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LEMKEVENTION FOURTH G. O. P. MEET IN MONTH

Republicans Doing Things High, Wide and Handsome This Year

THREE "TICKETS" NAMED

Each Brand of Party Has Its Entry for Presidential Primary Race

When the Republican state central committee assembled here today at the call of Chairman William Lemke of Fargo, the meeting marked the fourth gathering of North Dakota republicans within a month, each with different presiding officials and each in similar preparation for the state primary March 16.

CHRONOLOGY OF G. O. P.

The three conventions held previously were as follows:

At Bismarck January 28, on call signed by National Committeeman Gunder Olson of Grafton, with A. T. Faber of Mandan, chairman, and Thomas Thorwaldson of Grafton, secretary.

At Bismarck February 17, on call of six members of the Republican state central committee, with Colonel J. A. Fraine of Grafton, chairman, and R. F. Gallagher of Golden Valley, secretary.

At Hillsboro February 20, reported called by B. F. Baker of Glenburn, said to be a director of the Equity society, with H. M. Hendrickson of Simcoe, chairman, and Lieutenant Governor Howard R. Wood, secretary

HOW AND WHY AND WHEN

The January meeting was attended by 128 who were voted accredited delegates on recommendation of the convention's credentials committee. It adopted resolutions suggesting support for Wood, Lowden Harding "and others" as party leaders.

The convention February 17 was made up of delegates chosen previously in the counties and the list of accredited delegates numbers approximately 425. It adopted resolutions urging presidential candidates not to file for the primary in North Dakota, mentioned no candidate for endorsement and declared the delegation to the national convention would be "uninstructed."

The Hillsboro gathering was reported to be an "informal session of 100 progressive republicans." It endorsed Senator Hiram W. Johnson for the presidency and adopted resolutions urging Chairman Lemke to call a meeting of the state central committee for the endorsement of candidates named.

Mr. Lemke's call for today's meeting specified it was for the purpose of "indorsing a candidate for president, a national committeeman, national delegates, and presidential electors."

THE THREE TICKETS

Each of the three previous gatherings the past month has made nominations for presidential electors and national delegates

The "nominations" of the January convention were as follows:

For national committeeman—Gunder Olson, Grafton.

For presidential electors—H. H. Nicholson, second judicial district; L. F. Mahowald, fourth judicial district and E. S. Johnson, sixth judicial district, one each from the first and second districts remaining to be appointed by the nominating committee.

For delegates to the national convention—Nick McKellar, Cass county; Henry McLean, Cavalier; E. C. Lucas, Ransom; Fred Senvold, third judicial district; C. B. Little, Burleigh; T. S. Pryse, Kidder; W. S. Shaw, Ward; Staale Hendrickson, Burke; E. B. Bishop, Stark, and E. A. Tostevin, Morton.

For alternates, national delegates—L. C. Vobayda, Ramsey county; Charles Clark and John Shaw, fifth district; E. L. Peterson, Stark, and Don Stevenson, Grant, five remaining to be named by the nominating committee.

The convention February 17 nominated candidates for national committeeman, presidential electors and national delegates, and elected alternates as follows:

For national committeeman—Gunder Olson, Grafton.

For presidential electors—A. E. Heaton, Burleigh county; P. R. Trubshaw, Barnes; E. L. Gordon, Bottineau; P. M. Cole, Ward, and E. H. Hoverson, Golden Valley.

For national delegates—First congressional district: Henry McLean, Cavalier county and E. C. Lucas, Ransom; Second: E. B. Kelley, Foster and Alfred Steele, Stutsman; third: Olaf Lukensdorf, Ward and E. B. Bishop, Stark; at large: A. T. Kraabel, Traill; Miss Minnie J. Nielson, Barnes; J. E. Davis, Sheridan, and E. H. Tostevin, Morton.

Alternates—First congressional district: H. R. Aslackson, Ramsey county, and Nels Petterson, Sargent; second: M. W. Kelly, Logan and O. T. Toftsrud, Pierce; third: E. L. Peterson, Stark and James Rice, McLean; at large: Steen Nelson, Steele; T. Welo, McHenry; G. B. Metzger, Williams, and Martin Stenehjem, McKenzie.

