

CONVENTION ABOUT EVENLY DIVIDED

Shall Delegates Be or Not Be Instructed.

TO ST. LOUIS GATHERING

Both Factions Claim to Have Majority.

An attempt to forecast the result of the Democratic state convention today, in view of the almost evenly matched caucuses, considering the actual number of delegates represented by both the Hearst and anti-Hearst factions, held last night at 10:30 o'clock, to prepare for the work today, would be utterly impossible.

Enthusiastic caucuses were held by both sides and to all appearances the two factions will go into the convention this morning lined up in about equal numbers, for an uninstructed delegation to the national convention at St. Louis and on the other side for a majority instructed by William Randolph Hearst for the nomination for president on the Democratic ticket.

The anti-Hearst faction passed a resolution for the selection of Claude Duval of Hutchinson as temporary chairman of the state convention and in favor of sending a delegation to the national convention. The Hearst faction passed resolutions endorsing A. M. Jackson of Cowley county as temporary chairman and in favor of sending a delegation instructed for Hearst to the convention.

Anti-Hearst Caucus.

The anti-Hearst caucus was called to order promptly at 10:30 o'clock in a hall at the Topka Avenue hotel. The room was well filled with fully 50 delegates. Cries for Claude Duval brought that gentleman to the floor and he addressed the convention.

He stated that he had been requested to act as temporary chairman at the convention. Those who oppose him claim that he is a recognizer for the reason that he is attending the convention not as a delegate.

"The reason I am not a delegate," said Mr. Duval, "is because I was not in favor of instructions for Hearst or any other candidate for president. What a committee of five was appointed by the Reno county convention to select delegates I was asked not only once but two times to accept that honor. I thanked them for it but I said: 'Boys, I am not in favor of instructions for Hearst and under those circumstances I will have to decline. Kansas did not, in 1896 and 1898, instruct delegates to the national convention. Why should she do it now?'

Mr. Duval spoke at some length and was cheered repeatedly. At the close, in response to cries from the convention, David Overmyer of Topeka took the floor. He said: "Gentlemen and fellow-Democrats, in regard to Mr. Duval's talk I would like to say that I am like the old man who got tired of saying his prayers. He tacked them on the wall and said: 'Lord, there is my sentiments.' He continued: 'Gentlemen, why should we send an instructed delegation to the national convention? We did not do it in 1896, 1898 and 1900. We did not do it in the latter year even when we knew it was our duty to vote for William Jennings Bryan. It was not necessary. When the proper time arrived our delegates voted for him just the same. I am strictly in favor of an uninstructed delegation. If it is seen that Mr. Hearst is the strongest man at the national convention then vote for him. There is plenty of time.'

Mr. Overmyer's remarks were cheered roundly and it was with difficulty that the caucus was restored to order owing to the great amount of enthusiasm exhibited.

Col. T. G. Fitch spoke next. He also favored an uninstructed delegation or for a delegation instructed for any one besides Hearst. He said in favor of Hearst for the nomination, nor will I ever be," declared Mr. Fitch. "Why should we pledge ourselves to support a man whom we have never seen? A man who has no record except six months in the capacity of a congressman. Let Mr. Hearst secure the delegation from his home state, New York, before asking for ours. Why should Kansas take the lead? By doing the latter the Hearst managers hope to influence the vote in New York. I met a business man from Mr. Hearst's home state last yesterday. He told me that every one in New York considered Hearst's candidacy for the presidency a huge joke. Kansas cannot afford to send an instructed delegation to the national convention. To be plain, I will state that I understand that a party of five people have contracted to buy and deliver an instructed delegation for Hearst from Kansas to the national convention. They are but now trying to deliver the goods, regardless of the consequences."

Dr. Neely of Leavenworth spoke at some length along the same lines as did Mr. Fitch.

In the opinion of the old-time and conservative Democrats who attended the caucus it makes them shudder to think of Hearst trying to buy the presidency of the United States. Plain words were a feature of the anti-Hearst caucus and the delegates present were in favor of anything with the exception of sending an instructed delegation to the national convention at St. Louis.

Hearst Caucus. The Hearst delegates and a large crowd of spectators gathered at the Armory on East Douglas avenue last night and held one of the most enthusiastic meetings that has been held in this city for some time. Many fights of oratory were indulged in and several fiery speeches were made which created unsurpassed excitement and applause. The chief feature of the meeting was the adoption of resolutions which were presented by the Reno county delegation.

