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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

Lewistown, Mont., Aug. 9, 1904.—At a meeting of the democratic county central committee, held in the city of Lewistown on the 6th day of August, 1904, it was ordered that a democratic county convention be called to meet at the court house in the city of Lewistown at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, the third day of September, 1904, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for the legislature, a candidate for judge of the Tenth judicial district, a candidate for each of the following county offices: Sheriff, treasurer, clerk of district court, clerk and recorder, attorney, assessor, superintendent of schools, surveyor, coroner, and public administrator, to select 23 delegates to the democratic state convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the democratic county convention.

The representation in the convention will be apportioned among the several precincts as follows, the basis being one delegate for each 20 votes or fraction thereof cast for the democratic candidate for sheriff in the election of 1902:

Stanford.....	2
Wareham.....	1
Philbrook.....	2
Utica.....	3
Cottonwood.....	3
Trout Creek.....	1
Ubet.....	3
Upper Cottonwood.....	1
Ross' Fork.....	1
West Lewistown.....	11
East Lewistown.....	5
East Fork.....	1
Deerfield.....	1
Maiden.....	3
Moccasin.....	1
Moccasin City.....	1
Grass Range.....	1
Forest Grove.....	1
Stuart.....	2
Box Elder.....	2
Judith.....	1
Gilt Edge.....	10
Flatwillow.....	1
Cruse.....	1
Musselshell.....	1
Guntton.....	1
Kendall.....	6
Lavina.....	1
Elsa.....	1
Findon.....	1
Wildier.....	1
New Year.....	1
Whiskey Gulch.....	1
Rockford.....	2
Yogo.....	2
Edgewater.....	1
Everson.....	1
Weede.....	1

It was also ordered that primaries be held by the democratic electors at the usual polling places in the various precincts on Saturday, Aug. 27, 1904, for the purpose of selecting the delegates herein above apportioned and alternates as follows: At West Lewistown, East Lewistown, Gilt Edge and Kendall at the hour of 7 o'clock till 9 o'clock p. m. of said day, and at all the remaining precincts at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m. of said day.

The following rules have been adopted for the government of the convention:

First—Delegates and alternate delegates shall be democratic residents of the precinct they represent.

Second—In the absence of a delegate his alternate shall cast his vote.

Third—In the absence of a delegate and his alternate a majority of the delegates of that precinct shall be entitled to cast the vote of the absentee.

Fourth—In case any precinct shall be without any representation, either by delegate or alternate, such precinct shall not be entitled to vote.

Fifth—In the preliminary organization of the convention the unit rule shall not prevail, but the vote of each delegate shall be counted in accordance with his own views.

By order of the democratic county central committee.

W. M. E. CORT, Chairman.
M. D. KIMBALL, Secretary.

Reports from all over the county show that unusual interest was taken in the democratic primaries last Saturday. It is but a forerunner of the overwhelming interest which will be taken in the contest in November.

The republican primaries in Lewistown are reported to have been "harmonious." Any political party which is absolutely boss ridden can always hold "harmonious" primaries and conventions but it will take large bunches of bossivity to harmonize the voters in November.

PAPERS FAVOR PARKER.

When the St. Louis platform was given to the country and the names of Parker and Davis placed at the head of the democratic national ticket, the Chicago Chronicle, formerly inclined toward the democratic side on national issues, announced that it would be found fighting for the election of Roosevelt during the coming campaign. This semi-switch (for the Chronicle was never anything but a lukewarm democratic paper) was proclaimed in the republican press throughout the land as indicating the trend of popular feeling toward the candidacy of President Roosevelt. It was hailed from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon as a harbinger of a sweeping victory in the November election. The editorial in which the Chronicle explained its reason for switching was reprinted in every republican newspaper from the Cautuck line to Pensacola and will doubtless preface the republican handbook of misinformation which will be issued later in the campaign.

But there is a serious question whether or not the republicans really have so much cause for elation over the newspaper situation of this campaign. True, they have gained one recruit, a valuable one let it be said, but it is equally true that they have lost from the ranks several great papers, the influence of which sadly over balances the influence of the Windy City sheet. Four of the great daily journals of New York city, viz: the Evening Post, the Herald, the Staats-Zeitung and the Times, have deserted the Republican party and are solidly for Judge Parker. Each of these papers has a circulation of hundreds of thousands and the combined daily circulation of the four over one million daily, a vast number who are being influenced in favor of the candidacy of the democratic nominee by daily editorials written by the ablest editorial writers of the day.

The newspapers do more to make or unmake great men than all other agencies combined. Fame follows in the footsteps of the favor of great metropolitan papers and obscurity awaits him whom they wilfully ignore. They have their fingers on the pulse of the people and when they speak it is with the tongues of thousands. Those which are untrammelled as are the four above given, ascertain the tendencies and the desires of the mighty mass composed of millions of American citizens and shape their policies accordingly. Through them the people speak. They are vox populi, the shadow which throws on the canvass of publicity the coming event.

