

THE BLOODY FIFTH.

Kindred Nominated and Nelson and Gilman Bolt.

THE OLD RING SQUELCHED.

Mixture of Platforms, Pistols, Constables, Bludgeons and Bad Blood.

THE BOLTERS' LAME DEFENSE.

Full Report of Both the Regular and Bolting Conventions.

The Fight of the Factions.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

DETROIT, Minn., July 12.—Hell reigneth. The Lord be praised. If the religious sentiments of these phrases seem to be mixed I can assure you that it corresponds to the political situation in the Fifth district.

As I have told you from the start two conventions were inevitable, and the only question was how the split would occur. The convention was called to meet at Bowman's opera house at 1 p. m.

At 11 o'clock I visited the hall and found the Kindred men in possession. As 12 o'clock approached they began to send out for lunches, apparently

INTENDING TO CAMP THERE.

There were all sorts of reports about a ticket being issued and some were printed and circulated, but signed by no one. While this was going on the district committee was in session at the American house. The Nelson men on the committee offered a preamble and resolutions, with the list of delegates they proposed to recognize.

Col. Johnson, chairman of the committee, refused to entertain them, on the ground that it was not the province of the committee to decide. They then wanted to depose Johnson, and five of the committee voted to elect A. Barto, of Stearns, chairman of the committee. The other four members of the committee were not present. As the hour of 1 o'clock approached the anti-Kindred forces gathered at the Nelson tent, at one end of the hall, and at 12:35 came marching in a body to the hall. There were a good many of the Kindred delegates outside of the hall also, and as the crowd surged up the stairway

THE JAM WAS IMMENSE.

At the door of the hall were representatives of both factions, who would only admit those they knew to be delegates. As there were more outsiders than delegates, the crowd outside was biggest, and but for the sheriff and a force of thirty deputies the doors would have succumbed to the pressure.

About 1:15 Col. Johnson and Mr. Barto worked their way through the crowd and came on the stage together. Col. Johnson said they decided to have the hall cleared, and that he and Mr. Barto would then issue tickets to delegates and get things in order. Mr. Barto supplemented this request and held a pack of tickets in his hand, which, he said, were ready to issue.

A man in the crowd shouted: "Issue the tickets right here!" and

THEN THE FUN BEGAN.

C. B. Sleeper, a Kindred man from Brainerd, jumped upon a chair and stated that Gilman and Graves had withdrawn in favor of Nelson and that they would get tickets for themselves, friends and that they would unfairly pack the hall.

Barto replied that they proposed to give Kindred 100, and Gilman and Graves twenty-six each. Col. Johnson then came to the front and made a neat little speech. He said he was chairman of the committee to call the convention to order. The canvas had been one of the hottest ever known in the state and it was for them to say whether they should act in harmony and order. The Republican party of the state and of the United States demanded harmony. "I call on you," he said, "to be true to the party and if necessary take the dark horse for the sake of the party. I believe in the principles of the Republican party and you should stand by them. I call for the nomination of a temporary chairman."

Up to this point the crowd had quietly listened to Col. Johnson, and Barto had been quietly standing a few feet away. By the time Johnson had uttered his concluding words some on the Kindred side nominated E. G. Holmes, of Detroit, for temporary chairman.

About then it seemed to appear to Barto that he had better go ahead and shouted: "I call for a nomination of temporary chairman."

Then there was fun alive.

A Nelson man nominated S. G. Comstock of Brainerd, for temporary chairman.

Johnson put his motion for Holmes and the Kindred men yelled a thundering "aye." He called the negative, but the Nelson men so busy electing Comstock that they did not respond.

I declare E. G. Holmes elected temporary chairman," shouted Col. Johnson, and Holmes bounded on the platform as though he had been shot from a cannon.

I declare S. G. Comstock elected temporary chairman," shouted Barto, and Comstock leaped to the front and stood

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH HOLMES.

Sleeper moved a committee of seven on credentials and Holmes put the motion and named his committee.

A Nelson man moved a committee on credentials also, and Comstock gave the motion and appointed his committee.

All this time both sides were yelling like mad, reporters were standing on chairs and tables, delegates were leaping upon the platform, standing on chairs, gesticulating and speaking, and to say it was pandemonium let loose feebly describes it.

Suddenly ex-Sheriff Mertz, of Brainerd, who had mounted the platform,

SEIZED COMSTOCK BY THE COLLAR,

and commenced pulling him back saying "You have no business here."