MISS NIELSON'S CASE

Of the delegates chosen at the second meeting Miss Nielson requested Attorney General William Langer for an opinion as to whether she would be qualified for the position if elected.

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Commercial Club Meeting Monday; Not for Tonight

The Commercial club's annual meeting originally set for 6:30 this evening at the Grand Pacific hotel has been postponed until the same hour next Monday evening, owing to Senator Johnson's address at the Auditorium tonight.

IRON RIVER IS ON CONVERSATIONAL JOY JAG TODAY

Residents Laughing Over Invasion of Federal Prohibition Forces

DALRYMPLE THREATENS

Iron River, Mich., Feb. 27.—A peace conference here today to uncover the cause of the late "liquor rebellion" in the upper Michigan peninsular assumed fresh interest when State's Attorney M. S. McDonough, leader of the "revolt," announced he would demand an "open public settlement." The peace-makers were George F. Cummerford, special agent of the department of justice bureau of investigation and B. E. Converse, assistant atttorney general of Michigan.

All the armed federal agents who came here to put down the "insurrection" had gone back to Chicago and the town of Iron River and Iron county rejoiced what the people considered the "victory of McDonough."

Residents of Iron River were laughing today over the "invasion" and rather hurried retreat of the forces of armed federal agents. The situation had passed the serious stage.

WILL FORCE ISSUE

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Major A. V. Dalrymple, federal prohibition enforcement director for the central states, who led the "expedition" against the "Michigan rum rebellion," today announced he would resign if Washington "failed to confirm" his stand.

"I'm going to force the issue," the major said. "I am going through with this and either will be supportd or I will resign."

TEN RADICALS CAPTURED IN NEW RED RAID

Aliens Charged With Violating United States Laws Are Taken in Chicago

Cleveland, O., Feb. 27.—Raids by federal agents and police early today marked a renewal of the government's fight to stamp out radicalism and send agitators back to their native lands. Ten alleged radicals were arrested. No specific charge has been lodged aganist them, all being accused generally of "violating the United States law."

Several wagon loads of radical literature were found in the homes of some of the men.

DISTRICT COURT WILL HEAR MANY IMPORTANT CASES

So-Called "Fruit Trust" Action May Be Decided Here Next Week

Judge W. L. Nuessle returned yesterday from New Rockford where he conducted the February term of the district court. Charles Wattam, court reporter, who attended court with Judge Nuessle, also returned.

The continued term of the December term of the Burleigh county district court will start Tuesday with a number of very important court cases on the calender. One of the most imporant of these cases to be heard, which will probably consume several days, is the so-called "fruit-trust" case involving the right to do business in this state of the Stacey Bismarck fruit Co. and the Gamble Robinson Fruit Co.

The charges against the companies, which were first heard before Judge Nuessle many months ago, are to the effect that both concerns combined to fix prices on fruits for sale in this state, in violation of the state statute. The case will determine whether the state can take away the charters of the companies and thereby prevent them from doing business in North Dakota.

A heavy fine is provided as a penalty under the statute.

AANDAHL HOME FROM VACATION

Sam J. Aandahl of Litchville, chairman of the state railway commission, returned yesterday from a month in California. He spent his vacation at Long Beach, visiting Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, Seattle and Missoula enroute.

LANGER, LEMKE AND JOHNSON PERFORM HERE

Fourth Republican State Convention Opened at 2 This Afternoon

ATTORNEY GENERAL CARD

Fighting Bill Opens at Auditorium at 3—Californian at 8 Tonight

Bismarck became the political storm center of North Dakota this afternoon, with Bill Lemke opening at Patterson's hall at 2, Bill Langer holding forth at the auditorium at 3 and with Hi Johnson of California staging the big feature act at 8 o'clock this evening.

Lemke at 2 p. m. called to order a gathering of some thirty members of the republican state central committee who assembled here at his call to ratify a ticket endorsed by Nonpartisan leaguers at Hillsboro last week. Like all who have preceded him in holding state conventions, Lemke insists that his are the only genuine republicans and that all others are miserable makeshifts. The state central committeemen who responded to Lemke's call appeared to bo Nonpartisans without a single exception. It is expected that in addition to ratifying the candidates for national committeeman, delegates and electors nominatd by 100 "progressive republicans" at Hillsboro last week, the Lemkeites will adopt resolutions praising the Nonpartisan league and tossing compliments at Governor Frazier. Lemke announced the first of the week that state matters would no be considered, but the league very seldom allows an opportunity to resolute to pass by.

