

CALIFORNIA IS FOR HEARST. Democratic Convention Instructs The Delegation to St. Louis For Him for President.

HE WON BY NINETEEN VOTES.

Effort to Capture Montana and Wisconsin Resulted in a Distinct Failure.

Santa Cruz, Cal., May 17.—By a majority of 19 votes the Democratic state convention tonight instructed the delegation to the national convention at St. Louis to vote for Congressman W. R. Hearst for president. The vote stood: For instruction, 365; against, 346.

The forenoon was spent in reaching a decision on the declaration of principles. There were some unexpected displays on the tariff plank. The plank presented by the sub-committee to the main committee was thought by some to favor too much of Republicanism and substitutes were proposed. The matter was finally settled by re-referring the plank to the sub-committee, who agreed upon a plank satisfactory to the convention.

THE TARIFF PLANK.

The tariff plank, as finally adopted, is as follows: "The primal purpose of the tariff must be the raising of sufficient revenue to carry on the government economically administered. As the greater portion of the income of the federal government is obtained by taxes levied on imports and as foreign countries import products of foreign countries imported into the United States increases by the amount of such tax the price at which such goods can be sold here, thus incidentally operating to protect domestic products to the extent of such tax, it is manifest that every tariff tax is incidentally protective.

"The abolition of the tariff on the products of foreign countries is not contemplated by the Democratic party, nor is it possible so long as the tax on imports continues to be the principal source of income of the government.

"A continuance of the rate of tariff tax, however, neither necessary for providing of revenue nor for equalization of the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, is unjustifiable, and its sole effect is to encourage the formation in the United States of trusts and monopolies in the production of all articles which are subjects of such excessive and unnecessary tariff rates, with power to such trusts and monopolies to compel the American consumer to pay for such articles so protected, a price in excess of what is just and reasonable.

"We demand strict and impartial enforcement of all existing anti-trust laws, and enactment of such additions to existing laws by federal and state governments as will prevent formation of monopolistic combinations and trusts which control prices and deny equal opportunities to all dealing with them or engaged in similar productions. We believe the federal government must assert such control over excessive combinations of capital that the evils of the trust system shall be eliminated without loss of the advantages which accrue from more perfect organization of industry and trade.

"We recognize the organization of labor to be a distinct contribution to our growing civilization, logical and inevitable consequence of the organization in all other departments of business, and we believe in progressive legislation looking to shorter hours of labor and to the enforcement of better relations between employers and employed through some means of arbitration acceptable to popular sentiment of the land."

The platform condemns the national administration and demands a frequent investigation of all departments of the general government.

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On the isthmiar canal is says: "While the Democratic party of California and the Union ever favored and advocated such a canal, and does yet do so, we do not approve of the methods that have been employed by the administration in and for securing the right of way for such canal via the Panama route. We condemn such methods as the destruction of a confederacy or a republic."

The real contest of the convention commenced at the beginning of the afternoon session when the sub-committee of five to whom had been referred the resolutions regarding instructions and non-instructions of the national delegations, made a report to the general committee. A majority of the committee disregarded the resolutions, calling for instructions and favored those calling for non-instruction. A long and heated debate followed, resulting in the adoption of a resolution commendatory of Mr. Hearst, but unfavorable to binding the delegation to him by the close vote of 27 to 25. The Hearst forces then carried the fight into the convention, which was called to order immediately after the committee on platform and resolutions finished its labors.

There came the long-awaited fight. The resolution which had been adopted by the committee on platform and resolutions was read. It is as follows: "Whereas William Randolph Hearst, a native son of California, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, and whereas, William R. Hearst has performed distinguished services for the people of the United States as evidenced by his splendid battle against the coal trust."

"We, therefore, commend the candidacy of William R. Hearst to the national convention to assemble in St. Louis on July 6, 1904, for the nomination of president."

A minority report was at once presented and is as follows: "Resolved, That our delegates to the national convention to be held in St. Louis July 6, 1904, be and they be hereby instructed to vote for William R. Hearst for the nomination of president of the United States and use all honorable means to secure his nomination."

A motion was made to lay the minority report on the table.

This brought the matter before the convention and for two hours the following oratory for and against ending an instructed delegation to St. Louis, at 7 o'clock a recess was taken, 8 o'clock.

DIDN'T GET MONTANA.

Great Falls, Mont., May 17.—Senator W. A. Clark and Paris Gibson and Gov. J. K. Toole were unanimously chosen as three of Montana's six delegates to the national convention at St. Louis tonight by the state Democratic convention, and the delegates at the hour of midnight were still busily debating the selection of three more national delegates and six alternates.

The effort of the Hearst followers to secure the endorsement of the convention for the candidacy of the New Yorker for the Democratic nomination

for president met with defeat in the committee on resolutions, the platform adopted calling for an instructed delegation to St. Louis. The Hearst contingent is said to be a strong one and resolutions of instruction may be proposed on the convention floor.

