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## A Momentous Choice

THE REPUBLICAN convention in Philadelphia this week is approaching the point when it will be known who the party's presidential candidate will be. Enthusiastic supporters of the G.O.P. are saying their choice will be tantamount to determining the presidency.

Yet, in politics, no one can foretell with absolute certainty, for the wish is always father to the thought. For sixteen years, the Republicans have been wandering in the wilderness.

American history has witnessed historic and colorful conventions. The hand of Lincoln was seen in the formation of the Republican Party in the stressful times when the nation moved toward the supreme crisis of 1861. In later years, the scathing words of Blain, "rum, Romanism and rebellion" stirred the country, and in the nineties, Bryan's "cross of gold" speech had an electrifying effect.

The result of the present Republican convention might well have an important effect on international affairs.

## THE FLOOD FUND

SOME SAY IT with four bits and some with a substantial cheque but it all comes down to the fact that it really is more blessed to give than receive. It's not so much a matter of means or amount, although both are important when the circumstances are urgent. Prudence and judgment are not to be neglected and self-preservation is the first law. There may be times when assistance to others comes second. The sharper the need, the greater the sense of satisfaction there ought to be in feeling the ability to succor. It's reflection is seen in the long, long lists of names circulating all over the Pacific coast.

## RAILWAY RUNS AGAIN

OF COURSE, you never miss the water till the well runs dry! But how about never missing a railway till the cars quit cold? It's not been a case of water scarcity. The other way round, in fact. Anyway, cheer up! The Skeena is back to normal and trains are running and close to the dot at that. The thing now to do is rub those shapely hands of yours, and take a fresh grip on the job of helping Fraser Valley folk. They can stand it.

## YOU KNOW HIM

YOU KNOW HIM. He lives in every rural neighborhood and in every city block. Often he is a competent, industrious, thrifty person. His place is well kept. When not at work he usually may be found at home. He pays his taxes but he does not vote. He attends church but he will not work in it. He goes to lodge but he will not hold office. His children go to school but he will not take part in school meetings. He enjoys the beauty of his town but he will not belong to the horticultural society. He believes in world brotherhood but he does nothing to promote it. He minds that little part of his own business which lies within his own neat fences, but let something go wrong or displease him in the conduct of that greater part of his own business which is everybody's business, and he will squeal like a pig under a gate.

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## Insects Worst Forest Enemy

### Protection of Timber Resources Discussed by Official Before Gyro Club

Spectacular forest fires, which always attract attention of the public eye and 40 per cent of which are man-caused and could to considerable extent be prevented, do extensive damage to the forests out an even larger toll of the timber resources is taken by insect infestation, J. P. MacDonald, fire inspector for the Forest Branch here, told the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon yesterday. He was speaking on the subject of "Forest Protection" and his discourse was listened to with keen interest by a large attendance of Gyro members.

With the country's timber supplies dwindling, the importance of protective and conservation measures was urged by Mr. MacDonald. He discussed forest fires under three heads—prevention, detection and suppression.

In fire prevention public education was an important factor, this being achieved by means of the press, lectures, through the schools and by legislation. During the fire seasons it was mandatory to have permits for all fires and it was compulsory for logging operations to have fire fighting equipment immediately available.

Mr. MacDonald compared the look-out and aerial reconnaissance methods of forest fire detection, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each. "The helicopter may be the coming answer to a lot of our prayers although it does not fit into all our needs at present," he remarked.

The official expressed the gratification at public co-operation which the department was so generously accorded in connection with forest fire detection.

Experience, manpower and equipment were the keynote es-

sentials of forest fire suppression, said Mr. MacDonald. As for fires themselves, there were the factors of humidity, fuel and wind which, when combined under certain circumstances, might produce highly explosive and difficult situations. Methods of forest fire extinguishing were discussed—the use of water and chemicals, removal of fuel by back-firing and other means.

The speaker described a very difficult fire in Prince Rupert district within the last fortnight. A fire had been caused in a Bella Coola valley logging operation by the friction of a sliding bull block on a cable. So dangerous was the situation that the fire could not be controlled by immediately available equipment and, before it was out, it had burned over 2,000 acres, destroying eight to ten million feet of timber. Difficulties of fighting fires in remote areas was referred to.

Another important duty of the

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Brooks, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honor Judge W. O. Fulton, Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Letters of Administration with the Will annexed of the Estate of Charles Brooks, deceased, late of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, who died on or about the 15th day of April, 1948, at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, were granted to me, Robert Edward Gladding, the lawful attorney of Mary Tschida, the sole Executrix named in the Will of the said deceased, on the 21st day of May, A.D. 1948. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to file them with me properly verified on or before the 31st day of July, 1948, failing which distribution will be made having regard only to such claims of which I shall have been notified.

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forest ranger, the speaker disclosed, was the investigation of the insect pests and inroads such as the beetle, rust and the larch and hemlock looper.

President O. G. Stuart was in the chair and thanks on behalf of the club were extended to Mr. MacDonald by G. A. Hunter. A luncheon guest was Sam Joy of Vancouver.

### NEW SWIMMING POOL UNDER WAY

Members were told that excavation for the new swimming pool in McClymont Park had been commenced by the contractors, Mitchell & Currie. Arrangements for the stag party on Friday, evening in aid of the British Columbia Flood Emergency Fund were reported complete.

Next week's Gyro speaker will be Dr. J. P. Tully of the Fisheries Research Board scientific staff.

