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MAGINNIS didn't expect it. What innocence!

JACK ROBINSON evidently believes in fair play, and he is not afraid to speak out in meeting.

SINCE the Butte convention a nomination is considered unanimous when there are not more than forty-two votes in the negative.

THE Record editor seems to be laboring under the delusion that if Maginnis is not elected Montana will have no representative in Congress.

THERE is fair congressional timber in Woolfolk, but he overlooked the main chance when he failed to hold on to the nomination. He will never get it again.

THE republican candidate for delegate to congress will be named at Butte tomorrow. The chances are largely in favor of his election.

In a brief speech Mr. Maginnis alluded to the embarrassing position in which he found himself placed.—Butte Miner.

SINCE the little affair at Butte, Col. Woolfolk and Major Maginnis have organized a mutual admiration society. Whenever one of them gets up in public to speak he dispenses laffy liberally to the other.

WAR CHIEF GALL, Crow King and other chiefs captured by Maj. Ilges less than two years ago, will arrive at Minneapolis on Monday, with exhibits of the fruits of the agricultural experiments of their people.—Pioneer Press.

WE quote from the Butte Miner, showing how Maginnis was nominated by acclamation (?): "The motion to suspend the rules and declare Martin Maginnis the nominee of the convention by acclamation, was carried by 113 yeas to 42 nays."

I HAVE neither sought for nor expected the nomination, and came to the city simply as one who had enjoyed the confidence of the people of Montana to endorse and support the nominee of the convention.—Maginnis.

Go and tell that to the Indians, Martin. They may fail to see through the flimsy pretense.

I HAVE but recently heard of the declinations of Hons. J. K. Toole and Samuel Word, and fully expected to find one or the other of those gentlemen before the convention as a candidate.—Maginnis.

Mr. Toole would have been before the convention, and moreover would have received the nomination, but for the fact that the pins had been set up in your favor with your knowledge and consent. Mr. Toole publicly asserts that he declined to enter the race for this very reason.

THE Indians and half-breeds that attempted to keep white settlers out of the Turtle Mountain country have been brought to time. When the troops arrived in the field the redskins at once sued for peace, and came to satisfactory terms. That fertile country is now open to settlement, and it will not be many years until all of Northern Dakota and Montana will in like manner be thrown open.

THE democratic convention at Butte resolved in favor of the great principles which are the foundation of a free government and enumerated them; in

avor of civil service reform, economy and all the rest of the great democratic virtues; denounced the protective tariff system; referred to the distinguished services of Martin Maginnis and pledged him support; declared in favor of the people of the territory using timber from the public domain free of charge; in favor of the double standard (gold and silver), and asks for the continued coinage of silver under the existing law; declared for home rule in the territories as well as the states, and indulged in congratulations over the passage of the Chinese bill. It is a stereotyped sort of an affair.

THE state election in Arkansas was held last week, and, strange to say, the democrats were worsted to a great extent. A Little Rock special furnishes the following meager information on the subject: "Returns are slow. Not over one-fifth of the state has been heard from. The final result will show that the republicans have increased their vote over forty per cent. over any previous vote; have doubled their number in the legislature, and by supporting the independents and greenbackers have almost, if not quite secured an opposition majority. They will also have one, and perhaps two, congressional districts. Reports of bulldozing and frauds continue to come in."

IT is generally supposed that the delegates to a political convention represent the sentiment of the party so far as the duties of the delegates extend. At the Butte convention a majority of the representatives of the party in attendance by a good majority declared Col. Woolfolk the choice of the convention for delegate to congress, showing by the generally accepted rule that Mr. Woolfolk was, in fact, the choice of a majority of the people as expressed by their representatives at the convention. But Mr. Woolfolk comes forward with a new and strange doctrine. He tells the delegates—fresh from the people and representing their views—that they have made a grand mistake. They know nothing about the wishes of the people, and Mr. Woolfolk proceeds to tell them all about it. In other words, he sets himself up as knowing more on the subject than a majority of the delegates, and informing them that Maginnis is the "people's choice," declines.

THE NOMINATION OF MAGINNIS.

The following extracts showing how Maginnis' nomination was brought about and in what manner it was made "unanimous" are from the Butte Inter-Mountain and are full worthy of perusal:

The motion to suspend the rules and declare Maginnis the nominee of the convention by acclamation was put to the house. Before voting, Mr. Robinson said he was sorry to see such wrangling, filibustering and skirmishing. It would require a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules. In conventions the majority controls, but the action of the majority should leave the minority without a grievance. While the name of another gentleman was before the convention no attempt should be made to force Maginnis' name upon it. By such a proceeding the republican party would be certain of success. The democratic party to succeed should be governed by fairness and honesty. If they do not, neither money nor anything else can secure a democratic victory. He warned the democratic party against making a nomination in a spirit savoring so strongly of unfairness and dishonesty. He could neither tolerate nor sanction such a spirit. He was a friend of Maginnis and the democratic party. But the nomination should not be sought in any such manner. The speaker entered a protest against the nomination of Maginnis while there was another name before it. If there are not other names before it, it is because the friends of other men than Maginnis have been prevented placing them in nomination by an arbitrary ruling of the chair. It was a dangerous precedent to establish, and again warning the convention against such a proceeding, Mr. Robinson voted an emphatic no.

