

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Republican State Central Committee Completes Work.

All Satisfied With Management of Campaign.

MILLER IS OPTIMISTIC

Says Can't Name Ten Counties Democrats Will Carry.

Members Say That Foreign Population is Dissatisfied.

After being in session nearly all of Friday afternoon, the members of the Republican State Central committee adjourned and "reported progress."

Each member of the committee took his turn at telling the conditions which he found to exist in his locality. That was the only business of the meeting.

The following members of the committee were present: T. E. Donnellan, Atchison; John S. Gilmore, Fredonia; W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson; J. R. Jones, Smith Center; G. E. B. Jones, Lawrence; Frank Larrabee, Stafford; F. R. Smith, Manhattan.

The members of the committee present were: Shawlow, Oaklawn; D. B. Anthony, Leavenworth; D. W. Mulvaney, Topeka; B. N. McFarland, Lawrence; Thomas Evans, Newton Rapids; R. P. Rice, Fort Scott; J. S. Dean, Marion; W. D. Gresson, Paola; A. H. Skidmore, Columbus; W. W. Caldwell, Concordia; A. T. Ayers, Howard; S. J. Osborn, Coffeyville; A. T. Buchanan, Arkansas City; Cyrus Leland, Ft. Troy; J. F. Jones, Lawrence; Morton Albough, Kingman; O. J. Peterson, Kansas City; C. J. Evans, Ellsworth; C. H. Downing, Lawrence; W. P. Eastman, Greenburg; R. M. Crawford, Hugoton; A. M. Rochester, Tribune; N. F. Shaw, Minerva; W. H. True, St. Marys; A. P. Harris, Iola; J. T. Moore, Pittsburg.

The newspaper reporters were kept out of the meeting because as Chairman Crummer said:

"We want these people to loosen up and tell the facts, and they won't do it if they think we are going to put it into the newspapers."

In general it can be stated that the members of the committee brought in encouraging reports. In some localities considerable numbers of voters are turning against the amendments, and in some counties are reported to be in need of further treatment, and Ellsworth and Ellis counties are reported to be in need of further treatment, and Ellsworth and Ellis counties are reported to be in need of further treatment.

Secretary Clyde McKee said after the meeting: "If I should try to name ten counties in the state which the Democrats would carry, I would have to admit that I could not do it. I do not believe that the Democratic committee could pick out ten counties in the state they will carry."

C. J. Evans, of Ellsworth county, one of the members of the committee expressed some interesting opinions about conditions in his county. He said:

"We have largely a German element in Ellsworth county, and a very large portion are opposed to prohibition. This element is what we have to fear in the Hoch-Harris fight. Of course the Democrats have put a new plank in their platform, but you take these old Germans and they will not believe that a Democrat can get along without beer, and they will not believe that a Democrat can get along without beer. This prohibitory law has been the burden of the Republican party ever since it was adopted, and I am sorry, I must admit that I voted the constitutional amendment, but I wouldn't do so again."

"I am afraid that this proposed primary election law is going to be another million of the same kind. I am opposed to the primary election scheme from top to bottom. It is a dangerous proposition to the Republican party. It should stay away from it. In its operation it will keep all except rich men or grafters out of politics. A man of moderate means can not afford to make a campaign for the nomination. Moreover, it will simply mean that the centers of population in eastern Kansas will be the centers of the state ticket. Western Kansas won't have a show."

"I have no use for this square deal business. What right has a man to make a man to inquire into the views of candidates outside of his own county? I think William Kirt of Atchison did exactly right in wanting to answer the questions. Every other candidate should do the same."

E. F. Bracken, the man who beat A. G. Mead for the nomination to the legislature from Mitchell county, was in Topeka getting acquainted with the Republican party. He was in Topeka in Oklahoma for the past week, and says that it was only a coincidence that he happened to come in at the same time as Senator E. D. Young arrived. Senator Young was one of Bracken's strongest supporters in the Mitchell county fight.

Both Senator Young and Mr. Bracken insist that John Q. Royce is mistaken when he said that the Mitchell county fight was really between Young and Mead rather than between the Curtis and anti-Curtis forces.

"The Mitchell county fight," said Mr. Bracken, "was not a bitter one. It is usually accepted sense of the word. It was very spirited, but there was no hard feeling manifested at the convention. It was a strictly Curtis and anti-Curtis fight. That was the issue. Everybody understood that to be the issue. People believed that it was the Curtis candidate, though Mead himself would not commit himself."

"For my own part, I will say that I am not pledged to either of the candidates. I was for this or that, but I can say truthfully that I do not know who I shall vote for. I am not pledged, and do not expect to be pledged, when I come to the legislature next winter. If elected, as I believe I will be, I will not be a square deal dealer."