Langer, whose meeting at the Audi torium was arranged the fore part of the week, faced a crowded house when he arose at 3 o'clock to address the audience to whom he was introduced by Victor G. Anderson of Still, chairman of the Burleigh county Langer for governor club. While Bismarck does not take kindly to afternoon meetings, there was a large number of city folk who turned out to avail themselves of the first chance given them to hear their distinguished fellow townsman. Langer talked along the same lines followed in his speeches elsewhere in the state, denouncing Townleyism and the whole scheme of socialism which has been foistd upon North Dakota.

It was expected that the Langer meeting would adjourn about 6 o'clock when many of his hearers will resort to the Soo station to greet Senator Hiram Johnson, who will arrive from Minot at 6:15. Senator Johnson will discuss the peace treaty and other national issues at the Auditurium at 8 o'clock. He is expected to be North Dakota's choice for president, and he is assured a big audience this evening. He will be introduced by City Attorney H. F. O'Hare.

EXPECT WILSON TO ACT ON RAIL BILL AT ONCE

Compromise Measure Returned to President By Department of Justice

Washington, Feb. 27—The compromise railroad bill was returned to the White House by the department of justice to which it was referred Wednesday for an opinion as to its validity. The president was expected to act on it today or tomorrow.

DAKOTA AMATEUR CATCHES RADIO FROM NEW YORK

Valley City, Feb. 27.—Russell Pray, an amateur wireless telegraph operator, heard a phonograph record by wireless telephone from Ossining, N. Y., in a recent test it was announced here following receipt of a dispatch from New York last night telling of the test. The message was sent with the Audion lamp equipment and was caught by Pray on his experiment wireless telegraph outfit. Other experimenters at Topeka, Kan., and Gaffney, S. D., also caught the message.

Aldythe Ward and Bill Prater Fight For County Plumb

Not to be outdone by the state conventions, Burleigh county leaguers have named a woman delegate to their county convention. She is Miss Aldythe Ward, long active in league circles, and who is being boomed for Burleigh county's delegate to the state convention. Her rival for this honor is William J. Prater, a clerk on the home bulding association staff, and a warm contest is expected to develop.

Hotel of Man Who Seeks to Escape Nonparty Burns

Milton, N. D., Feb. 27.—A. A. Scott, Milton hotel owner, who recently wrote to the Minnesota immigration department saying that he wanted to move to Minnesota because of the Nonpartisan league control of North Dakota, lost his hotel by fire last night and several guests narrowly escaped death.

Mr. Scott was the first to awaken and he roused the guests. Mrs. Scott in saving her two children was overcome by smoke, but was rescued. The loss is estimated at $10,000.

LIVING COSTS ABROAD AHEAD OF THOSE HERE

Six European Nations Harder Hit Than United States, Says Labor Bureau

Washington, Feb. 27.—Living costs have advanced more in six foreign countries since 1914 than in the United States according to a comparison of retail food prices in nine countries including America made public today by the bureau of labor statistics. In Australia and New Zealand, however, the advance was less than in this country.

Taking July, 1914, as the base point the bureau shows that the retail prices of the principal food articles in the United States had increased by 88 percent in September, 1919, compared with advances of 116 percent in Great Britain and 93 percent in Canada during the same period.

BRYAN REFUSES TO MAKE RACE FOR PRESIDENT

Peerless One Requests Col. John H. Bloom to Withdraw His Name

Devils Lake, N. D., Feb. 27.—While willing that delegates to the National Democratic convention should be pledged to his kind of democracy, William Jennings Bryan refuses to be placed in the position of seeking the nomination for president, and has requested that his name be withdrawn from the presidential primary in North Dakota. A telegram was received from Mr. Bryan this morning by Col. J. H. Bloom, of this city, in which the Nebraskan says:

"Sorry to disappoint such loyal friends, but have refused to be a candidate in Nebraska. I hope the petition in your state can be with-drawn. If not please file copy of this telegram with proper state officials and give to the press. If you desire to pledge delegates to Bryan democracy I have no objection, but I must not be entered as a candidate.

