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CAMPAIGN OF '98 OPENS.

The County Convention of the People's Party Held at Worthing Last Saturday.

STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Twenty-Nine Delegates Elected to Attend the State Convention at Aberdeen June 22.

The first political gun of the campaign of '98 was fired at Worthing last Saturday when Chairman Kennedy of the People's party county central committee called the convention to order. The following precincts were represented, comprising a convention of over one hundred delegates: Eden, Lincoln, Canton township, Grant, LaValley, Canton City, Norway, Highland, Lynn, Dayton, Hudson, Worthing, Lennox, Delapre, Delaware. After hearing the call read the convention elected the old pine, Zeph. Ellis, of Highland, to fill the chair as temporary chairman. R. O. Donahue was elected temporary secretary. The chair appointed a committee on permanent organization which reported C. B. Kennedy for chairman and R. O. Donahue for secretary. The report was adopted and the convention, after a few remarks by Chairman Kennedy, proceeded to business. A committee on resolutions, composed of one delegate from each precinct represented, reported the following resolutions:

"We hereby indorse the entire platform adopted at the national convention of the People's party in St. Louis in July, 1896.

"We fully indorse the business administration of Governor Andrew E. Lee and admire his fearless prosecution of dishonest public officials, both in the party of the opposition and in his own party. That his conduct of his great office on business principles has given the people of the state confidence that it is possible to conduct the state's business effectively and honestly, and that boodling officials will be treated as they would be in private employment.

"Gov. Lee having fully demonstrated that he is the right man in the right place, the People's party of Lincoln county instructs its delegates to the state convention to use all honorable means for the renomination of Gov. Lee for the office of governor for another term.

"We fully indorse the railroad law enacted by the last legislature and the efforts of the railroad commissioners to enforce it. We believe that no compromise should be made with the railroads as to complying with the provisions of this law and that every legal resource should be exhausted to compel all the railroads in the state to fully and faithfully and strictly comply with all the provisions of the law.

"Private corporate ownership of the means of production and distribution is a menace to the liberties of the masses of the people of this country and the People's party is founded on the idea that these means should be vested in the whole people and should be administered by the government itself, and to that end we contend that the ownership and operation of all transportation facilities should be vested in the government.

"The great dominant issue before the American people at the present time is the just and effective control of the trusts and transportation and money corporations of our land, and in order for the people to succeed in their struggle with these giant enemies of liberty, no man should be elected or appointed to a public office who is the paid attorney or business manager of these corporations. That it is impossible for a man to serve two masters, and when an attorney enters the employ of a railroad corporation to resist the enforcement of the laws of the people his very employment disqualifies him from serving the people either as a public servant or a reform leader. The Republican party of this state is dominated and its policy formulated by railroad attorneys in the interest of their clients and the people must jealously watch that a similar influence is not acquired over the reform party.

"That the welfare and best interest of the people of the state of South Dakota requires that the gold standard Republican party of the state should be prevented from again assuming control of the state government. That that party and its elected officers have robbed the state and brought it into disrepute and disgrace and if it is again entrusted with power it will repeat its robbery and malfeasance. In order to

save the state it is the duty of all lovers of clean government to unite with the People's party in opposition to the Republican party; that all reformers should unite on the People's party ticket and the ticket should be so made up as to do exact justice to all elements of reformers. The conditions of success require that there should be only one ticket, one campaign in opposition to the Republican party; that more than one ticket in opposition to the Republicans would tend to create friction, jealousies and factional rivalries and be destructive to success. The delegation to the state convention is instructed to use all honorable means to unite all reformers and all parties opposed to the Republican party on the People's party ticket.

"We fully indorse the war with Spain based as it is on the broad principles of humanity and charity to the Cubans an American people and we believe that the whole power of the nation and every resource should be exerted to bring it to a successful and speedy termination. We are unalterably opposed to the effort now being made by the money class to take advantage of the patriotism and necessities of the nation by imposing on the people issues of interest bearing bonds with which to ensnare the present and coming generation. That the just method by which to raise the needed revenues with which to prosecute the war is the issue of treasury notes with full legal tender quality sufficient in amount, together with the revenues derived from proper taxation, to effectually prosecute the war. These notes will not only supply the needs of the treasury but will so increase the currency as to prevent the money party from contracting it and making it dear.

"We fully indorse the action of Senator Pettigrew and our congressmen in the noble fight they are making in opposition to bonds and in favor of treasury notes."