## STOP DEWEY DRIVE

Vandenberg's Nomination Heartens New York Governor's Opponents

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Senator Arthur Vandenberg's consent yesterday to allow his name to be placed formally in nomination for the presidency at the Republican convention cheered presidential hopefuls, led by Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and Harold Stassen of Minnesota who were trying desperately to halt the blitz bid of Governor Thomas Dewey of New York for nomination on an early ballot. They figured that Vandenberg's name before the convention would hold some votes from Dewey.

There is a good deal of delayed mail matter still piling up, many hundreds of sacks still awaiting delivery at Prince Rupert.

## KILLED BY BEAR

Local Man Hopes Tragic Fate of Brother May be Example to Others

Tragic fate of his brother in a losing fight with a grizzly bear in the wilds of the Big Bend district northeast of Revelstoke may, it is hoped by Charles Viers of this city, serve at least some good as an object lesson to those who would venture into a British Columbia wilderness alone.

Last November Clarence Lemuel Viers, 40-year-old trapper and dry dock worker at Prince Rupert during the war, left for his trapline seventy miles north of Revelstoke. It was his usual custom to be away about six months. When he failed to come out in the late spring, it was decided by the police to investigate.

On arrival at Viers' cabin after a tedious journey through wild country, Constable Malcolm Macdonald and two men accompanying him discovered that tragedy had occurred. Lying in the cabin were the mangled remains of Viers who, it seemed apparent, had been killed right in his cabin by a grizzly bear. There was one discharged cartridge in Viers' rifle and five unspent ones. The unfortunate man was believed to have been dead for six months. The condition of the remains and the amount of food left in the cabin indicated this. The police officer considering no inquest was necessary, the remains were buried near the cabin. A memorial service was held in the United Church at Revelstoke.

Clarence Viers was born at Red Willow, Alberta, and his father still lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Slater are sailing tonight on the Prince Rupert on a holiday trip to Vancouver.

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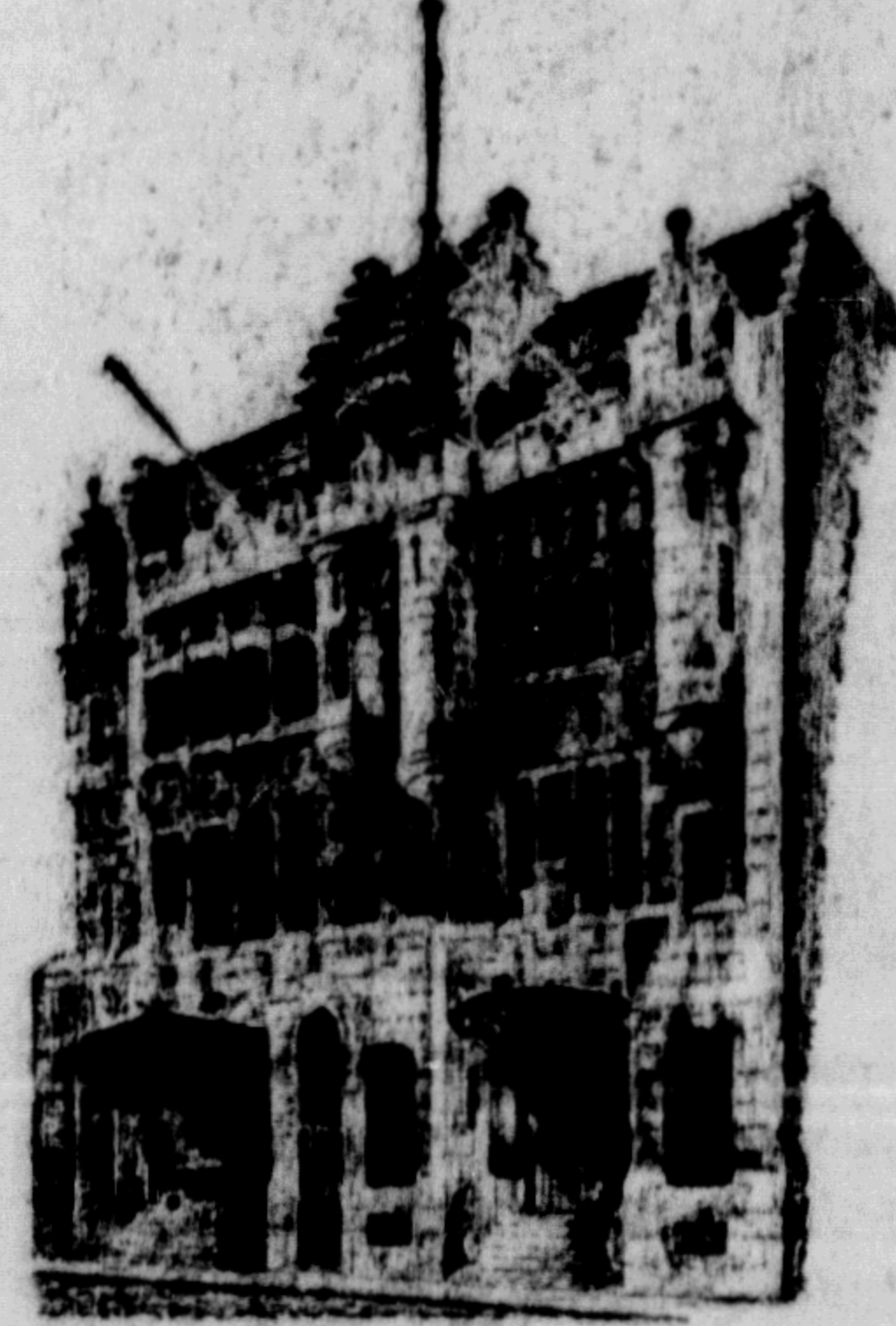
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