Sanford, of Troy, were nominated for electors at large. The four delegates at large and ten of the district delegates favor Judge Parker.

The unit rule prevails. Senators Morgan and Pettus were present and delivered short addresses. The platform, which was adopted unanimously, says:

"We emphatically protest against the ethods of the present Chief Executive

methods of the present Chief Executiva of the United States in defying the laws of the land, in setting up his discretion in opposition to explicit provisions of the

National Statutes, and arrogating to him-self legislative functions. We condemn imperialism in either the executive or judicial departments of the Government,

and especially condemn the flagrant

usurpation of power to which this country has been treated in recent years, and the corruption and extravagance of the present National Republican Administra-

Wyoming Assured for Hearst.

Nominated for Congress.

Twelfth Pennsylvánia District-George R. Patterson, Republican, renominated.

Matted Strands May Seal Williams' Fate.

FOUND IN AN EMPTY CRAVE

Strong Circumstantial Evidence Introduced at the Dalles.

THE DEFENSE IS DEFIANT

"The State Cannot Prove That Alma Nesbitt and Her Mother Are Not Alive Today," Is the Statement of Judge McGinn.

THE DALLES, Or., May 26 .- (Staff Cor. respondence.)-Straight to the vitals of the Williams murder case went Henry McGlnn, attorney for the thin-lipped prisner, when he made his opening address to the jury this morning.

"Gentlemen," cried the lawyer as he faced the 12 men, "the State of Oregon cannot prove death in this case. Prosecuting Attorney knows it. There are suspicions, but nothing more

And on this single point hangs the fate of Norman Williams. There are no producible bodies of the missing women. The corpus delicti is wanting. Upon a few strands of matted hair and a bloodstained gunnysack, disinterred after being buried in the ground for four years, the prosecution must rest all the fabric of circumstantial evidence with which it hopes to overwhelm the defense, and the

Prove It, Says the Defense.

All attempts to pue up suspicious circumstances, previous convictions of the per or evidence of his saturic character for easy inspection by the jury are haffled by the defense. "Aima Nesbitt and her mother may be alive," says the defense to the prosecution. "First prove that they are dead, then prove that Nor. man Williams murdered them."

So the prosecution with its 40 witnesse is bending every effort, first to show that the wisps of hair found in the grave be-long to Alma and her mother, and, secone, to build around the prisoner such a up a homestead in the valley south of chain of circumstantial evidence that The Dalles Later, in the Summer of 1899, from it there shall be no escape. How strong this chain must be is a matter of

With public sentiment in an entire county so inflamed that 25 men out of 40 onfessed to having an unalterable conviction that the defendant was guilty, it would seem that the technical and legal nerits of the case might be entirely overlooked. The defense must win an over-

whelming victory to win at all. Conflicting Statements Proved.

The net result of the prosecution's efforts today has been to prove conflicting statements on the part of Williams as to the date on which he last saw the misswomen. S. Bolton, Deputy County Clerk testified that the prisoner told him that he had driven the women to the depot in Hood River on the morning of March 9, and that they had taken the train for Portland from there. Against this the prosecution placed the testimony of the O. R. & N.'s train dispatcher, who stated that the only morning train passed through Hood River at about 5 A. M.

By other evidence it was shown that Williams left in a team from Hood River the evening before, bound for his ranch, 29 miles away, and the conclusion was drawn that it would have been impossible for him to have made the drive there and back on a stormy night in time to catch this train, even if there had been any reason why the trio should drive all right nearly to return to their starting point in the morning.

Team Not Back In Time.

It was shown also by the livery stable keeper that, while Williams in this case professed to have returned with the omen at 5 o'clock, he did not return the team until after 8 o'clock, at which time he was seen driving into town along the road which led to his homestead.

In another case it was testified to that Williams told J. B. Gott, a surveyor, that he had not seen the missing women since Alma's birthday, January 25, on which day a little reunion had been held by the girl's Oregon friends and neighbors in her sestend. This story was also told by Williams to other persons, but was contradicted today by the version told to Bolton and, the prosecution says, will be torn to tatters tomorrow by the evidence of many witnesses, including John Hall, United States District Attorney at Portwho is to arrive tonight.