"I am," replied Mr. Bracken. "Does that mean that you are friendly to Stubbs for senator?" "I don't understand that that is one of the square deal issues," was Mr. Bracken's reply.

L. H. Seaver, also of Ellsworth county, and candidate for the legislature on the Republican ticket, does not stand for the speaker's boom in anybody's hands. He said the purpose of the boom, it is claimed, was to injure Mr. Seaver by connecting him with a weak candidate. He brought out the fact that "Stubbs candidate," Mr. Seaver said: "I am not a candidate for speaker, and even if I was, I certainly wouldn't be going to stand anything until after the election. I have not been elected yet."

W. W. Caldwell, of Cloud county, said, in speaking of conditions in that county: "We have quite a large number of French in this county, and they are naturally Democrats. I think that we will be able to hold the county in line, however, for the Republican ticket."

William L. Cunningham, the Republican nominee for the legislature from the Arkansas City district of Cowley county, was in the city attending the political gathering. The defeat of W. P. Hackney for member of the legislature was a peculiar similarity to the defeat of the Republican candidates. Cunningham is the candidate from the Winfield district, and Cunningham from the Arkansas City district.

"I am not pledged to anyone for United States senator," said Mr. Cunningham. "I do not know myself who I shall support, and I certainly shall not make up my mind until after the election."

IT IS TOO HOT. MORE WARSHIPS.

High Temperature Has Retarded Distribution of Goods.

But Has Enabled Merchants to Clean Out Summer Stocks.

BEYOND ALL RECORDS

Volume of Domestic Trade Is Unprecedented.

Trade Blockades Frequent Despite Increased Facilities.

New York, Sept. 20.—R. G. Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says: "Unseasonably high temperatures in some sections of the country, retarded the distribution of fall goods, but, with the assistance of special sales, reduced stocks of summer merchandise to a most satisfactory position. High rates for money have delayed installment collections somewhat, and there is still complaint of scarcity of labor, but confidence in the future remains unshaken. Preparations for winter and spring keeping machinery well employed, and the volume of business is beyond all records, and foreign exports exhibit some striking comparisons. Total merchandise exports in August were valued at about \$12,000,000 more than the same month in any previous year, and imports were \$10,000,000 above the preceding record for August. Foreign trade at this port alone for the last week showed gains of \$2,900,567 in exports and \$28,344 in imports, as compared with the preceding week. The high prices of cotton, as long as Mr. Tammahill, and I think I have about as many friends as he has."

"I am pledged to no one on the senatorial fight, and do not know who I shall vote for."

One of the leading Sixth district politicians who attended the meeting, expressed some very positive views on the Long-La Follette controversy. He said:

"Senator Long expects to retain any friends in the northwestern portion of the state, he had better let up on that La Follette business, and Gov. Hoch would do well to cut out this endorsement which he has given to Long's position."

"The fact of the matter is that the farmers of Kansas have more confidence in La Follette than they have in Long, and if it comes to a show down they will vote against Long."

"La Follette came up there to Beloit in the course of his speech devoted probably five minutes to a discussion of Senator Long's attitude. La Follette simply read the amendments which he proposed to the railroad bill, and then asked how many people in the audience thought that would be a good provision of law. Everybody helped up their hands. Then he read the list of senators voting against the amendments, and Senator Long and Senator Benson were in the list."

La Follette then said he wished to make a statement about Benson. He said that he had hoped Benson would vote for the amendments, but that Benson had only been in the senate two days and had not yet taken a vote. "The vote was taken," said La Follette, "I looked over and saw Benson sitting beside his colleague Senator Long. And Benson had voted against the amendments."

"The people of Kansas are tired of Long's railroad policy, and they do not resent it when La Follette comes here and tells us that the Kansas senator stands. Long came out and he voted about two hours to a long winded explanation of his conduct, and an attack on La Follette. It didn't take well with the farmers in that part of the state."

Topoka's Mammoth Y. M. C. A. Building to Be Dedicated Sunday.

Tomorrow is the really big day in the festivities attending the dedication of the new Central Y. M. C. A. building. In the morning at 8:30 will come a fellowship and praise service led by K. A. Shumaker, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. It will last about an hour.

At 10:30 a. m. and seventy-five men are expected. Those present were the representative men of the association. In the afternoon comes the real dedication of the building, at which Mayor Chas. M. Beardsley of Kansas City will be the principal speaker. This dedication is only open to members of the association. The room space will not allow that it be thrown open to the public as a whole.

"Thousands of programmes and invitations have been and are being issued to the general public for each of the three evenings when the dedication is to be given."

