

G. A. R. CHOOSES BOSTON MAN LEADER

JOHN E. GILMAN IS ELECTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF BOYS IN BLUE.

ROCHESTER NEXT YEAR

New York City Gets Encampment for 1911, Providing Arrangements Are Suitable—Spokane Man Named as Surgeon General—Pension Committee Is Not Avaricious.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 22.—John E. Gilman of Boston, for commander-in-chief, and Rochester, N. Y., for the next place of meeting, was the winning combination in the national encampment of the G. A. R., which opened its business session today.

Senior vice commander-in-chief, Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J. Junior vice commander-in-chief, William James, Jacksonville, Fla. Surgeon general, John L. Smith, Spokane, Wash.

Chaplain-in-chief, Rev. Thomas Harwood, Albuquerque, N. M.

A String.

The new commander-in-chief had an easy time of it in his election, but Rochester's selection as the next encampment site has a string to it. The veterans decided that the encampment can go to the New York state city on condition that satisfactory rates are secured from the railroads but if in the judgment of the executive committee of the national council of the administration the rates are not satisfactory the committee can select some other city.

Invited West.

Los Angeles, Denver and Springfield, Ill., were also after the encampment and San Francisco invited the veterans to the Golden Gate city in 1915.

A veteran from the southern city said that the encampment would also lead from New Orleans before that time.

The proposition of a dollar a day pension for life will doubtless be shamed by the encampment. The committee on pensions, which made its report today, decided against the proposition on the ground that it would be too expensive to the national government. It was figured out that a dollar a day would increase the pension roll more than \$100,000,000 a year, and that it would take a half billion dollars in the next two years for pensions. The pension roll now amounts to \$160,000,000.

Sound Senses.

If influential members of the G. A. R. can prevent, the present encampment will take no action on the matter of placing the statue of General Robert E. Lee in the national capital. Leading members of the Grand Army declare that they do not want to offend the soldiers of the confederacy.

Signal Corps.

At its annual reunion the United States Veteran Signal Corps association, civil war division, elected the following officers: President, Colonel J. E. Hyneman, Philadelphia; secretary and treasurer, Charles DeWitt Marcy, Boston.

FUGITIVES LANDED WITHOUT ANY FIGHT

FORMER UNITED STATES SOLDIERS, CHARGED WITH MURDER, TAKEN BY SHERIFF.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 22.—A special from Adamana says: Sheriff Thompson of Globe, arrested James Steele and William Stewart, former United States soldiers, who are charged with the murder of Fred Kibbe and Alfred F. Hillpot, business men of Globe. Sheriff Thompson and a posse of five men found the fugitives at the Santa Fe station here. No fight was put up by the men. This ends a nine-day chase, which was participated in by peace officers, Indian trailers and bloodhounds. Kibbe and Hillpot, who were on a hunting trip, were slain in a deserted stage station between Fort Apache and Globe. Robbery was evidently the motive for the deed.

APPOINTED POSTMISTRESS.

Washington, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Mary E. Wessel was appointed postmistress of Wolsey, Meagher county, today, vice A. M. Sahdeh, resigned.

MISSOULA HAS GRAND LODGE NEXT

STATE MEETING OF MASONS OF MONTANA COMES TO GARDEN CITY IN 1911.

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Honor Bestowed After Long Waiting—J. W. Speer of Great Falls Heads Order for Ensuing Term—James Massey and A. C. Miner Are Honored by Grand Council in Helena.

Helena, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Next year's meeting of the grand lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held in Missoula, a period of 22 years having elapsed since the last meeting there of the grand lodge. The grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons will also meet in the Garden city. The grand council, royal and select masters, which met today, decided to hold its next convocation immediately following the convocation of the grand commandery at the place designated by the presiding officer. Masonic week ends tomorrow, with the meeting of the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Next year's officers of the grand lodge chosen today are as follows: M. W. grand master—J. W. Speer, Great Falls. R. W. grand master—William M. Montgomery, Anaconda. R. W. senior grand warden—John G. Bair, Great Falls. R. W. grand junior warden—O. F. Wasmanasor, Lewistown.

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R. W. grand chaplain—Rev. F. J. Mynard, Great Falls.

R. W. grand marshal—Donald S. McLeod, Plains.

W. senior grand deacon—Lewis A. Smith, Butte.

W. junior grand deacon—W. H. Allen, Joliet.

W. grand standard bearer—James Craig, Columbus.

W. grand sword bearer—E. M. Hutchisson, Whitefish.

W. senior grand steward—Chas. A. Rose, Havre.

W. junior grand steward—E. C. Murray, Helena.

Grand Tyler—James B. Howe, Virginia City.

Grand Council.

Officers of the grand council were chosen as follows:

M. I. grand master—Joseph J. Hindson, Helena.

R. I. grand deputy master—Stephen P. Wright, Butte.

R. I. grand principal conductor of the word—P. D. Jones, Helena.

R. I. grand treasurer—S. J. Burgess, Helena.

R. I. grand recorder—Cornelius Hodges, Jr., Helena.

I. grand chaplain—J. E. McNamee, Helena.

I. captain of the guard—E. H. Renisch, Butte.

I. conductor of the council—James Massey, Missoula.

I. steward—A. C. Miner, Missoula.

I. sentinel—William M. Montgomery, Anaconda.

INVESTIGATE LYNCHING.

Manchester, Mass., Sept. 22.—The lynching of two men of Italian birth at Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday night, is being investigated by the diplomatic and consular representatives of the Italian government in the United States. Marchese Paolo De Montagliari, the Italian charge d'affaires, said today that until his government was in possession of all the facts no action would be taken officially.