Following are the resolutions passed unanimously amid cheers and applause: Resolved by the Reno county delegation to the Democratic state convention, that with due regard to Hon. Claude Duval, whom we personally honor, we regard the principles involved in this cause as superior to any man's personality, we protest against his election as temporary chairman on the ground that he is not a delegate and ineligible and recommend— for the place.

The place left blank in the resolutions will be supplied today before the convention is called to order. It is, however, the sentiment of a majority to make A. M. Jackson of Cowley county temporary chairman.

After the adoption of this resolution there were several speeches made. The leading one of these was made by Mr. Windell of Illinois. He presented the cause of Mr. Hearst and told about the splendor of the New York journal. His speech was a flowery one and summoned continued cheers.

It was a late hour before the crowd adjourned and all left feeling that everything was ripe for an instructed delegation today for William Randolph Hearst. Among the others who also made enthusiastic speeches were J. B. Johnson of Peabody, Mr. Dittmeyer and Mr. Nettleton of the Hutchinson Gazette.

TELEPHONE MANAGERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Forty Companies Represented by Organization.

FORMED HERE YESTERDAY

Wichita Selected as Permanent Headquarters

Telephone managers representing forty companies of southwestern Kansas and northern Oklahoma, owning 5,000 telephones and 2,992 toll lines, met at the Hotel Carey yesterday and organized the Southwest Kansas Telephone Association.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and the following officers were elected to serve one year: C. Vandewater of Kingman, president; H. D. McVay of Wichita, secretary. An executive committee also was elected as follows: C. C. Vandewater of Kingman, W. F. Sykes of Wellington, Alvin Long of Lyons, R. L. Burns of Hutchinson and Frank L. Brown of Wichita.

This organization is composed of independent telephone companies exclusively and was perfected for the purpose of forming a closer and more systematic method of conducting toll lines and regulating rates of same; also to regulate the apportionment of toll line rates. It is hoped by this organization to better general conditions of toll lines and service.

A general discussion was also taken up regarding the establishing of rural lines. There seemed to be a desire on the part of the association to assist and recognize and form closer relationship to the rural lines.

This was the first meeting of telephone managers ever held in Wichita territory. Hereafter, however, these meetings will be frequent, as Wichita was made the permanent headquarters of the association and all meetings will be held at Wichita.

The members are all very enthusiastic over the organization and believe that the forming of the association will result in much good and a great improvement in the independent service.

The association will hold quarterly meetings from this time on. These meetings will be held some time during the first two weeks of April, July, October and January of each year, a date to be set by the executive committee.

FORMER WICHITAN DEAD.

J. R. Snively Died of Pneumonia at Kansas City. J. R. Snively, aged 69 years, who was a former resident of this city, died at his home, 839 East Eighth street, Kansas City, today morning at 4:20 o'clock, after a three days' illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Snively was well known in this city and was a prominent figure in the real estate business during the boom days. He was instrumental in putting up a number of business blocks here, including the north fifty feet of the Smith-Skinner block. He was also one of the principal leaders in the founding of Garfield university and it was partially due to his influence as director that the building was erected.

During the boom days he was a partner of E. W. Wilhite in the real estate business and he built a handsome residence on North Emporia avenue. Mr. Snively was also one of the owners of the property in the Snively, Miller and Works addition in the south end.

He was a soldier in the Union army and had experienced some hard service, being at one time imprisoned in the Libby prison for several months. He was also a prominent member of the Christian church during his residence in this city. He was also one of the founders of Kingman county, Kansas.

In 1896 he and his family moved to Kansas City, where he was at one time manager of the Germania Life Insurance company's local office and had only a short time ago made arrangements for the installation in the Metropolitan street railway of a system of magnetic equipment, a scheme whereby the cars are controlled on the grades. He was also one of the leaders in the patenting of a brick pressing concern and a plant was to be established shortly in Kansas City.

He leaves a brother, D. L. Snively, of Kansas City, Kan., two sons, Dale Snively and Fern Snively, who are both well known and have many friends in this city. A widow survives him. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. H. R. Johnson and Mrs. M. S. Munn of this city, and an uncle of J. R. Snively, Jr., who is an employe of Casey & Glass.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence in Kansas City.

FOUR VENIRES NECESSARY. Securing Jury in Robinson Case is a Difficult Matter. After exhausting the regular venire of jurymen and two special venires yesterday, in the district court, it was necessary to issue a call for another special venire.

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