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CANVASING THE RETURNS

NEW STATE RETURNING BOARD MEET FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WILL CERTIFY TO PRESIDENT

Who Within Twenty Days Will Determine Whether the Constitution Adopted is in Accordance with Enabling Act.

Ardmoreite Special.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 8.—The state returning board met today to canvass the returns in the recent Oklahoma state election, under the provisions of the election ordinance formulated by the constitutional convention. While the complete and official figures will not be known until the board has completed its work, it is certain that the entire democratic state ticket headed by C. N. Haskell for governor, has been elected by a majority of about 30,000 votes. The official count is not expected to materially change these figures. The constitution of the new state, written by a democratic convention, was ratified by about 75,000. It is practically certain that the democrats have elected four of the five congressmen. The first state legislature will be largely democratic in both houses, insuring the choice of Robert L. Owen and Thomas P. Gore as the first United States senators.

As soon as the canvass of returns is completed the returning board, composed of Chief Justice J. H. Burford of Oklahoma, Judge W. H. H. Clayton of Indian Territory and Secretary Charles Filson of the territory of Oklahoma, will certify the result to President Roosevelt. The president will then have a period of twenty days to determine whether the constitution adopted is in accordance with the enabling act and with the constitution of the United States. Should his decision be favorable, as it is expected it will be, he will then issue a proclamation declaring Oklahoma a state. The state officers will be immediately sworn in and another star will be added to the national flag.

Charges of flagrant irregularities in the conduct of the election have been made by Chairman Charles Hunter of the republican state central committee, and may serve as a foundation for much future litigation.

Is Dangerously Ill.

By Associated Press.
Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 8.—General Nord Alexis, president of the republic of Hayti, is dangerously ill and his life is despaired of.

Heavy Frost in Missouri
By Associated Press.
St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 8.—A heavy frost the first of the season damaged garden truck and late corn, night.

Historical Society in Kentucky Aground.
By Assoc. Press.
Norfolk, Va., Oct. 8.—The battleship Kentucky was grounded this morning off Lambert's wharf. Tugs are working to float her.

The Kentucky's nose stuck in the soft mud. Many groundings have occurred there, but none have resulted seriously.

Fort Worth Fair.

Ardmoreite Special.
Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 8.—A ten days' harness meet in which horses from all over the country have been entered will be the feature of the annual Fort Worth fair, which was formally opened to the public today. Twenty-five thousand dollars in stakes and purses will be awarded. The exhibition will be followed by the Texas state fair at Dallas, which opens October 19.

VIOLATED POSTAL LAWS

TWO YOUNG MEN PICKED UP FOR ADVANCING FICTITIOUS SCHEME.

By Associated Press.
New York, Oct. 8.—Lucien Methven, son of a wealthy importer here, and Ogden W. Coffin, a schoolboy, are under arrest charged with violation of the postal laws. It is alleged that they sent letters to different persons in Ontario asking them to remit five dollars each for fictitious bequests of Canadian Pacific bonds.

Coffin is said to have made a confession. He entered into the alleged scheme with Methven, according to the reported confession, because he wanted to make two or three hundred dollars with which to buy presents for his widowed mother.

GERMANY'S FRIENDSHIP

WOULD GUARD OUR PORTS WHILE FLEET IS ABSENT IN THE PACIFIC.

By Associated Press.
Berlin, Oct. 8.—A semi-official denial is published here today of the statement made in a Washington dispatch to the London Daily Mail, to the effect that Germany intended sending a fleet under Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia to visit the Atlantic ports of the United States, when the American battleship fleet sails for the Pacific, as a mark of friendship for Americans.

It may take two to make an ordinary bargain, but the head of a department can mark up some extraordinary ones single handed and alone.

HASKELL HAS HEADQUARTERS

DELUGED WITH LETTERS FROM APPLICANTS FOR PIE.

CONFIDENCE IN FILSON

Says Filson is a Red Hot Partisan, But He's on the Square—Prominent Democratic Politicians Are Arriving.

Ardmoreite Special.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 7.—C. N. Haskell, democratic governor-elect, has opened headquarters in the Royal hotel. Today he was busy receiving callers. A mass of paper on the desk before him showed he was not altogether in the hands of visitors. It might be a coincidence that Mr. Haskell's room is the same one occupied as headquarters of W. H. Murray, the president of the constitutional convention. The complexion of the guests is much the same.

In the pile of documents scattered over the desk were numerous applications for berths under the new state regime. Mr. Haskell fingered them as he spoke, thoughtfully.

"They are asking for offices I've never heard about. Possibly I will become better acquainted with things sometime."

It is an apparent habit of the democratic leader to leave ample room for inference. At any rate he smiled broadly.

"To tell you the truth," he continued, "I do not know just what pie I will have to dispense. I have a lawyer at work now comparing the Oklahoma statutes with the constitution to find out just what my limits are."