During the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, there was but one influential paper in New York which supported the democratic nominee. All of the others were united against what they termed the "vagaries and hallucinations of the wild young Nebraskan." Those two campaigns were battles of giants. It was the force of the most wonderfully magnetic personality the world has seen since Webster went to his grave against the impenetrable front of sarcasm, wit, careature and stunning logic of the press. The papers realized that a majority of the people of the eastern states did not want Bryan and hundreds of columns daily advertised the fact to the world. There are always the thousands of undecided, the men whose minds are never made up until they are sure of being able to choose the majority and it is those men who are swayed for or against by the daily press. They form what is called the balance of power and as they go, so go the elections. The solid phalanx of anti-Bryan papers in New York city swayed this element against the Nebraskan in his two efforts to reach the presidential chair and he was compelled, each time, to remain in Lincoln, a disappointed man.

But this campaign, the situation is different. The leading papers are with the democratic nominee. They have felt of the people's pulse through their local papers, through their political meetings and organizations and through their conversation around the front stoop of the country store and they know that Parker is the man the people want. Flying straws betoken the wind's direction. Not only in New York city but all over the state and all over all of the eastern and middle states, papers have forsaken the ranks of republicanism to enlist under the banner of democracy. And to them must be due some of the credit for the victory which is coming in the early days of November.

EDUCATE AT HOME.

Next Tuesday the public schools of Lewistown will be opened for another scholastic year. Present indications are favorable for a most successful year in both the city schools and the county high school. Both faculties are composed of teachers of known abilities and each school has the equipments with which the most advantageous work can be accomplished. Generous, public spirited boards of trustees have seen to it that nothing is lacking for the better instruction of the pupils. Everything is indeed most auspicious and there is absolute-

ly no necessity of any boy or girl being sent outside of Fergus county to school until he or she is ready to enter some of the higher institutions of learning—the great universities of the country. Our city schools cannot be improved upon in any city or town in Montana. If your child completes the eight grades which are offered there, he is ready to go into a high school. And he will not have to leave the town in order to find such a high school. Since its establishment, the Fergus County Free High School has steadily forged to the front of all high schools in the state. Beginning on a conservative basis, both with regard to equipment and course of study, it has rapidly added to the equipment and extended the course of study until today, it stands second to no school in the treasure state in the matter of physical and chemical equipment and students who complete the prescribed course of study are ready for the best state universities without having to take any entrance examinations. Housed in a building of elegant proportions and numberless conveniences, the high school is indeed a credit to the entire county.

Therefore, why send your children away to school? Why not keep them at home with you as long as possible when all other things are equal? Give them the advantage of your influence as father or mother until necessity compels them to seek a higher place of learning. Send them to the high school, teach them a loyalty to the institution and that such loyalty can best be shown by regular attendance, hard work in class rooms, good grades, manliness on field or track and a creditable graduation at the end of the four year course. Let them know that you are interested in their work and also in their play. Blot out a quarter of a century, occasionally, and join them in the enthusiasm over contests on platform or on gridiron. Cooperate with the teachers in keeping them interested in their work and if you see that interest flagging, try to discover the reason. Many a child has been driven first from his studies, later from school and perhaps, ultimately an honored career, to the overcrowded ranks of the mediocre by a lack of sympathy on the part of his parents. Educate your children at home as far as they can go and lend your personal assistance to that education.

Carefully pasted on the wall immediately in front of the Argus editor's desk is a picture of four men. Under the picture is the inscription, "the honest four." The picture was pasted there, presumably, for the purpose of constantly reminding the Argus scissorst that there are honest men in his party—four of them, in fact. Then, what an inspiration it must be to him as it is to all other good republicans, when the iniquity of the party is being exposed by democratic papers and speakers, when the dark clouds of defeat hover over the republican sky, to gaze upon the placid faces of "the honest four" and be brought to a realization of the fact (?) that, at one time, the party boasted of honest men—four of them. How consoling it must be to have all the honesty of a great organization collected and photographed and labeled. Let us hope that in the whirligig of time, the ranks of the "honest" republicans have not been broken by the Amalgamatism, Heinzeism, Tom Carterism or any of the other agencies which have been working within the organization to damn it to greater depths of dishonesty and general pollution.

The candidates for office on the republican ticket got together and selected delegates to republican convention by each choosing one delegate. One who doesn't happen to be on the inside was heard to complain that the delegates represent the candidates instead of the people. He and the remainder of the rank and file of republicans have a just cause for dissatisfaction.

Munroe received over six thousand dollars for permitting Champion Jeffries to punch a few holes in his physiognomy. All things considered, the miner is not a bad financier.

The republicans of Fergus county are already demoralized by factional differences. Now is the time for the Democrats to get together and win a sweeping victory in November.

The speech of acceptance of Henry Gassaway Davis was a hummer. If that is a specimen of his ordinary speech making, we say, Gas away, Davis.

The big vote cast at the democratic primaries in this city has set the pubs to cogitating. They can't figure out where they will get off in November.

Majority rule is the basic principle of democracy. Abide by that principle and honesty, decency and justice will prevail in the end.

Every delegate chosen by the primaries Saturday should make sure of being at the county convention.

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