The Y. M. C. A. board of directors and a large part of the committee of sixty business men who were instrumental in raising the building fund got together last night at the Y. M. C. A. building for a social time. The directors came early and held a short business session. Those present were: E. D. Young, president of the Y. M. C. A.; R. B. Young, secretary; and a number of other members of the board. A number of gentlemen developed among those present. The building was over an ice cream lunch was served the business men in the evening.

Address by Y. M. C. A. Mandolin club. Short addresses by Hon. E. W. Hoch, Mayor W. H. Davis, Rev. C. M. Sheldon for Ministerial union, C. K. Hollister for Commercial club.

Programme for Young People's evening, Friday, September 28: Music by the Messic Bros' orchestra.

Address by Rev. W. M. Cleveland. Report of the Young People's Society and the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

Double quartette from United Brethren church.

New Western Rural Routes.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Rural routes have been ordered established as follows: October 15: Kansas, Brown, Coffey county, route 1, population 134, families 31, November 15: Missouri, Boone, Lincoln county, route 1, population 448, families 112; Troy, Lincoln county, route 6, population 400, families 100.

THE CRUISERS MINNEAPOLIS AND NEWARK AT HAVANA.

The Cruisers Minneapolis and Newark at Havana.

Naval Authorities Looking After the Coal Supply.

PLANS OF INSURGENTS.

If Taft Doesn't Succeed in Establishing Peace.

They Will Force Intervention by Attacking All Property.

Havana, Sept. 20.—The United States cruisers Minneapolis and Newark arrived here this morning.

The Coal Supply. Naval officials do not intend to take any chance in the present emergency in the matter of a coaling supply for ships that may be needed for Cuban service. Therefore they are looking around for a large vessel of capacity of not less than 2,500 tons, which is proposed to have moored at some convenient place near Newport News. Under ordinary circumstances sufficient coal can be obtained at that place for the needs of the fleet on reasonable notice, but it has happened in the past that warships have had to wait while merchant and other vessels were employed in the port, and a sufficient number of lighters and in one instance a wharf which put into Newport News for coal was obliged to proceed to New York to obtain a supply.

Plans of Insurgents. A dispatch from Havana to the Pleisney today gives a signed statement of the insurgent leader, General Ernesto Asbert, in which he says that if peace is not made by the Palma administration the revolutionists propose to attack the port of Havana, to keep the harbor filled to its utmost capacity at all times.

Textile conditions have not materially improved since the preceding week. The mills operating a large percentage of machinery without having much new forward business.

Footwear jobbers have not been operating in cases lots for spring delivery during the past week, which made trade somewhat more quiet, and shipments from Boston fell behind those of the corresponding week last year. The corresponding week are placing duplicate orders for fall goods, maintaining a strong market.

Commercial failures this week in the United States as reported by E. G. Dur & Co. are 200, against 174 last week, 133 the preceding week and 206 the corresponding week last year.

USE SHARP STICK.

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such election be not called on the 14th. It is possible that a special election could not be held until the last day of December."

"They follow the application for a special election against Laughlin. John Radford, state auditor, and one of the political leaders of Kansas City, was in Topeka yesterday. "I think it is likely that Mayor Laughlin will call the special election to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Ross shortly, probably Saturday. The chances are that the election will be held on November 6, at the same time with the regular election. It would give a very short campaign, and it would tend to hold it on the 23d of October, it would cause great confusion in the registration. There would only be two or four days left after the election in which to register our votes for the general election. It would cause much confusion and might cost us many votes. I believe that a much better plan is to hold the election on November 6. It is possible that we will get together and nominate a candidate for mayor at a mass convention—sort of a citizens' ticket. In such case, Laughlin would hold office until next April, and then we would elect a successor in the regular way."

Business in wire products is very quiet, but some cutting is reported at Chicago. Coke is earlier, labor conditions at the ovens being improved. Orders for bituminous coal are increasing at the west, and there is a shortage of shipments from the mines, but in the east business is very dull. Copper is higher but tin is lower. There is visible a slow but rather steady advance in the price of tin, which may have an important influence upon crop movement if continued.

Leather demand has again improved, and is firm and unchanged. The outlook in tobacco is a very bullish one. Demand is active and offerings of Havana leaf are eagerly taken at high prices. The market is made for uncertainty as to the 1907 crop. Domestic advices are rather less favorable than earlier. The Virginia crop is claimed to be only three-fourths of an average.

Business failures for the week ending September 21, number 170, against 184 last week; 173 in the like week of 1905; 203 in 1904; 155 in 1903; and 172 in 1902.

In Canada failures for the week number twenty-six, as against seventeen last week and thirty in the corresponding week last year.

