

THEY HAVE AGREED

AN EARLY COUNTY CONVENTION TO BE CALLED

Colonel Hallowell and Mr. Douglass Will Submit Their Claims to the Republicans of the County and Abide by the Result.

Colonel James R. Hallowell and Hon. George L. Douglass, the two Sedgwick county aspirants for the nomination for congressman-at-large on the Republican ticket, have arrived at an understanding.

Yesterday both gentlemen came together and had a conference that lasted three hours.

It was mutually agreed between them to submit their claims for the support of the Sedgwick county delegation to the Republicans of the county, and to abide by the result in the interest of harmony.

Whichever one fails to get the support of the delegation from this county is to withdraw from the race and to loyally support the claims of the other before the people of the state and their representatives in the state convention.

Pursuant to the agreement J. H. McCall, chairman of the county committee, will be requested to call the committee together for the purpose of agreeing upon the time to call the county convention.

The committee will probably meet next Saturday and they will call the county convention to be held some time about the middle of February.

Both parties and their personal adherents seem to be very well pleased with the treaty, and the general impression among them is that it will serve to enhance the harmony and good feeling of the Republicans of the county.

The following correspondence that passed between both gentlemen and that led to their mutual agreement.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 12, 1894. Hon. Geo. L. Douglass, City.

MY DEAR SIR—You are a candidate for congress, and being a candidate myself for the same position and both of us being willing to submit our claims, so far as our own county of Sedgwick is concerned, to the Republicans of this county, and the time being indefinite as to the holding of the state convention, we might hold our primaries in this county, and believing as I do, that the party of our choice is much larger than any individual member of it, and more than any individual unit, and believing that a contest carried on between your friends and my friends until such time as primaries can be held, regularly and under the auspices of the county committee will engender more or less bad feeling, and that it is your duty as well as my own to avoid such feeling, I respectfully submit to you the following proposition:

That we agree to select a given number of Republicans each, to illustrate, you select thirty-five, and I select thirty-five, making seventy in the aggregate, allow these men to select five additional ones, making seventy-five. These gentlemen to meet, and each individual such as may be agreed upon to present your cause to the arbiters, and I to have an equal amount of time to present my claim, after which the arbiters shall vote by secret ballot, for you or for me, and whoever receives the highest number of votes shall be considered Sedgwick county's candidate for the position of congressman-at-large, and as far as the differences between you and myself are concerned, I do not enter into minute detail as to the arrangements, but the result will look favorably upon the proposition that can be arranged by you and myself, or by some friends that we may designate. I merely use the number 35 to illustrate what may be done.

I make this suggestion in the very best of faith and with an earnest desire to avoid contention in the ranks of the Republican party and to prevent the engendering of bad feeling between your partisans and my friends.

An early reply to this will greatly oblige. Very Respectfully Yours, J. R. HALLOWELL.

WICHITA, Kansas, Jan. 15, 1894. Colonel J. R. Hallowell.

MY DEAR SIR—Yours of the 12th received. I concur fully in your expressions of party loyalty and in your desire to preserve peace between the Republicans of this county. I also believe that it is very desirable to ascertain as early a date as possible which of the candidates for congressman-at-large the Republicans of this county desire to support.

You propose that the question of our respective candidacies be left to a committee of arbiters, and that the committee be composed of thirty-five Republicans, to be selected by you, a like number to be selected by me, and five others to be chosen by the arbiters, and that the committee be composed of thirty-five Republicans, to be selected by you, a like number to be selected by me, and five others to be chosen by the arbiters, and that the committee be composed of thirty-five Republicans, to be selected by you, a like number to be selected by me, and five others to be chosen by the arbiters.

If this matter were a private affair, with which the public had no concern, I would readily agree to this proposition. But the real question, as I understand it, is not one of individual claims, but rather: What do the majority of the Republicans of this county want? Under the plan proposed in your letter, the mass of Republicans would have absolutely nothing to say in the matter, and when you and I would each loyally abide the result, yet other Republicans, having no part in it whatever, might be made to feel dissatisfied. I am, however, heartily in favor of any plan which will settle the real question at issue and, at the same time, not open to any reasonable criticism or complaint either before or after the result is known; and with this end in view, I submit to you the following proposition:

You and I will unite in asking all the Republicans of this county who feel interested in this matter to vote at some time and place to be specified in their respective townships and wards for their county representatives for congressman-at-large. If the majority vote for you, I will promptly withdraw, and if the majority vote for me, you will withdraw. We can readily agree upon five or six names in each ward and township who will take charge of the ballot box and receive and count the votes—exactly as at any primary election, and every Republican who feels an interest in this matter will thus have a chance to vote directly upon it.

This proposition will involve no more trouble or expense than the assembling of an arbitration convention; and it ought to be satisfactory to all concerned, because every Republican in the county will be entitled to a voice in the matter.

I see no reason why everybody should not be in a good humor.

Passing for Cause

Probability That the Schroeder Case Will Cost the County \$1,000—Judge Reed Fishing in the Directory for a Trial Jury.

The case of the state against Schroeder is again on trial and in all probability will cost the county \$1,000 before it is completed. This, at least, is the opinion of those who profess to understand the case and the details of the trial.

Schroeder is a citizen of Goddard and it is alleged in the complaint against him that he has been selling liquor contrary to the prohibitory law, and it is for this offense that he is on trial.

County Attorney Boone is prosecuting for the state. Rudolph Hatfield sits behind him prosecuting for the law and Order league, and behind him sits Pastor Wood of the Methodist church at Goddard who is president of the county Law and Order league.

Ed O'Brien and Harry Gordon are defending Schroeder, while Earl Biakie sits near them as calm and penetrating as Hoo, the son of Seway.

All that is now necessary to try the case is a jury of twelve men who must be picked by Mr. Schroeder and without flatterings Mr. Schroeder, the court has had time to get these twelve men to qualify.

Many are called, but few are chosen. The judge sits on his bench all day long with the law in one hand and the city directory in the other, and when one venire is exhausted another is made out, and still a jury cannot be picked.

"We want business men," one attorney cries. "We want farmers," cries another. "Suppose we get some middle men; some honest laboring men," another suggests, and thus it goes.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon something like a woman who first got Columbus to discover this land. "God bless the women, and may they proceed as they have begun."

The mayor appointed McCall, Kenyon and Caswell to draw resolutions. Mr. Ferris of the fire and water committee reported progress, and that new boxes had been placed in different parts of the city, and recommended that a city electrician be appointed and that he be Mr. George M. Stewart, his salary to be \$50 per month. The report and suggestions were adopted.

Mr. Kenyon suggested that the fire marshal instruct the people how to turn in alarms.

"For this purpose," said the fire marshal, "I shall put a box in my office upon which I shall have those who hold keys practice."

Ought the city to pay more for the lighting of the city building than individuals for their stores and houses, was the next question raised.

The general opinion was that it ought not, and the matter was referred to the lighting committee, and the city attorney with the power to act in the awarding of the lighting of the city building.

Councilman Caswell wanted a blinker moved to the corner of Waterman street and Topeka avenue.

Councilman Horner said he wanted all the blinkers left in the Second ward, but the matter was referred to the lighting committee.

Mr. Caswell wanted the city engineer to make an estimate of the cost for hard burned brick for pavement, to be used by the city and to be laid on sand.

Mr. Ferris—What is hard burned brick? Mr. Caswell—The city engineer will know what is meant.

A petition for a cinder walk before 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 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