"Is there any foundation in the report that Murray will attempt to take Governor Frantz's place on the election board Tuesday?" he was asked.

"Not a scintilla," he replied quickly. Then he hesitated. "That is, I am positive Mr. Murray would have communicated with me if he had intended to take such a radical course."

Mr. Haskell went out of his way to express his confidence in Secretary Filson and the rest of the state canvassing board. "Charlie Filson is a red hot partisan," he said, "but he's on the square, alright. I'd bet my bottom dollar on that."

Prominent democratic politicians, arriving for the canvass today, were prompt to visit the Haskell headquarters. George Bellamy of El Reno, lieutenant governor-elect, James A. Menefee, C. Henshaw of Madill, delegate to the constitutional convention, and others of lesser fame were there.

A sort of democratic love feast was held in the hotel lobby last night. Local politicians mingled with the out of town spectators. "Reminds me of the 'con con,'" one traveling man who had had previous experience, was heard to say.

ENDED IN MURDER

QUARREL BEGAN IN NIGHT SCHOOL—APOLOGY REFUSED. THEN A GUN PLAY.

By Associated Press.

Denver, Oct. 8.—H. T. Osborne, bookkeeper for the Green Canon Coal company was shot and instantly killed last night by E. L. Pierce, claim accountant for the Denver and Rio Grande. Both were attending night school, and quarreled. Osborne applied an epithet to Pierce and the latter demanded an apology. This was refused, and a fight began. Pierce fired two shots at Osborne, both of which took effect in his heart. Both men were recent arrivals in this city. Osborne came from Parsons, Kas., and Pierce from Whiteville, N. C. Pierce fled and has not been captured.

Anyway, a sandy man is apt to be irritating.

BRYAN WILL DECIDE SOON

WHETHER HE WILL AGAIN BE A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

ANNOUNCED FOR DECEMBER

Should He Decline For Himself, He Will Urge the Nomination of Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland to Head Ticket.

Ardmoreite Special.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 7.—William Jennings Bryan has given himself just two months to decide whether or not he will again be a candidate for president, and he will make his formal "bid" for support, either for himself or his favorite candidate, at a big banquet which his friend, Mayor J. C. Dahlman of Omaha, has announced for Dec. 7, at the auditorium in Omaha, when 1,000 prominent democrats from all portions of the country will be present. By that time Bryan expects to know positively whether he will ask for the nomination for himself or for another. If the trend of events between now and Dec. 7 is such that Bryan is convinced that he can be elected, he will announce his candidacy and his platform at the big banquet. If he concludes there is not a first class chance of his election, he will announce, at that time, that he is not a candidate and does not want the nomination. At the same time he will make a plea for his personal choice.

While eastern democrats have been declaring that the south is not for Bryan, Bryan and his friends have quietly gone about disproving this statement, not by the words but by the actions of the southern leaders. Among the leading democrats who will take part in the great banquet are the following governors of southern states: Comer of Alabama, Glenn of North Carolina, Campbell of Texas, Hoke Smith of Georgia, Broward of Florida and Folk of Missouri. Beckham of Kentucky and several others have been invited and are expected to accept, but have not yet done so. The sight of the governors of so many southern states taking part in a pro-Bryan banquet, and one at which Bryan is expected to make the most important political announcement of the year, is calculated by the Bryan people to show the country that Bryan is yet solid with the real leaders and the actual voters of the southern states, despite the circulated reports that such is not the case. It is expected that Governor Johnson of Minnesota will also be one of the galaxy of democratic governors who will surround Bryan on the night when he will either announce his candidacy or "sing his swan song." Governor Johnson has not yet replied to his invitation, but from the answer given by whom to an invitation to a Bryan banquet worked up in Lincoln and then abandoned, it is believed he will accept and will be with Bryan if Bryan decides to be a candidate.

Now, here is some information which comes right from the very "inner circle" of Bryanism and may be taken as absolutely true. Bryan and his most intimates and "ancients" concede that William Randolph Hearst really holds the whip-handle of democracy and that in the final analysis it rests with Hearst as to whether or not Bryan will be a candidate. After deciding that all other points are with him, Bryan will then reckon with Hearst before he makes a decision.

If Hearst through the Independence League, refuses to support Bryan, William Jennings Bryan will not be a candidate for president.

All the doubt of Hearst's position comes from the ill-feeling which really exists between the two men, which on Hearst's part originated at the St. Louis convention when Bryan refused to throw his support to Hearst, and instead asked his followers to support Cockrell of Missouri. Hearst has never forgiven Bryan for this, and now Bryan is in the position of having to ask Hearst

to give his support where a similar request from Hearst to Bryan was turned down.

This ill-feeling between Hearst and Bryan, which is openly denied by each, really exists just the same, and unless Hearst agrees to throw the support of the Independence League to Bryan, W. J. Bryan will positively not be a candidate.