Prisoner Has Been Shaved.

All through the day the prisoner sat motioniess beside his attorney. He had been clean-shaven early in the morning, the obsence of the grayish, close-clipped board making him look a few years younger, but it showed more clearly the thin and sharp-edged lips, which lend an air of cunning to his face. He rested one elbew on the table and kept his mouth

nstantly covered with his hand to the pair of an artist who valnly endeavored

The rapid progress of the case was a urprise to the prosecution, who had calulated that the cross-examination would be long and tedious. As a consequ their expert witnesses, the chemists and doctors, who will testify that the skin and hair found in the seven-foot grave or the Williams homestead, belong to human beings and not to dogs, as Williams claims, were not on hand. This disar-ranged the chain of evidence which the District Attorney had planned to present, and he was forced to call such witnesse

Experts Not on Hand.

The evidence accordingly came in piece Corroborative proof appeared in ourt before the statement of fact which was presumed to support. Were the secution not so rich in evidence as it this might prove to be a serious mater. As it is it may not matter. One thing is certain, the case which it was prophesied would last ten days will be over by Saturday, unless the jurymen should diverge hopelessly on an agree-

Perhaps the most important evidence to e submitted tomorrow will be that of Dr. Victor Hampton, the woman chemist nd microscopist, of Portland, who will estify as to the hair found in the grave seing human hair.

Interest in the trial here grows as the ase proceeds. The courtroom was crowded today from 9 o'clock in the mornng until it adjourned at 6 P. M. Women and girls are much in evidence, and alugh the day and the room were stiflingly hot and breezeless, the crowds refused to depart, even those unfortunates who had to stand in the rear for hours.

WITNESSES MUST NOT HEAR.

Judge Bradshaw Issues Mandates for Their Conduct.

THE DALLES, Or., May Z.-(Staff Corespondence.)--Upon the opening of court morning Judge Bradshaw announced that the witnesses must leave the courtoom and stay out during the progress of the trial, except when called. The court also instructed them that they should not leave the Courthouse to go down town. The attorneys were charged with the duty of seeing that the court's instructions in nection were carried out.

In making his opening address to the jury, Fred W. Wilson, Deputy District Attorney, characterized the case as the most extraordinary ever tried in Wasco County, and as one of the most remarkable in the criminal history of the country.

Summary of the Evidence. "The evidence will show," said Mr. Wil-

on, "that for a year or two previous to their arrival in Oregon Williams and Alma Nesbitt knew each other intimately in Nebraska. By some means or other Williams gained her entire trust and confidence and persuaded her to accompany him to Oregon. Later on he suggested to her that it would be a wise plan to take up a homestead in the valley south of

Alma took up a homestead." The story was then recited of the com ng of Alma's mother to live with her daughter, of the trip to Portland of the en and Williams, of the return to Hood River, and of the disappearance of the women and Williams into the inky blackness of a stormy night on March 8,

"That, gentlemen," said Mr. Wilson, "was the last time the women were seen, dead or alive.

Theory of the Crimes.

The theory of the state was then detailed that Williams murdered the women that night buried them in a narrow grave and later burned the corpses in a great "Gonded by a guilty conscience," said

Mr. Wilson, "Williams, proceeded to endeavor to create testimony which would go to prove his innocence at that later day when he feared that he would be on trial for his life. We will prove to you that Williams has tried to create a belief that Alma Nesbitt was still alive by introducing other women as Alma Nesbitt. He hoped by this device to be able to call witnesses who would swear they had met the murdered girl after the date of her alleged death. He endeavored to throw her relatives off the track, to cool their arder in the search for the missing girl, by writing to them that Alma had entered upon a life of shame."