Mr. Robinson arose after the announcement of the result of the ballot and said it was his first, and he hoped it would be his last experience for years to come in a political convention. He would not besmirch himself by participation in such a meeting. He respectfully declined having anything further to do with the convention as a delegate and withdrew from the hall.

The proceedings showed the most inharmonious convention Montana has ever known. A man not the choice of the people has been forced upon them. The better element of democracy is thoroughly disgusted at the corrupt and underhand manner in which a nomination was made, and a lesson will be taught the parties to the scheme in November that will have a salutary effect, and they will learn at a late day and to their utter discomfiture that in politics as in other affairs, honesty is the best policy.

WOOLFOLK'S EXPLANATION.

Saturday's Independent contained a lengthy explanation of the mysterious methods of the Butte convention, the article being from the pen of Col. Woolfolk. The following is an extract:

"It was well known that Mr. Maginnis had two years ago publicly declined to be a candidate for re-election and that he construed his public utterance to mean that he would not suffer his name to go before the convention, while it had another candidate before it. When, therefore, the delegates favorable to his nomination, found that other candidates would be in the field, they had to choose between the alternative of blocking the convention by the nomination of several candidates, or permit the will of more than three-fourths of the convention to be defeated by less than one-fourth. Acting under this belief the Lewis and Clarke delegation resolved to nominate the editor of this paper. Of course we appreciated the compliment of such a nomination coming to us unsolicited, as it did, but we understood it to be merely a compliment. We were fully aware that the object of the nomination was simply to prevent the will of the people from being defeated by the candidacy of one or more ambitious aspirants, and although not a candidate we were willing to place ourselves in the hands of our friends to achieve the object in view."

The construction put upon Mr. Maginnis' positive assertion that he would not be a candidate for re-election is a remarkable one, to say the least, but even accepting it, the proceedings of the convention will show that there were two names before the convention when the gag law was enforced, and Maginnis nominated "unanimously" (113 to 42). He accepted the nomination with other names before the convention and with one-fourth of the delegates bitterly opposed to him.

Further along in the extract given, Col. Woolfolk admits that his nomination was but a ruse, a masquerade, a political trick in the interest of Maginnis and to squelch the "one or more ambitious aspirants" who stood in the way. Mr. Woolfolk candidly admits that he placed himself "in the hands of his friends to achieve the object in view"—that is the nomination of Maginnis. Now, if Mr. Maginnis will have equal candor and admit that he, as grand mogul, had a knowledge of the conspiracy, and in fact was the head and front of it, two important points will be cleared up at the beginning of the campaign.

Pansy Perkins and Ethelbert Pettingill.

"Welcome home, Pansy." Dapplevale was at its prettiest this sweet June day as it nestled cozily among the hills that towered above it on every side. Down in the shady glen where the village church stood, almost hidden by the cypress trees whose great boughs of green were swept carelessly against the sides of the modest structure Pansy Perkins was standing, and as Ethelbert Pettingill spoke the words with which this chapter opens her face lighted up with a radiant smile that was beautiful in its sad expanse of territory.

"Come to me, Pansy," he said. It was Ethelbert's voice, tender, gentle, that spoke, yet with something in its tones that made the girl pause in her excited feverish walk up and down, and she pressed her hands to her throbbing temples, looking at him with large, bright pathetic eyes. But he stretched out his hand and she came to him. He passed his arm around her waist and held her to his breast a moment in silence.

"Presently Pansy spoke. "It is very hot, is it not, darling?" she said. "Yes," replied Ethelbert; "and it is getting late, and we should be going home." But as he spoke, the girl looked up at him with those handsome dark eyes that had wretched so many men. "Do you love me?" she said. "Passionately, my angel," was the tremulous reply. "And will you buy me some ice cream?"

Ethelbert felt his heart throbbing against his suspender, and for an instant he could not reply. But the momentary agitation was soon over, and he spoke out in clear, mellow tones. "I will do it with pleasure."

The peachy cheek of the girl was laid close to his now, and the velvety lips kissed him tenderly back of the left ear. And then, turning her head slightly, Pansy whispered to herself: "I have not lost my grip."

Just Before the Battle.

"John," said an old Georgia plantation owner to a faithful negro attache of the place, "are the cows all driven out of the south pasture?" "Yes, sah." "And the sheep rounded up under the east hill?" "Yes, sah." "And the mare, two year-old and bay filly put in the stable?" "All snug, boss." "All right. You know there's a couple of Atlanta editors coming down here in the morning to fight a duel, and one can't be too careful of his live stock while they are pepping away at each other all day."—Check.

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