Quicker than I can write it, thirty or forty excited men jumped upon the stage, the reporters' table was shoved back and overturned, and one long table on which the reporters roosted came down with a crash, adding to the noise and confusion. It looked for a few minutes as though there might be a free fight. It was everybody's yelling race, and everybody did their duty. The sheriff in the hall finally managed to prevent a battle on the platform and there was a brief lull in the din.

Col. Johnson then came forward and in a loud clear voice said: "As chairman of the district committee, I recognize but one chairman of the district, Mr. Holmes. There must be quiet or the hall will be cleared."

W. W. Hartley of Brainerd called upon the side make the noise. He urged them to listen to Barto's statement.

Barto said that five out of nine of the con-

vention were present and elected him, because Col. Johnson refused to recognize the resolution referred to. He then went into an argument to prove that they had the right to depose Johnson. Col. Johnson said he was elected chairman of the congressional convention by the state central committee, and that his position was above and beyond control of the convention. "Gov. Barto is the BIGGEST FRAUD IN THE STATE."

The secretary of the state central committee, Capt. Castle, is here and I will call on him to state how I was appointed."

Capt. Castle stepped to the front and said he was not a party to the controversy, but in reply to the appeal made to him he would say that Col. Johnson was expressly elected chairman by the state central committee. [Wild applause by the Kindred men.]

Barto said that when the committee was appointed he had the right to select fact that he had given the convention to Nelson if he had not interfered with by the committee. He would read the ruling, and he did so as follows: "This ruling recognizes the party machinery and may work injustice in some counties, but it leaves the burden of proof on the bolters, and if any injustice is done it will be the fault of the bolters, by the committee on credentials. In this decision I believe I have the support of the Republican party of the state and shall have the support of every fair-minded man of the convention elected by the different factions, who are here to-day for the sole purpose of electing a temporary organization, admitted so to be by all parties in interest."

"First—That the committee can be organized by uncontested delegates and they do not constitute a majority of the whole number."

"Second—A rule that, for the purpose of electing a temporary organization, only the delegates elected by the different factions, as the chairman elected under the call of the chairman of the county convention be allowed to vote."

This ruling, he said, would have given Nelson forty-four votes and made him the nominee.

Comstock then interposed to say that Johnson had been deposed because he refused to obey the majority of the committee. He had also arbitrarily adjourned the committee.

Col. Johnson said the convention was called to meet at 1 o'clock, and it was after 1 when he adjourned the committee. He proposed to recognize Mr. Holmes as temporary chairman of the convention and no one else, and unless he was carried out on a stretcher he would then read the call. When he had nearly concluded the reading it seemed to dawn on Barto that he was getting lost, and he commenced to read the call. Yells of

"PUT HIM OUT!"

and other cries, prevented a word that Barto uttered being heard. Half a dozen delegates on both sides commenced making speeches, and confusion was worse confounded again.

In the midst of this Col. Johnson shouted: "Clear the stage of all except the committee and reporters. I have hired this hall and will have it cleared. If order is not preserved the sheriff and his posse will be on hand again."

THE SPLIT.

One Nelson man shouted, "I move the convention adjourn to the tent on the prairie." Comstock gave the motion and his side yelled and he declared it carried. Comstock then started to go, but some one made a suggestion to him, and he caught the cue and said that he would not leave unless he was put out. This was, of course, an afterthought, for he had shouted in his loudest tones that the convention had adjourned, and now he wanted to be led out by an officer, to make it appear he was forced out of the hall.

A deputy sheriff accompanied him, and arm in arm they walked to the door.

A strong force had been guarding the door, both inside and out, to keep out four or five hundred outsiders who were in attendance, and it was quite difficult to get the door open so the bolters could leave.

As they started to go Col. Johnson shouted: "This is the regular convention and all those in favor of a regular and square nomination will please remain outside of the hall and go away without making a nomination can, of course, exercise their pleasure."

THUNDERING GORDON ELECTED.

At this juncture Thundering Gordon, who lives at Minneapolis, outside of the district, mounted a chair and called upon the Nelsons, Graves and Gilman men to leave.

Policeman W. Whitney very properly collared him and put him under arrest for disturbing the convention, he not only not being a delegate but also a stranger to the hall. He was marched out of the hall by a policeman and his voice has not since been heard in the land.

The Nelson gang then rapidly retired, leaving the Kindred faction quietly in possession of the hall.

The Kindred Convention.

As soon as order could be restored after the bolting delegation had withdrawn, Chairman Holmes called upon all Republicans who were willing to abide by the decision of the majority to remain. But few appeared to leave the room.

On motion a committee on credentials was appointed; also a committee of three on resolutions and one of the same number on permanent organization.