Bank Clearings. The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ending September 20, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Table with columns: City, Clearings, Inc. Dec., % Chg. Includes New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas City, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Cleveland, St. Paul, Detroit, Milwaukee, Louisville, Providence, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Fort Worth, Richmond.

This interesting programme, arranged by the local Woodmen of the World lodge, is open to the public, and is expected to draw a large audience.

Buffalo Bill Quits Europe. Brussels, Sept. 21.—Buffalo Bill's Wild West show closed on Friday night. The show was a performance here. Colonel Cody will sail from Antwerp tonight, the rest of the troupe and the material following on Monday. The show is the last American tour of the show before the retirement of Colonel Cody.

Columbus, 5,129,890; 2.2; Washington, 4,210,154; 1.4; St. Joseph, 1,457,181; 17.8; Wichita, 1,138,750; 7.3; Topeka, 2,482,770; 7.1; Houston, 1,432,000; 1.7; Galveston, 1,432,000; 1.7; Total U. S. 12,150,000; 25.4; Outside N. Y. city, 1,072,809,000; 11.3.

MARKETS TODAY.

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LIVE STOCK TRADE.

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Hogs Steady—Bulk Sales From \$6.25 to \$6.45.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—WHEAT—The wheat market opened firm today, continued small receipts in the northwest and bullish cables regarding the Argentine crop being the chief cause of the strength. December wheat opened unchanged to 1/8c lower, at 148c, and sold at 15c. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 780 cars.

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CORN—No. 2, 42c; No. 2, 41c; No. 1, 42c; No. 1, 41c; No. 3, 43c; No. 3, 42c.

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Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Ill., Sept. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts today, 7,000 head. Market unchanged. Choice steers, \$10.00; light, \$9.50; pigs, \$6.00; hogs, \$6.00; calves, \$6.00.

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danger of frost. I think I would sell May stock at all strong points for the time being. OATS—This market was very strong with wheat and sold as high as 35c for the May and this looks to me to be high enough for the time being as it is nearly a month up from the low point which it is a big price for team as we had a fair crop after all of the bad news in the spring. This would seem to me to be high and it will not be higher than 35c.

PROVISIONS—This market has been a mixture of the low point and the high point. Lead was lifted a point above last night. Active selling was renewed last night. Reading and the other declines. That stock fell 3/4 points. B. and O., Southern Pacific and Smeltling 1/4 point and Pennsylvania, St. Paul, Chicago & Pacific, Atchison, Illinois Central, St. Louis, Western preferred, Amalgamated Copper, Colorado Fuel and Republic Steel a point or more.

New York Money. New York, Sept. 20.—Money on call nominal. No loans. Time loans dull and steady. Sixty and 90 days, 7 per cent; 3 months, 8 per cent. CLOSE: Sterling mercantile paper, 4 1/2 per cent; prime exchange firm, 4 1/2 per cent; business time, 4 1/2 per cent; 4 1/2 per cent for demand and at 4 1/2 per cent for 30 days; western time, 4 1/2 per cent; 4 1/2 per cent for demand and at 4 1/2 per cent for 30 days; Mexican dollar, 16 1/2 per cent; Mexican dollar, 16 1/2 per cent.

BONDS—Government bonds steady. Range of Prices on Stocks. Grains, Provisions, Cotton and Stocks. (Published by J. E. Gail, Commission, Office 110 West Sixth St., Telephone 484.)

Table with columns: Stock, Price. Includes Sugar, People's Gas, Am. C. & P., U. S. Steel, Atchison, C. & N. W., St. Paul, Rock Island, Wabash, Mo. Pacific, Am. Smelting, Am. Locomotive, N. Y. Central, N. & W. Pac., So. Pac., Reading, C. & O., So. Ry., Union Pacific, C. & G. I., B. & O., C. & N. E., Pennsylvania, Can. Pac., N. O. & G. W., C. F. I., No trade.

Sugar and Coffee Market. New York, Sept. 20.—SUGAR—Raw sugar, 10c; molasses sugar, 10c; central sugar, 10c; crushed sugar, 10c; powdered sugar, 10c. COFFEE—Market steady. No. 1, 17c; No. 2, 16c; No. 3, 15c.

Cotton Market. New York, Sept. 20.—COTTON—Spot cotton closed quiet and 5 points lower. Quotations: Middling upland, 12 1/2c; middling, 12c; good, 11 1/2c; low, 11c. Market steady. No. 1, 17c; No. 2, 16c; No. 3, 15c.

Topeka Markets. (Published by Packing Co., Yards close at noon on Saturdays.)

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Includes Mixed and Butchers, Heavy, Stags, Hogs, Light Calves, Heavy Calves, Grass Cattle, Cows and Heifers, Bulls.