Then Mr. Wilson, who was overlooking no points either of offense or defense disounted the effect of Judge McGinn's oratory upon the jury by telling them how much better an impression the attorney for the defense would make on them if only he were acting for the prosecution. and warned the 12 men to beware of Mc-Gion's forensic ability.

McGinn Opens His Case.

Judge McGinn wasted no time in introductory remarks. Two minutes after he had begun to reply to the prosecution's opening statement, his robust and earnest voice was beating at every jurgman's car

"The prosecution knows very well the weak points in its case," cried Judge Mc-Ginn, "and the young man who so ably addressed you knew very well how best to keep away from them. But I tell you, gentlemen, the State of Oregon cannot prove death. It cannot prove that Alma. Nesbitt and her mother are not alive today. It cannot show you that its fine-spun theories are true. And, gentlemen, you cannot send a man to death unless you know that the accusations against him are true. It is not enough to think they

"Everything is against this defendant. Newspapers printed in blood have been strewn all over this county, containing

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Ohio Democratic Convention Is Wild One.

JOHNSON IS BADLY ROUTED

His Man Folk Gets Four Delegates, Hearst Six.

JUDGE HARMON IS FAVORITE

Ex-Congressman Lentz, of the Minority, Freely Passes the Lie With Colonel Taylor When Credentials' Committee Reports.

COLUMBUS, O., May 25.-The Demo cratic State Convention here today nomi-nated the following ticket: Secretary of State-A. P. Sandles, of Ot

Supreme Judge-Philip J. Renner, of Cin Clerk of Supreme Court-Peter Mahaf

ey, of Cambridge. Dairy and Food Commissioner-Quinlan M. Gravatt, of Wooster. Member of the Board of Public Works

William H. Ferguson, of Springfield. Electors-at-Large-John A. McDowell, of Millersburg, and A. J. Pearson, of Woods-

There were three Presidential elements nvolved. Hearst men originally wanted nstructions, but finally limited their opposition to the unit rule. The friends of Colonel James Kilbourne, of Columbus, who was the Democratic candidate for Governor three years ago, wanted indorse ment. The friends of Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, who was Attorney-Seneral under Cleveland, wanted neither indorsement nor instructions, but the unit The Harmon men eventually won

The platform, the briefest in the history of such state literature, was adopted as it came from Cincinnati, with the exception of a 3-cent-a-mile railroad fare plank that was added at the instigation of Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland, in the convention. The rural delegates, who are co-operating in other matters with the conservatives, voted for the 2-cent-fare plank, as did others from the cities, who insisted it would be inconsistent this year to de feat this resolution, which was a feature of the state platform last year. The vote, however, was very close on the 2-cent-fare resolution, and the majority for the plank was only 65 out of a total vote of 723.

Riotous at Times.

The convention was in continuous session almost nine hours, and during the last three hours it was bolsterous, at times disorderly to the extent of being s. The delegates and alternates-atlarge are claimed by the conservatives, who also claimed 30 of the Ohio district delegates. Their poll of the Ohio delegation to St. Louis is 36 conservativesfriendly to Harmon; Hearst 6, and Folk, the Johnson candidate, four, and that der the unit rule the conservatives have the Ohio delegation more than three During the nomination of a state this et

the Cuyahoga County delegation retired to caucus on supporting Charles P. Salen Johnson's former manager, for delegate at-large. It was then evident that the Johnson following was divided. Salen had been Johnson's manager for years, but the latter refused to support Salen for delegate-at-large.
The first demonstration of the conven-

tion was on the mention of Hearst's name. Then followed outbursts as the names of other National and state leaders were mentioned. There was a notable demostration for McClellan as the speaker

atration for McClellan as the speaker subglized the Mayor of New York at the close of his speech.