The central Indiana's Kansas City platform, lauds the national policy of reclaiming the arid western lands and denounces the withdrawal of desert land entries in sections where it is evident the government cannot promote irrigation systems. The arraignment of the land department is a caustic one, the platform saying:

"Resolved, That while we are, as above set forth, in full and complete accord with the policy of national reclamation of arid lands, and rejoice in the prospect of beneficial results therefrom to the state of Montana, we condemn and denounce the action of the land department under the present Republican administration in withdrawing from reclamation and entry extensive areas for the ostensible purpose of creating forest reservations where there is little or no timber, and where the land is of valuable value for grazing, and has been used for this purpose by our stockmen for many years. This practice has prevailed to such an extent in the interest of speculators in land scrip and railroad corporations owning land under grants from the government as to have become notorious and indecently scandalous."

Harry Galloway of Butte, W. G. Conrad of Great Falls and Martin Maginnis of Helena were elected as the three national delegates to the national convention at St. Louis.

GOT LEFT IN WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 17.—The supporters of Edward G. Wall defeated the adherents of W. R. Hearst in the Democratic state convention today, a resolution instructing the Wisconsin delegates to the national convention to vote for Mr. Wall being adopted by a viva voce vote. The convention adopted a platform "which recognizes the last national platform as the basis of the national platform is Democracy."

Among other things the platform favors the enforcement of laws against trusts; tariff for revenue only; no tariff on all trust-made articles; no tariff on surplus public moneys in bank depositors; an income tax law and the election of United States senators by direct vote.

The following were elected delegates-at-large: Timothy E. Ryan, David S. Rose, Neal Brown, Charles H. Weisse.

Electors-at-large: P. H. Martin of Green Bay, Charles Abresch of Milwaukee.

CABINET MEETING.

After It Was Over a Political Conference Was Held.

Washington, May 17.—At the conclusion of the cabinet meeting today Secy. Cortelyou and Postmaster-General Payne continued for a considerable time in consultation with the president. The conference related to political matters. No concealment now is made of the practical selection of Secy. Cortelyou to be chairman of the Republican National committee. No official announcement of the selection has been made and it is quite likely at present that none will be made until the National committee shall have taken formal action by electing Mr. Cortelyou as chairman. The matter is recognized, however, as being quite as well settled now as it can be in advance of the committee's action. At the conclusion of the conference neither Mr. Cortelyou nor Mr. Payne cared to discuss its details for publication.

It is learned that the principal headquarters of the Republican party during the approaching campaign will be maintained in New York City. Headquarters will be maintained in Chicago, in view of plans tentatively mapped out it will be really difficult to distinguish between the two headquarters.

It is not unlikely that a sub-chairman will be in charge of the headquarters at each city, and that Chairman Cortelyou will spend a part of his time at each place. He will maintain his home in this city.

No determination as to the secretaryship of the new committee has been reached. The names of Elmer C. Dwyer, secretary of the present committee; L. A. Coolidge, president of the Gridiron club of this city, and Harry S. New of Indianapolis, a member of the national committee, among others, have been suggested.

GEN. PEARSON ARRESTED.

On Complaint of Web Davis for Blackmail.

New York, May 17.—Gen. Samuel Pearson of Scranton, Pa., who served under Gen. Louis Rhea in the Boer war, and Cornelius W. Vanderhook, a Baltimore correspondent of Baltimore and Washington, D. C., were arrested in this city today on the complaint of Webster Davis, who was assistant secretary of state under President McKinley, and were held in \$1,000 bail each by Magistrate Cornell, charged with "suspicion of blackmail."

Mr. Davis claimed to have received letters from Gen. Pearson and also a letter, unsigned, threatening his life unless \$30,000 were forthcoming. The two letters written by Gen. Pearson were simply requests for an audience. The arrests were made in Mr. Davis' apartments, where the two prisoners had come by appointment, the police having been previously notified. Mr. Davis says that on their arrival he asked the men what they wished to see him about and they told him they were seeking an accounting of certain money belonging to the Boer government.

After reading the threatening letter, Magistrate Cornell said that while he did not see what the defendants had to do with the case, he would hold them on a short affidavit to give the police an opportunity to investigate.

When seen in the Jefferson Market prison Gen. Pearson said: "I understood that the Boer government entrusted to Webster Davis about \$40,000 in gold bullion. I have a war claim against the Boer government for \$35,000 and when I learned Mr. Davis knew something about the gold, I determined to ask for an accounting. If he has the money I want to know about it. I did send Mr. Davis a note or two simply asking for a meeting with him. In the second letter I think I demanded an accounting of the \$40,000 in gold bullion, threatening legal steps if such an accounting was not forthcoming."

Victims of Mine Disaster.