REBUILDING WALLACE TO COST MUCH MONEY

Wallace, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Over \$200,000 is being expended in rebuilding the burned area of Wallace and 125 men are employed in the reconstruction work. Only a comparatively small number of the people who lost property by fire are rebuilding at this time, so that the amount of money being invested is confined to a small portion of the city. The Coeur d'Alene iron works is putting up a splendid plant, at a cost of \$50,000. Three brick warehouses, being erected by the Coeur d'Alene Hardware company, will cost \$30,000, while the new stock will reach \$100,000. The Turner Lumber company is rebuilding. The Westwell people are making repairs and installing stock, at a cost of \$50,000. The O. R. & N. depot is being repaired, at an expense of \$15,000. Many concrete, brick and wooden structures are going up. The figure of \$200,000 given is confined to the amount going into new buildings.

ROOSEVELT NOW CONFIDENT OF DEFEATING "OLD GUARD" IN YORK STATE CONVENTION



WILLIAM BARNES, J. S. SHERMAN, THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The center of state and national interest during the republican state convention will be this city. Great preparations are being made to entertain the hundreds of delegates and visitors who will pour in during the session.

The fight between ex-President Roosevelt and nationalist William Barnes, Jr., and his conservative policy has been pronounced the most vital fight which has taken place in republican ranks in many years. Vice President Sherman has been elected chairman and will preside over the state convention unless the Roosevelt forces are able to unseat him and name his successor.

Lloyd C. Griseom, president of the New York republican county committee, and Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the republican state committee, will figure prominently throughout the fight.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The utter rout of the "old guard" by Theodore Roosevelt at the republican state convention in Syracuse was predicted today by Colonel Roosevelt himself. At the conclusion of a long conference with half a dozen of his lieutenants, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"I think I may be reasonably safe in saying that we shall have 100 majority."

Reports from all parts of the state were received at Sagamore Hill today. Otto T. Barnard, of New York, Lloyd C. Griseom, president of the New York county republican committee, R. J. Knack, of Brooklyn, naval officer of the port; Comptroller William A. Pendergast of New York City, and Herbert Parsons, Mr. Griseom's predecessor, motored down from New York late in the afternoon for a final survey of the field of battle. All through the fight, which began with the Sherman incident, the colonel has refused to express an opinion as to the outcome and none was expected from him today, but the reports here this evening convinced him it was all over but the shouting. Unless some unexpected reversal should be met, he was positive that the republican organization would be forced to give ground before the progressives when the test came at Saratoga next week. His estimate of 100 majority in conferred in by others who attended the conference. "The attitude of the Roosevelt forces toward the Taft administration was outlined by Mr. Barnard.

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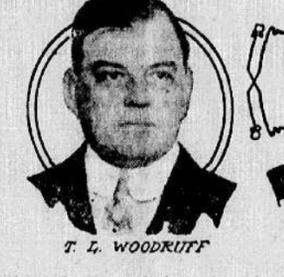
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Resolutions.

Resolutions adopted by the conference declare that: "If, after exhaustive investigation by the interstate commerce commission, it is proven that the rail carriers are not now receiving adequate compensation based on a correct valuation of their property, we would heartily favor such increase in rates, equitably applied, as would afford fair earnings on capital invested."

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"Platform" of Meeting Demands That Tariff Be Reduced If Found Too High by Investigation, Restriction of Proposed Advance and Mandatory Law.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 22.—Organized opposition to the proposed increase in freight rates by the railroads was begun here today at the conference of over 150 representatives of commercial and public organizations of middle western states. The fight against the proposed rates is to be waged principally before the interstate commerce commission, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois were represented at the conference.

Resolutions adopted demanded a decrease in rates, if investigation shows that the present rates are too high; a restriction of the proposed advance in rates if present rates are found remunerative; a mandatory federal law making it the duty of the interstate commerce commission to make a physical valuation of railroad property and a rigid enforcement of the anti-trust laws.

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ALASKA PROBE IS SPOKANE STORY

CHRONICLE EXPECTS INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED FRAUDS UP NORTH.

BALLINGER AT BOTTOM

Newspaper Intimates That Secretary of the Interior Wishes to Remove Stigma of Glavis Charges, as Explaining Long Silence of Cabinet Officer—Walker on Ground.

Spokane, Sept. 22.—The Chronicle says today: An investigation of suspected land frauds in Alaska, which may exceed in scope and startling developments the famous Cunningham case, is believed to be in progress, guided by federal officials of the northwest.

This investigation which is stated to involve an entirely new group of claims in charges similar to those brought against the Cunningham enemies, is believed to have been instituted and actively pushed by Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, who is believed to be anxious to clear his department of the stigma considered to attach as a result of the Cunningham and Glavis episodes.

Big Men.

The list of entrants involved is said to include many men of prominence in Spokane and the Inland Empire, as well as others of even national importance.

Secretary Ballinger's recent visit to Spokane, according to the rumors about here, was made in furtherance of the investigation now in progress by officials of the land office and the department of justice.

Lending color to the reports now current here that an investigation of suspected land frauds in Alaska, from which startling developments are expected, is the presence in Spokane of Clyde Walker, former special agent at Spokane and now register of the land office at Juneau. In addition, there are also said to be special agents operating from the Seattle office who have been in Alaska and have conducted an exhaustive probe of the case with much success.

Explanatory.

The startling developments expected in Spokane within the next few days are believed to explain the long silence of Secretary Ballinger under the sting of the Glavis charges as well as the attitude of President Taft toward his much-criticized secretary of the interior. Both the president and that official are stated to have been looking to this last series of Alaska prosecutions to clear the interior department and the administration of the announced at democratic state headquarters today that the temporary chairman of the Rochester convention would be Alton B. Parker, democratic candidate for president in 1904.

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