"Signed. W. J. BRYAN."

Secretary of State Hall, at the request of Col. Bloom who filed the Bryan petition, has consented to its withdrawal, as a result of which the name of Mr. Bryan will not appear on the presidential primary ballot in this state.

FISK ALSO QUITS

Judge C. J. Fisk of Minot, former chief justice of the supreme court, refuses to be a candidate for delegate to the national convention on the insurgent democratic ticket, Col. John H. Bloom today advised the secretary of state, requesting that the judge's name be withdrawn.

DECREE AGAINST BIG FIVE FILED

Washington, Feb. 27.—The agreed decree under which the "big five" packers are forever enjoined from engaging in any line of business other than that of handling meat and produce was filed today in the District of Columbia supreme court.

COMMITTEE NAMED BY AUXILIARY TO TAKE CHARGE OF SOCIALS

The Women's Auxiliary of the local post of the American legion held an interesting meeting last night at the Elks club. An entertainment committee consisting of Mrs. V. J. LaRose, Mrs. Ward Lewis, Mrs. Frank L. Shuman, Mrs. L. A. Schipfer and Mrs. M. Zychlinski was appointed by Mrs. E. P. Quain, chairman of the auxiliary, to take charge of all entertainments which the organization might give. A press committee consisting of Miss Tess Henry, Miss Helen Kelley and Mrs. Frank Sturken was named to supervise all publicity in connection with the auxiliary.

LEAGUE TICKET BARRED; COURT ASKED TO RULE

Secretary of State Hall Declares Mass Nomination Petition Is Wrong

GANNONS WILL CONTEST

Ashley Attorney, Acting for Nonpartisans, Asks Writ of Mandamus

Ignoring a ruling announced by the secretary of the state last week to the effect that all candidates for presidential electors and delegates to national conventions must file individually, the Nonpartisan league today through George M. Gannon, an Ashley attorney, presented for filing two combination positions, one of which placed in nomination the presidential electors endorsed at the Hillsboro meeting of "progressive republicans" last week, while the other nominated the set of delegates picked at that gathering. Assitant Secretary of State Duffy declined to accept the petition, holding that they did not comply with North Dakota statute governing presidential preference primaries.

Mr. Duffy informed Attorney Gannon that the petition nominating delegates to the republican national convention was not acceptable for the further reason that one of the nominees was a woman, Mrs. H.M. Rudd of Fargo, who is not qualified according to the opinion which Attorney General Langer wrote this week at the request of Miss Minnie J. Neilson, who was similarly honored at the second republican state convention held here February 17.

GANNON WILL APPEAL

The Ashley attorney advised the secretary of state that an appeal would be made at once to the supreme court to assume original jurisdiction and to issue an alternative writ returnable Saturday, commanding the secretary of state to show cause why he should not be required by writ of mandamus to accept the petitions for filing. Gannon takes issues with the opinion of Attorney General Langer as to the eligibility of women to be elected delegates to national conventions and he also contends that the secretary of state is in error in refusing to accept the petitions. It is expected that his argument tomorrow will follow the line of reasoning which was pursued in the action brought by the Equity Cooperative Packing Co. to compel the secretary of state to accept its amended articles, increasing the company's capital stock. This was to the effect that the secretary of state is allowed no discretion in such matters, and that the laws do not permit him to judge of the propriety of articles presented for filing.

THE LEAGUE TICKET

The league "republican" ticket endorsed at Hillsboro is as folows:

For national committeeman—O. H. Olson, New Rockford.

For national delegates.—George M. Gannon, Ashley; Thomas C. Madden Bismarck; Fred Eckert, Williston; Leigh J. Monson, Fargo; Ole Gilbert-

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"REGULAR" LOT OF DEMOCRATIC HOPES IN RACE

Second Lot of Petitions Filed With Secretary of State Yesterday

The first set of petitions from the "regular" democratic state organization were received by Secretary of State Hall on Thursday from Williston. The petitions contain only 22 names, and cannot be accepted until they are joined by others.