When the banquet of the Dahlman democracy is called to order in Omaha on Dec. 7 this point will have been definitely settled. If Hearst has, in the meantime, agreed to support Bryan, and Bryan has settled in his own mind that other conditions point to his own election, he will that night declare himself and will outline his platform, which will be practically the same as the Nebraska state platform for this fall—which platform was written by Bryan himself.

But if Hearst fails him Bryan will make a plea, not for himself, but for Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland. Bryan would rather see Tom Johnson head the democratic ticket than any other man. Johnson is also a personal friend of Hearst, so the Bryan men claim, and he can command the support of both Bryan and Hearst. If Johnson is re-elected mayor of Cleveland in the face of the opposition of the Washington administration, he becomes at once a leading figure in national politics, and with Bryan on one side of him and Hearst on the other, both "boosting," Bryan believes the Cleveland man can be elected where he himself would fail.

While the banquet has been announced, not all the arrangements have yet been made. In addition to the list of governors who have already accepted are the acceptances of many prominent democrats from all over the country, and yet others are still being invited. It is the intention of Mayor Dahlman, who is factoring the affair, to make this the greatest gathering of national figures in democratic circles that this country has ever seen. And when the speeches are over Bryan or Tom Johnson will be the next candidate for the presidency on the democratic ticket.

Immense Pecan Crop.

Ardmoreite Special.
Austin, Tex., Oct. 8.—In order to consider ways and means of handling and marketing the largest pecan crop Texas has ever produced, the State Nut Growers' association is holding a meeting today. It is expected that a minimum price will be decided on, and the growers urged to hold their crops until a fair price is offered.

FARMERS INSTITUTES

NEW STATE WILL HAVE ORGANIZATION OF RURAL BODIES UNEQUALED.

Ardmoreite Special.
Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 7.—Twenty counties in Indian Territory and all the newly organized ones in Oklahoma territory are yet to have Farmers' institutes. So successful has been the tour in the Indian country that Secretary C. A. McNabb of the Oklahoma board of agriculture, who has just returned to the capital, is of the opinion that the proposed new state will have an organization of rural bodies equaled by no other state.

Twenty out of the twenty-three counties which Mr. McNabb had on his itinerary were visited in the four weeks he was absent from Guthrie. At all places his plans were enthusiastically received and carried out. Annual meetings are to be held in twenty counties of Oklahoma proper and at these the institutes in the new counties will be formed.

Print House Chartered.

Ardmoreite Special.
Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 7.—A charter was issued Monday to the Eagle Press, a print house of Enid. The stockholders and incorporators are W. I. Drummond, Mamie Drummond and M. T. Sexsmith. The concern is capitalized for \$15,000. "Pete" Drummond is one of the most widely known of Oklahoma editors. He recently sold his interest in the Enid Eagle.

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SENSATIONAL OPEN LETTER

New York World Addresses Directors of Union Pacific, Demanding That Harriman Be Ousted From Position of Supremacy.

Ardmoreite Special.

New York, Oct. 8.—Great interest is manifested in financial circles in the action to be taken by the stockholders of the Union Pacific railroad company at their annual meeting, to begin at noon today in the offices of the company at Salt Lake City, Utah. As stated in the call, the session is for the purpose of "the election of fifteen directors of the company and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting." The present board of directors is composed of E. H. Harriman, William G. Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, Henry C. Frick, Robert W. Goelt, Charles A. Peabody, Oliver Ames, William D. Cornish, A. J. Earling, Marvin Huggitt, William Mahl, R. S. Lovett, Joseph P. Smith, James Stillman and P. A. Valentine.

While it is expected that the meeting will be a cut-and-dried affair, an element of interest has been added by the sensational open letter addressed by the New York World to the directors of the Union Pacific, detailing the financial career of E. H. Harriman and demanding that he be ousted from his position of supremacy in the affairs of the road. It says, in part: "You will meet in Salt Lake City to pass upon the acts of Edward H. Harriman. You will there decide whether in the language of the proxies soliciting votes therefor, you will specifically approve and ratify his acts. "In reality, what you are called to pass upon has a much broader interest than your own corporation. It is whether the standards of honesty, of trust, of business honor and civic responsibility of the leaders of finance of the United States shall be high or low. Specifically, you are called upon either to approve or disapprove the acts of Edward H. Harriman and to signify whether he is your ideal of a corporate manager, of a trustee, of a financial leader, or whether the acts which he has confessedly done are such as to demand his and their repudiation by you and to disqualify him from further continuance in any place of public power or responsibility."

Queen's Jewels to Be Sold.

Brussels, Oct. 7.—An auctioneer has been commissioned to sell the linens, jewels, souvenirs, etc., belonging to the late Queen of Belgium, the proceeds to be devoted to paying the debts of her daughter Louise, who was divorced last year by Prince Philippe of Saxeburg. Among the things to be sold is a diadem presented to the queen by the people of Belgium on the occasion of her silver wedding anniversary. The diadem cost \$50,000.

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