After the adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions the convention proceeded to elect 29 delegates to represent Lincoln county at the state convention to be held at Aberdeen on June 22. Following are the delegates: C. B. Kennedy, D. S. Waldo, F. H. Bacon, A. E. Linn, Canton City; A. P. Frisbie, A. R. Jamieson, Hudson; G. W. Palmer, M. M. Crowley, Lennox; James Madden, E. Curtis, H. Bradshaw, Worthing; G. S. Millett, Eden; N. O. Nelson, Grant; F. A. Leavitt, G. W. Sablin, LaValley; H. K. Rise, J. J. Moon, Norway; A. J. Wimple, O. F. Carlson, Brooklyn; Zeph. Ellis, H. O. Orstad, Highland; R. O. Donahue, Frank Clark, Lynn; J. L. Robinson, Dayton; Ole Ulberg, Perry; A. Messner, Delapre; Henry Barnum, Lincoln; Jere Gehon, Canton; A. J. Westbury, Lincoln.

Notice of Teachers' Examination.

An examination for teachers and those desiring to teach will be held at the court house at Canton, Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 1898.

The examination will open promptly at 9 o'clock.

Bring pen and ink. Paper will be furnished. T. A. DAVIES, County Supt.

Memorial Day.

Union memorial services will be held at Bedford Hall May 29, at 10:30 a. m., sermon by Rev. Drewitt. Singing by special choir. Post, Corps and Sons of Veterans will meet at the G. A. R. Hall at 10 and march to the hall.

PROGRAM, DECORATION DAY, MAY 30.

O. S. Gifford, Post Commander and president of the day.

D. H. Hawn, officer of the day. Assistant marshals, Fred DeLong, W. J. Wimer, Claude DeLong and Thomas Martin.

Column will form on 4th street in the following order: Band, Post, Sons of Veterans, Fire Department on foot, Relief Corps, Mayor and City Council in carriages.

Procession will march to the railroad crossing on 5th street, and conveyances provided from there to the cemetery.

The usual G. A. R. ceremonies will be conducted. The school children will decorate the mound to the unknown. Post, Corps and Sons of Veterans in two divisions will decorate the soldiers graves.

In the afternoon at 2:30 services will be held in the hall. Hon. C. B. Kennedy will deliver the oration.

W. R. C. will have charge of school children.

All who have house plants to spare will please put them in the hands of the W. R. C. on Saturday afternoon, May 28.

By order of committee. J. P. HAWN, C. A. SOUTH, W. M. CUPPERT.

OFF FOR MANILA AT LAST.

Troops Embark on the Transports, City of Sydney and Australia, at San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 24.—Four companies of the Fourteenth United States infantry (regulars), the full regiment of Oregon volunteers and a picked battalion of fifty heavy artillery left the presidio this morning and boarded the transports City of Sydney and Australia, preparatory to starting for Manila. Yesterday's scenes, when the first regiment of California volunteers marched to the dock, were re-enacted today.

Long before daylight the big camp at the presidio was astir with the men in blue ready to put the finishing touches on their packing. The "regulars," consisting of companies C, D, E and F of the Fourteenth infantry, marched quickly out of camp at 6:30 this morning and were well on their way to the Pacific mail dock before the citizens of the town were aware that the movement had begun. The Oregon regiment, however, did not leave the presidio until 8 o'clock and by that time an enormous crowd had assembled along the line of march. Just previous to starting the regiment was drawn up in the form of a hollow square and a beautiful stand of colors was presented to it by Col. Coffey, formerly in command of the regiment. Then the command, "Forward march," was given and to the strains of "Red, White and Blue," the regiment swung into column of fours and marched through the presidio gateway.

The people of San Francisco, realizing that the departing soldiers were already well away from their own homes put extra warmth into their greetings and made the Oregon men feel that they had friends here also. As the troops marched out of the presidio the men of the Seventh California volunteers lined the roadway, and though envious of the good luck of their camp comrades in being selected to go before them, cheered them vigorously on their way. When the down town section was reached bombs were fired, whistles blown and the crowds yelled words of encouragement to the marching soldiers. Women pressed forward into the lines and gave flowers to the men, while patriotic citizens bought baskets of oranges and other fruit and through the agency of small boys distributed them to the departing soldiers. The men from Oregon seemed thoroughly to appreciate the good feeling of the people of California, and in spite of their heavy loads of blankets and haversacks, marched with their heads up and shoulders squared over the first stage of their long journey to the Philippine islands.