The nominees are:

NATIONAL DELEGATES

F. F. Burchard, Grand Forks; John B. Fried, Jamestown; W. E. Glotzbach, McHenry; J. W. McHose, Fargo; Joseph Mann, Washburn, R. B. Murphy, Grafton; W. L. Noyes, Cando; Charles Simon, New England; G. S. Wooliidge, Minot; M. F. Hegge, Hatton.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

James P. Lamb, Nelson; Jens Pederson, Milnor; Anna H. Roach, Minot; W. E. Breen, Burleigh; John Sullivan, Mandan.

Anna H. Roach is the second woman of her sex honored with a nomination for presidential electors. The progressive republicans, consisting of the league faction of the party, in their meeting at Hillsboro last week, named Mrs. M. A. Rudd of Fargo for this post.

The lay opinion is that inasmuch as women may under North Dakota's limited franchise act vote for presidential electors they are qualfied to become a candidate for such office and serve if elected.

The "regular" democratc ticket endorses no presidential candidate.

D. H. McArthur, former chairman of the democratic state central committee and now secretary to Congressman John M. Baer, filed his petition as an insurgent democratic candidate for delegate yesterday.

GOTHAM FACES FALSE TEETH FAMINE TODAY

New York, Feb. 27—New York faces the possibility of a false teeth famine today when 500 members of the dental workers industrial union struck for a 44 hour week and 50 percent increase in wages. Strikers' officials claimed that some of the members worked 70 hours a week.

LAND BOARD IS HEAVY BUYER OF MINOT'S BONDS

$285,000 of University and School Fund Invested in Magic City Issue

$925,000 IS IN SEED LIENS

North Dakota Loans Almost Million to Farmers Within Space of Month

One of the largest purchases of municipal bonds ever made by the state board of university and school lands was consummated Thursday afternoon when the board contracted to take an issue of $285,000 sewage disposal bonds offered by the city of Minot. The bonds will run for twenty years and will draw four percent interest. The state's action in buying this issue is believed to have saved Minot many thousands of dollars in interest, as muncipal bonds drawing so low a rate of interest cannot easily be disposed of in the open market in this period of high money.

The proceeds of these bonds will be invested by the Magic City in a modern sewage disposal system, which will relieve Minot of the embarrassment resulting from the present plan of emptying its sewage, untreated, into the Mouse river. At times when the river is low sewage becomes very obnoxious, and the nuisance if continued probably would subject Minot to have damage suits.

$925,000 IN SEED BONDS

In addition the state board of university and school lands on Thursday bought $100,000 of Burleigh county seed and feed lien bonds and $500,000 worth of the same type of securities offered by Kidder county, making a total of $925,000 which the board has loaned to counties for the relief of needy farmers since January 1. Funds which can be used for this purpose are now practically exhausted, for the reason that a majority of the board's school land contracts are in districts which have been hard hit by drouth during the last two years, resulting in inability upon the part of farmers to make their principal payments. Payments on land contracts this year promise to exceed not fifty percent of those of one year ago.

Burleigh county will retire $150,000 worth of its seed and feed bonds on March 1, and Sheridan county has already retired $82,000 and McLean county $100,000, all of the 1918 series. This money is immediately set to work again, helping out farmers on seed and feed liens for the current year.

$452,000 IN SCHOOL BONDS

The state land board also invested $452,000 in public school bond Thursday. Valley City got $120,000, which will be expended in enlarging and improving the Valley City high school; Steele got $65,000, which will be used in replacing a school building recently destroyed by fire; $75,000 was invested in Hankinson bonds, whose proceeds will be used in the erection of a new high school; Hannah got $60,000; Dunn county, for a rural school district, $30,000; Divide, $39,000; Pembina, $18,000, and a Walsh-Pembina district, $22,000.

Farm loans totaling $66,000 were made at the same meeting. The state board of university and school lands is dominated by state officials who have insured against A. C. Townley, Secretary of State Hall, Attorney General Langer and State Auditor Kositzky, forming a majority of the membership.

Rail Brotherhood Representatives Call On Wilson

Washington, Feb. 27.—Representatives of the railroad brotherhoods called at the White House Thursday to present a memorial to President Wilson urging that he veto the compromise railroad bill. They were joined by representatives of the Farmers' National council who supplemented a previous request for veto with written arguments.