Carbondale, Ill., May 17.—Four men injured in a mine explosion at Ferris last Wednesday are dead of their injuries. The names added to the death list are: Thomas Green, Sherd Bush, Charles Luedl, John Swofford. This makes a total of seven men dead. Four others probably will die.

Gen. Davis Reaches Colon.

Colon, May 17.—The steamer City of Washington, from New York, May 10, with Maj.-Gen. Davis, governor of the Panama canal zone, Maj. Black and their secretaries on board, arrived today. Gen. Davis was welcomed in behalf of the new republic by a committee.

Prohibitionists Want Panama.

Washington, May 17.—Various temperance organizations have begun a campaign to make the Panama canal a prohibition territory. President Roosevelt is daily receiving letters to that end and is referring them to the canal commission. Admiral Walker, chairman of the commission, asked of the feasibility of prohibiting the sale of liquor by a congressional committee said that such a course would be absurd for the reason that it would be impossible to enforce the regulation. The drinking of the atip is not considered. While the people use light wines and beer almost universally, there is comparatively little drunkenness.

Nominated for Congress.

Third Nebraska District—J. J. McCarthy, Republican, re-nominated. Thirty-seventh New York District—E. R. Vreeland, Republican, re-nominated. Fifth North Carolina District—Charles A. Reynolds, Republican. Ninth North Carolina District—J. E. Newell, Republican. Seventh North Carolina District—H. F. Sewell, Republican. Tenth Illinois District—George E. Foss, Republican. Fifth Indiana District—E. S. Holliday, Republican, re-nominated. Fourteenth Ohio District—B. F. Long, Democrat.

Bank Has Few Assets.

Macon, Ga., May 17.—Receiver Corbin and Bank Examiner Albertson are working on the books of the two banks whose failures were announced yesterday, but so far neither has made any report. It is believed there will be few assets except the \$300,000 life insurance carried by R. H. Plant, president of the two institutions.

IDAHO REPUBLICANS.

Delegates Will Be Elected by Judicial Districts.

Pocatello, Ida., May 17.—The city is rapidly filling with delegates to the Republican state convention which will meet here tomorrow afternoon and elect six delegates to the Republican national convention. Congressman French will probably be the temporary chairman. There is no particular contest. The delegates will be elected by judicial districts and in the districts there will be no contest. Delegates will be elected as follows: First district, United States Senator W. B. Heyburn; Third district, W. E. Borah of Boise; Fourth district, V. R. Gooding, chairman of the state central committee; Fifth district, D. W. Standard, national committeeman for Idaho. In the Second and Sixth districts there are triangular contests. In the Second Warren Truitt of Moscow, G. W. Thompson of Lewiston and A. B. Hall of Grandville are the candidates. In the Sixth district there is a hot fight between J. M. Stevens, judge of the district court, and Ben E. Rich, with the possibility of M. M. McPherson of Salmon City winning as a compromise candidate. The convention will endorse President Roosevelt by unanimous vote.

BAY STATE GAS CO.

Sale of the Boston Gas Co. Will Not be Nullified.

Boston, May 17.—Judge Barker of the supreme court today announced a decision adverse to Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware, in his action for the nullification of the sale of the Boston Gas companies, in connection with a plan to merge them into a new combination. The decision dismisses the bill of Receiver Pepper, which alleges that the sale was accomplished by fraud and conspiracy.

The case which came before the court in March consumed several weeks and much sensational evidence was given. It is understood that it will be carried to a higher court.

In his decision Justice Barker, who found for the defendants on every point, says there is no evidence of any fraudulent action or lack of faithfulness on the part of the Mercantile Trust company of New York, nor upon the part of Henry H. Rogers. The court

also exonerated in every way the firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co. The large financial interests involved, the prominence of the men brought into the proceedings and the seriousness of the charges made during the hearing caused the case to be ranked as one of the most important ever brought before Massachusetts courts. The defendants included the Mercantile Trust company of New York and Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston, who were financial agents in connection with the merger, and H. H. Rogers of New York, trustee of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware. Receiver George D. Hall, lock of the Bay State Gas company of company the incorporation into the Boston companies were merged, also were party defendants to the suit. Mr. Rogers and Thomas Lawson of Boston were among the prominent witnesses in the case, their testimony concerning transactions involving millions being sensational.

Flag Law Invalid.

Albany, N. Y., May 17.—The court of appeals today declared unconstitutional that portion of the flag law enacted by the legislature of 1903 which prohibits the use of the American flag or any representation of it for advertising purposes. The decision was rendered in the case of Jacob McPike of New York City, who had been convicted under the provision relating to the use of the flag for business purposes, the court overruled his conviction.

Schedule Time Cut.

Chicago, May 17.—The Rock Island railroad today announced a cut of eight hours in the Chicago-California service of the company. The faster schedule is made possible by better connections out of Kansas City and faster time on nearly every division of the road and on the Southern Pacific.

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