There was another enormous crowd at the Pacific Mail dock, but profiting by yesterday's experience a large force of police was able to keep the people within bounds. Arriving at the dock the Oregon regiment, with the exceptions of Companies F, I and M, boarded the Australia. The three other companies, together with the four companies of regulars and artillery embarked on the transport City of Sydney. Col. Summers will be in command of the majority of the Oregonians and Maj. Eastwick will be in charge of the three companies of the artillery on the Sydney. The transports were all in readiness for the troops, who marched on board with little delay. About noon the steamers left the docks and anchored out in the stream near the City of Pekin. There the finishing touches will be given to the cargoes of the transports, and tomorrow morning the three big steamships will start for Manila.

Pilots were tonight ordered on board the transports at 2 p. m. tomorrow. The supplies are not yet all on board, but vessels are expected to sail late tomorrow or early Thursday morning.

A War Atlas

With sixteen pages of colored maps in one book, containing new and correct maps of Cuba, the Philippine Islands, the West Indies, North America, Europe, etc., each map 21x14 inches, has just been issued and can be obtained from the agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway at the depot for 25 cents each. These maps are published by Rand, McNally & Co., one of the most reliable map publishing houses in this country and can be relied upon. An atlas such as this is indispensable if one desires to keep track of current events.

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BLOCKADE PINCHES MANILA.

Reports from Admiral Dewey Say that the City is Verging on Famine.

Washington, May 24.—The navy department has received the following: "Manila, May 20, via Hong Kong.—To the Secretary of the Navy, Washington: The situation is unchanged. A strict blockade continues. There is a great scarcity of provisions in Manila. Foreign subjects fear an outbreak of Spanish soldiers, and they will be transferred to Cavite by foreign men of war in the harbor.

"Aguinaldo, rebel commander in chief, who was brought here from Hong Kong on the McCulloch, is organizing a force of native cavalry, and may render assistance that will be valuable.

"Dewey." New York, May 24.—A Hong Kong dispatch says: The situation at Manila is desperate. Food is scarce, meat is exhausted, and canned stuff is nearly all gone. Two weeks will exhaust the available supply. The volunteers demanded food, but the Spanish government authorities refused to give it and riots are threatened. The Spanish report 500 killed and 700 wounded in the bombardment by Dewey. All classes are waiting anxiously the arrival of the American troops.

A Manila special says: The German consul tried to land provisions from a German ship, but Dewey refused to permit it. The consul then declared, according to the dispatch, that he would force a landing under the protection of two German cruisers, but Dewey threatened to fire upon the cruisers, and the attempt to land supplies was abandoned.

Another dispatch asserts that Admiral Montojo, commander of the Spanish squadron destroyed by Admiral Dewey, is to be court-martialed on the charge of cowardice. This dispatch also alleges that the captain of the Spanish revenue cutter Callao, more recently captured by a boat of the United States fleet as she was entering Manila bay, is to be shot for not returning the fire of the Americans.

Hong Kong, May 24.—The Japanese cruiser Akitsushima, which arrived here today from Manila reports that as she left there rioting had broken out and a number of houses had been burned. Food was daily becoming scarcer and horse flesh was sold at \$1.50 a pound. The Spanish volunteers were making angry demands for pay and food which the Spaniards were utterly unable to satisfy.

The cruiser reports that Admiral Montojo is awaiting trial by court-martial for alleged incompetency during the engagement with the United States squadron under Admiral Dewey, while the captain of the Spanish revenue cutter Callao, captured by the American warships, is to be shot for not making resistance.

Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, had a great reception on his arrival at the Philippines from Hong Kong. Admiral Dewey supplied the insurgents with two guns and 300 rifles, and at the time the Japanese cruiser left, Aguinaldo was said to be preparing to make a night attack.

The archbishop of Manila announces in a pastoral that four Spanish warships were coming for the promised victory for the Spaniards.

A sanitary commission has been appointed at Cavite under charge of the United States consul.

Democratic Mass Convention.

A Democratic Mass Convention will be held in the city of Canton on Tuesday, May 31, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention to be held at Aberdeen on June 22. A large attendance is desired. By order of Committee.

THOS. BURKE, JR., Chairman.

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OLD SETTLERS MEETING.

Program for Old Settlers Annual Reunion at Lennox, on Friday, June 17.