The visitors were received by Secretary Tumulty, who promised to lay the memorials and other documents before the executives.

The memorial said the bill violated the fundamental principals of the American government by guaranting to the owners of railroad securities a right to charge rates that would produce a minimum net return of 5 1-2 percent on "that uncertain and intangible" thing aggregate valuation.

Here From Baldwin

E. A. Fricke of Baldwin was a business visitor in the capital city Thursday. Mr. Fricke is a well known farmer in that Baldwin dstrict.

JOHNSON TELLS MINOT WHY HE OPPOSES PACT

Californian Declares Peace Treaty Would Make America Inferior Nation

STANDS FOR NATIONALISM

Expresses Belief that United States Should Stand on Own Constitution

Minot, N. D., Feb. 27.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, addressing a large audience here last night, went on record as irrevocably opposed to the surrender of Americans individualism through such an alliance as proposed in the peace treaty, which he declared would give other nations six times the representation that is offered the United States.

Senator Hiram Johnson said in part:

STATES POSITION

"Make no mistake about my position. I am against the present covenant of the league of nations. I believe in our traditional policy,—friendship and amity with all nations, entangling alliances with none. I would not, of course, isolate our country, and it never has been isolated. The lurid painting of advocates of the league of the terrible consequences of isolaton has been wholly unjustifiable. We never have been isolated, commercially, financially, or otherwise, and we never will be isolated from the rest of the world. We have played our high part in the past, and, just as we have done in the past, we will do in thefuture. Whenever there comes to us the cry of humanitzation, we will respond, but I insist that the people of the United States represented by the congress, acting under the constitution, shall be the ones to determine when we respond and how we respond.

LEAVES FUTURE TO POSTERITY

If the time ever comes again when it is necessary for us to enter a world conflict, we'll not hesitate to do our duty just as we have done in the past. But entry into that conflict should be decided by the generation of the time, and not to-day by us for those who are to follow us. I decline to subscribe to a document which would send the youth of America into the four quarters of the globe at the behest or the direction or command of foreign powers.

IN SUPERIOR POSITION

"I could never vote for a league or confederation which put my country in a position inferior or subordinate to any other country. I refuse to give any nation in any agreement or pact six times the representation and six times the voting power of the United States. I will not yield even inferentially any part of the sovereignty of the American people, nor place American treasure of American blood at the possible disposition of Europe or Asia. I will not guarantee with our might or man power the territorial limits of the British and Japanese empires, nor by our decree condemn subject peoples to be forever subject.

"Today we hear much of Americanism. Men of all sorts and all kinds are prating of their Americanism, and politicians of all shades, are grasping for power by shouting Americanism. The meanings of the term are as various as the individuals who utter it.

SUPPORTS CONSTITUTION

"I believe that the best expression of Americanism is in the constitution of the United States and that any departure from that constitution in the direction of internationalism is a violation of all that we ought to mean by Americanism. The Americanism in which I believe and which I preach would maintain America as the arbiter of her own destiny. It would preserve this republic in the form in which the fathers created it, modified only as the expressed will of the American people shall direct. I would hold the republic inviolate against the wiles of European and Asiatic diplomacy and would refuse to make the republic subordinate to any junta of diplomats sitting in Geneva or elsewhere. It would hold as still unlawful the dispatch of American manhood to the frozen wilds of Siberia or to any other foreign clime in quarrels which our congress has not declared, in which our republic has no interest, and concerning which our people have no information. My brand of Americanism regards our Siberian enterprise as a typical, abhorrent, concrete illustration of what the league of nations will mean to America down the generations, and of what lies behind all the smooth diplomatic phrases, all the fatuous, pretended idealism which describes a compact that binds up definitely to go to war as a treaty that will keep us out of war. My Americanism would have us ever alive to humanity's cry or civilization's call, quick to respond to suffering and ready to resent wrong; that would view with sympathy the struggles of peoples for freedom or self-determination, but an Americanism by which we would live our own lives in our own way, under our own institutions, preserving in all its purity and radiance the precious heritage which has been bequeathed to us, and passing it on to those who follow with added glory."