R. B. Anderson, of Wapokoneta, pre-sented the majority report of the com-mittee on credentials, seating the 265 con-servative contestants, signed by 18 of the 21 members of the committee. V. V. Leas, of Delaware, presented a minority report, signed by three members of the committee, seating the 35 codicals from report, signed by three members of the committee, seating the 35 radicals from Franklin County instead of the 35 conserv-atives. Ex-Congressman John J. Lentz spoke in favor of the minority, while Colo-nel W. A. Taylor spoke for the majority

When Colonel Taylor concluded there When Colonel Taylor concluded there was a disturbance on the platform. Mr. Lentz took exceptions to what Colonel Taylor had said, and naked to see papers Colonel Taylor had in his hand. Lentz took them. Taylor grabbed them back and a fierce wrangle followed until both men were put down. Lentz and Taylor passed the lie repeatedly.

The platform adopted follows:

"The Democratic party of Oblo white.

The Democratic party of Ohlo, while firmly adhering to all living Democratic principles, as time and again declared by Democratic conventions, recommende that the formal annunciation of purely National questions be referred to the Nanai Convention soon to convene at St.

"On state issues the Democratic party of Ohio offers the people relief from the po-litical trust which has long controlled every department of the state govern-ment. It promises, if trusted with au-thority, to reduce public expenses and taxation, to save the property of the

tate and restore government by the peo-ple, as designed by the founders."

Louis D. Johnson, of Urbana, offered the following minority report, signed by five members of the committee on resolutions: "We recommend that the part of the best form providing that the description platform providing that the d from Ohlo to the National De-Convention shall vote as a unit when in the wisdom of a majority of said delegation such course may seem proper substance, as above stated, be omitted and stricken out of said platform."

TENNESEEANS GROW EXCITED.

Democrats Finally Calm Down, and Choose Parker Delegates. NASHVILLE, Tenn., May E.-Late to-tight, after wildly exciting scenes, the

Democratic State Convention adjourned until 18 o'clock tomorrow. James D. Frazer was nominated to succeed himself as Gor-ernor, and a platform instructing the del-egates to the National Convention to vote for the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, for President, and to vote as a unit on all questions was

adopted. The disorder was due to a centest for the Knox County representation. At the conclusion of Governor France's speech of acceptance, the convention, at 11.05 P. M., adjourned.

The platform charges President Rooseveit with usurping the powers of Congress. It favors the prempt construction of the Panama canal, but condemns the course of the Administration in the matter. The platform says: Report on Conditions at Chemawa.

er. The platform says: "President Roosevelt by his official acion has wantonly precipitated the race ssue in a manner involving as a logical CHANGE IS NOT FAVORED

tween the white and colored people of this country and deserves in consequence thereof, the condemnation of all right-thinking people." Instead, Reprimand of Superintendent Is Recommended.

HONESTY IS ABOVE QUESTION

While He is Found to Have Violated Regulations All the Money He Received Was Expended the Indian School.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, May 25.-If Indian Commissioner Jones, upon his return to Washingon, carries out the recommendations of Inspector Charles F. Nesier and Supervisor M. F. Holland, who have been inquiring into the affairs at the Chemawa Indian School, he will reprimand, but not dismiss, Superintendent Potter for the loose maner in which he has conducted the school and for direct violation of departmental regulations. The report of the inspecting officials, which came to hand today, will not be acted upon until In-Commissioner Jones returns to Washington. Secretary Hitchcock will

probably carry out any recommenda-

tion made by the Commissioner.

The inspecting officials are convinced that while Potter has been guilty of serious misconduct he has not acted with any view to increasing his personal gain, and further, has not appropriated any funds to his personal use All money passing 'though his hands was expended at Chemawa School and CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 25.—The aramie County Democratic County convention met here today and elected for the benefit of the school, although ometimes in ways not authorized by the department. The report also shows delegates to the State Convention, in-structed for William R. Hearst for President. Laramie County is the principal county in the state, and the Democratic leaders at the capital here say that its action will be followed by that there is nothing in the charge that he withheld money from the chil dren of his school, watch they earned under the outing system. All the money these children exraed was paid over to every of a county in the state and that the Wyoming delegation to the National Convention will be instructed them. Mr. Potter did not withhold any of it or make personal use of the funds of the children or of Government money.