The committee on permanent organization reported Geo. H. Johnson, of Detroit, for permanent chairman and D. J. Knox for secretary. The report was unanimously adopted amid wild cheers.

Col. Johnson came forward and spoke substantially as follows:

COL. JOHNSON'S ADDRESS.

I find myself in a very embarrassing position and I come before you in sack cloth and ashes, as I admit that I have in my pocket a carefully prepared extemporaneous speech which I had proposed to have delivered in nominating the Hon. Knute Nelson.

I had been a Nelson man from the commencement of the campaign, and took no stock in the hue and cry of nationality that had been raised against him. I favored him because he was a soldier. When the country was in danger he responded to the reveille of the nation and shouldered a musket and for three years of effort, sweat, blood and tears, through battle and to death, he carried the eagle of his country and his state to honor and to victory. Wounded and a prisoner in the hands of the confederates he considered him a good enough Yankee to shoot at, and I consider him a good enough Yankee to vote for to-day, but I believe in bolting this regular convention to-day. He has made a fatal mistake and I can't follow him to certain death which this ill-considered movement will bring upon him.

As I understand that Mr. Comstock has just addressed the bolters, giving his version of the action of the congressional district committee, it is but fair that I should give my statement of the matter. Some days ago I made a copy of the counties and delegates and the relative strength of the candidates. Under the ruling that I proposed to make I went to Moorhead and submitted it to Mr. Comstock, who heartily approved of it as a way out of the difficulty. He went further and stated that he would support the man that was nominated under that ruling. Ex-Lieut. Gov. Barto, also was in my office yesterday, approved of it, and only this morning did I hear that they had changed their minds, when I heard that they proposed to depose me as chairman of the committee unless I assented to their dictation, to virtually make our committee a committee on credentials, and thus very unjustly to admit what they claimed to be regular delegates from bolting conventions sufficient to give a large majority to the anti-Kindred combination.

My ruling would have admitted thirty-eight

Kindred men to forty for the field, with at least two counted for Kindred whom Gilman believed he could control. This would have been thirty-eight to forty-two for the field, and I sincerely believe that this would have been the result had they not bolted the convention. I believe that the Republican party of the state and nation will ratify the doling of this convention that party which has been the grand hallelujah anthem sung by angel chorists on the plains of Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, and in which I believe we all can join when we have elected our candidates in November. "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will toward men."

Col. Johnson was repeatedly interrupted by applause, and at the end of his speech it was fairly deafening.

The committee on credentials then reported the following list of delegates entitled to seats in the convention:

Your committee appointed to recommend delegates to this convention from the respective counties of the congressional district, respectfully report and submit for your consideration that we have carefully considered the claims of delegates presenting credentials, and the following entitled to seats in this convention:

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Becker—E. G. Holmes, Ole A. Bond, Thos. Dunlap.

Big Stone—W. R. Sawyer, A. D. Beardsley, A. E. Pettengill, (proxy), D. C. Stam.
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The report was amended by admitting Polk county and adopted.

The committee on resolutions, composed of T. E. Shapleigh of Polk, M. Richardson of Morton, and J. E. O'Brien of Crow Wing, then submitted the following report, which was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The extraordinary and disgraceful proceedings of unprincipled partisans at the opening of this convention makes it apparent that the representative rights of the people, exercised by the legitimate and usual practices of holding town caucuses and county conventions for the expression of their wishes and selection of their choice, are no longer to be regarded by flagrant schemers, we do set forth our concentration and disapprobation, and make our protest against the same in the following resolutions:

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Resolved, That the action of one of the said committee, taken at the convention wherein he assumed to take the place of the official chairman who had called the said convention to order for deliberation and action, was a gross and defiant usurpation of power which belonged to the convention.

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St. Louis County—D. E. Cash, R. C. O. Michelson, F. Burke.
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The committee on credentials then submitted the following report:

Norman—P. A. Olson, Martin Rudi, H. W. Baker, L. L. Ramsted.
Kittson—H. Eastman, D. F. Brawley.
St. Louis—D. E. Cash, R. C. Mitchell.
Frank Burk.
Clay—F. G. Comstock, L. O. Starla, F. F. Grover.

The report was adopted by aye.
Lakes—H. C. Walte, A. Barto, F. H. Dam, A. Moore, substitute for A. Elliott.
Todd—John Walte, S. M. Herbert, J. I. Bond.

Wadena—A. G. Broker, H. F. Pressner.
Pope—Hugh Thomson, H. Stevens, Halvor Steenerson, Judge R. Reynolds.
Stevens—D. R. Sutherland, R. J. Hall, H. W. Bond.