The following program has been prepared by the committee for the Old Settlers annual reunion, which will be held at Lennox June 17: Officer of the day, T. B. Quigley. Orator of the day, Judge Palmer of Sioux Falls. Marshal, W. H. Wilkinson. Music by Lennox Cornet Band. Grand street parade at 10 a. m. led by Lennox band—march to the bower. Patriotic song by choir. Invocation, Rev. A. Kagel. Address of welcome, W. B. Wait. Response to address of welcome, Henry Wiggin. Song by choir. Annual address, T. B. Quigley. Music by band. Oration. Song by choir. Picnic dinner. After dinner, music by band. Election of officers. Song by choir. Old Settlers love feast—Toastmaster, W. H. Pelton. Pioneer banker, early finance, B. C. Jacobs. Pioneer school teacher, E. S. Beck. Early experience by homesteader's wife, Mrs. G. S. Millett. Early newspaper, N. C. Nash. Pioneer courting, James Madden. The blizzard, E. W. Norton. Tribute to the pioneer dead, Rev. Soule. Volunteer speeches, extempore, five minutes each: Asa Forrest, Jr., Mrs. Mausback, Chas. H. Voges, Albert Carlson, Gunda Jacobson, Ole Hokenstad, Clay Parke, A. A. Freseman, O. S. Gifford, F. H. Treat, Mrs. O. Alexander.

Amusements: Foot races. Ball game. Trotting race. Bicycle race. Fire test by chemical. Other amusements. Fire works. Patriotic demonstration. Old Settlers dance in the evening. Secretary of the society will have a register on the grounds for membership. Twenty-five cents for membership for gentlemen; ladies are allowed membership free. Uncle Sam and Cuba will be represented in the grand street parade. GEO. MILLETT, Chairman, M. M. CROWLEY, Sec'y, Committee on Program.

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Yankee Dewey Dandy.

Oh! say what did our Dewey do? Go tell it to the king, sir, Our Dewey met the Spanish fleet And didn't do a thing sir.

Chorus— What did Yankee Dewey do? Yankee Dewey dandy, Yankee Dewey did the Dons And did it mighty handy.

Oh! no he didn't do a thing To tell the whole creation; Our Dewey did the thing to do He licked them like tarnation.

Hurrah, hurrah for Dewey boys And all the Yankee tars sir. Who sailed into Manila bay Beneath the stripes and stars sir.

And if the time should come when we Must fight—may God forbid it— We'll do as well as Dewey did And just as Dewey did it.

And the good ship Olympia The gallant little cruiser, Whose commodore was brave enough And wise enough to use her.

Long may she float, the gallant boat With all her gallant crew sir, To do again as she has done, When Dewey says to do, sir.

F. B. HAWES, Olympia, Wash.

Canton, May 23.—(Special to the Argus-Leader.)—The Pops of Lincoln county held a convention in Worthing Saturday. C. B. Kennedy, ex-banker of this city, was the chief toast in the puddle. He went prepared to appear as a hayseed. A beard of a week's growth adorned his rubicund countenance and was in harmony with his dilapidated derby, with a piece of the rim gone, and last year's suit. He knows as well how to dress for such an occasion as he does how to prepare the resolutions passed. He was chairman of course and his "suggestions" carried except when Hellick Strand made his masterful maiden speech about the way of choosing delegates to the state convention. Hellick is opposed to parliamentary practice because the Republicans follow those rules. He believes in being original. The convention was "harmonious" and the delegates to Aberdeen were chosen one from each delegation present and nine at large. The convention instructed for Andy Lee for governor and the Pops of Lincoln county "will see to it that he is elected."

If the above was written by a citizen of Lincoln county the LEADER would look upon it as a little political unbecom but when an old-time citizen of the county comes from Custer, in the Black Hills, and makes such a stab at one of his old-time friends, it looks like as if the gold standard crowd was hard up indeed. Yes, C. B. Kennedy was at Worthing, will be at Aberdeen and also on the stump, and the railroad crowd will feel his steel during the campaign. What we object to in this squib is its tone and animus. When Willis was with us we admired him very much and loved to honor him, yet we were aware that he possessed elements of character that if allowed to develop would reflect on the true metal of a gentleman. When we read the above we at once became impressed with the fact that he had allowed the vicious elements in his character to develop in his contact and associations with the elements of the frontier; but even the cowboys and rustlers would not come home on a visit to the friends of his boyhood days and make such a stab as that. We blush for you Willis. We do hope none of our boys will so far forget themselves when returning on a visit to their old time friends. We do hope that they will remember that it is the duty of a guest to be respectful. We might criticize Willis' appearance but we would not so treat a guest. His six feet six, his expression and general appearance is stamped on this item, and Willis, when you have rubbed up against the civilization of the Sioux Valley a little more you will regret that you allowed your frontier manners to make it possible to make such an exhibition of yourself.

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