Nevertheless the superintendent has

PUZZLE-WHO HAS THE LID?

tration and in business matters connected with the school, with the result that the service has not been up to the standard required. Satisfied that Mr. Potter has honestly striven to build up the Chemawa School and bearing in mind his promises to hereafter abide by instructions, the inspectors think a reprimand will be sufficient punishment and will bring about a change in conditions which will meet the requirements of the Indian office. Commissioner Jones is deeply interested in the Chemawa School and he may or may not decide to let the matter rest with a reprimand. He will probably not return and act on the report for two weeks.

SENATORS CANNOT FILL OFFICES Washington Forestry Appointment Is

Made on Merit.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, May 25 .- Notice was today served on Senators Foster and Ankeny that they cannot look upon forestry appointments in Washington as senator ial patronage. Land Commissioner Richards, in recommending that Head Ranger Gilbert B. Coleman be appointed supervisor of the western division of the Washington forest reserve to succeed R. S. Lambert, resigned, turned down the recommendation of the Senators, who had jointly recommended Frank W. Miles for this office.

Under general instructions from President Roosevelt, Commissioner Richards determined to fill this office by the promotion of an efficient man already in the service, and picked Colenan, who has been performing the du ties of supervisor since Lambert's resignation.

Miles, when recommended by the Senators, was asked to fill out the regular application blank, and to answer a net of questions designed to test his ability to fill this important office. Out of five men who made application, his papers received the lowest grading. It develops in connection with this appointment that the Senators previously urged Miles for supervisor of the eastern division of the Washington reserve, but that he was once before rejected in favor of George W. Milham, who was appointed to succeed Supervisor Farley, deceased. was also promoted from head ranger. Secretary Hitchcock will approve Com-Richards' recommendation and appoint Coleman.

EXPLOSON ON A BOAT.

Several Deaths Result -- Doctors and Ambulances Called.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 26,-The police tation received a telephone message at 3:30, saying an explosion on a boat two miles below the city had caused the death of a number of persons and requesting that doctors and ambulances be sent at

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Later details show that 12 persons were killed and L injured by the explosion. The boat was the Fred Wilson, belonging to the Monongarepeatedly failed to carry out instruc-tions, usually in matters of adminis-plying between Pittsburg and Louisville.

INDICTED ON POSTAL CASE

Jury Clears Tyner and

Barrett.

Only Twenty-Two Minutes Is Required to Reach Verdict.

TYNER IS MUCH AFFECTED

He Weeps in Court, as Do Many of the Men Who Considered the Evidence-Trial Has Been on Since May 9.

WASHINGTON, May 25 .- Within 22 minutes of the retirement of the jury in the case of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, tried on charges of conspiracy in connection with their duties as law officers of the Postoffice Department, a verdict of not guilty was returned. The throng which filled the courtroom throughout the arguments to the jury hardly had time to leave the building before the jury was back, and the foreman announced that a verdict had been reached.

General Tyner, expecting a longer wait, had been wheeled from the room, and his nephew and co-defendant hastened to give an order which caused him to return.

General Tyner appeared greatly excited as he attempted to face the jury, and when the verdict was returned, he broke down completely. Several of the jurors wept with him, and all of them shook hands with him.

The Tyner-Barrett case was begun on May 2 and has been before the court 19 full days.

The principal arguments made to-day were by A. S. Worthington, for the defense, and Major Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the Government, for the prosecution. The latter directed his efforts almost entirely to an attempt to counteract any influence on the jurors' verdict which might result from sympathy with General Tyner. He told the jury that they had no right to entertain sympathy for General Tyner nor the young wife of Barrett, who was a witness in the defendants behalf.

Omaha Indorses Bryan.

OMAHA, Neb., May 25.—The contest in the Democratic primaries of Douglas County today resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Bryan forces. The opposition known as the reorganisation party was defeated in every ward in the city, and in all but two precincts in the Bryan for delegate at large to the Na-tional Democratic Convention.

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