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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The thirteenth regular biennial Republican convention of the territory of Montana will be held at Butte, on Wednesday, the 15th day of September, 1886, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Delegate in Congress and the transaction of such other business as in the judgment of the convention appears to be in the interest of the Republican party in Montana.

The several counties of the territory will be entitled to representation in the territorial republican convention as follows, to-wit: Counties. No. Del. Chouteau 4 Custer 4 Dawson 4 Deer Lodge 3 Fergus 3 Gallatin 10 Jefferson 5 Lewis and Clark 5 Madison 13 Meagher 4 Missoula 17 Silver Bow 9 Yellowstone 3

Total 100. The county republican committees of the several counties will proceed to call delegates to the territorial convention above designated.

It is desired that sufficient notice of such conventions be given. The territorial republican committee respectfully recommends that the said county conventions be held early in September, but such date should be fixed therefor as after giving due notice to the republicans of the counties, will be most convenient.

It is presumed that the custom heretofore prevailing in the several counties of the territory whereby delegates to the territorial convention are elected from the respective counties by the conventions which assemble to nominate county officers will prevail during the present year.

To the effect that all counties in the territory remote from or near to the place of holding the territorial convention shall have opportunity to be represented therein fairly, and to prevent any extraneous interference with the deliberate desires of the republicans of each county, the following rules have been prescribed by former conventions for the government of the republican territorial conventions in the territory of Montana:

1. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected shall be elected in the future to territorial conventions, and in the event of the failure of a delegate to attend, the alternate delegate shall cast the vote of the delegate whose alternate he is.

2. In the absence of a delegate and his alternate a majority of the delegation from that county shall cast the vote of the absent delegate.

3. In the absence of all the delegates and alternate delegates from any county, no vote shall be cast for such county.

4. In the county in which the territorial convention shall be held, when any delegate and his alternate delegate are absent there shall be no vote cast in their behalf.

5. Delegates and alternates must be republican residents of the county which they represent.

By order of the Territorial Republican Committee. ISAAC D. McCUTCHEN, Chairman. A. J. SELIGMAN, Secretary.

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DAVE HILGER, the successful wool grower of Fergus county, is at the capital, and is quoted by the Independent as saying that the new county will give a democratic majority in November. It has been generally taken for granted that Fergus would roll up a comparatively big Republican majority. The territory it covers always showed a republican tendency when it was a part of Meagher.

THE purchase by Mr. W. G. Conrad, for the First National Bank of this city, of the fine structure known as the Record building is the most important real estate deal that has taken place here for some months. The building, or such portions of it as are necessary, will be transformed to meet the requirements of a well appointed banking house, and it will certainly be a magnificent one. The Conrad brothers continue to have unlimited faith in the future of Fort Benton, and this purchase is the best of proof of the fact. As the First National is already the owner of a fine bank building, this purchase must simply be regarded in the light of an investment, showing the confidence of the management in Fort Benton brick and mortar. The consideration, we learn, was \$10,000.

SOME citizens of Missoula recently addressed Judge Hiram Knowles asking an expression of opinion from him regarding the question of county division as affected by the "special legislation" act of congress. He said: "I think the effect of the law is that there can be no special acts for the division of counties. But how such a general law is to act practically I do not see. Every new county is to have its boundaries. How a general law can be made which will apply to all of the counties and yet define the boundaries of a new county I do not know. The truth is I do not believe a practical general law can be made upon the subject." The Judge does not seem to be upheld in this opinion by the bar of the territory, so far as we have heard an expression. The Missoulian thinks a comprehension general law might be passed and offers the following suggestions: A general law might provide for division by petition and election. Again such a law as that introduced in the Council by Hon. James Fergus at the last session of the legislature might be passed, providing for a commission to make a geographical division of the Territory into counties, the political division to follow upon the acquisition of a specified population or wealth by each geographical division. Such a measure would doubtless secure a hearty support, as the Territory seems to be sufficiently developed to indicate the proper boundaries for the future and certainly everybody is desirous of preventing local fights which are so unpleasant.

THE DELEGATESHIP.

To a "looker on" at Helena during the gathering of the democratic clans last week it would be evident that Delegate Toole's re-nomination, although it was by acclamation, was more the result of party necessity, following the line of precedent, than of any enthusiastic or spontaneous display of esteem or confidence in the nominee. The honor of a re-nomination, for a second term at least, has been accorded to every democratic delegate thus far, and to refuse it to Mr. Toole would not only be discourteous in the extreme but might make a widening breach in the party. Mr. Toole's friends, and he has many of them of course, insisted that he was fully entitled to this honor; that he has earned it, and a refusal would only be followed by disastrous results. What ever may have been the stilled ambition of other leading democrats they could not afford to enter the lists under such circumstances—and hence the apparent unanimity, the nomination by acclamation. There were many delegates in that convention who would have preferred to vote for another man but party necessity stilled their voices and stayed the contra ballots.

The River Press had been foremost in opposing the re-nomination of Delegate Toole, and simply on the ground that the democrats of this county who merited recognition received none from him—and that he was not either vigilant or successful in advancing the interests of northern Montana at the capital. We must still beg to look upon the matter from the standpoint of sectional welfare rather than politics. If the republicans nominate a man who would be more influential and zealous than Mr. Toole in securing the opening of the Indian reservations, in giving free entrance to all railroads that want to come, in aiding in the improvement of the Missouri river, etc.—it is the plain duty of the people of northern Montana to support such a candidate. Being on the frontier we require more at the hands of the delegate than any other portion of the territory and it is important that he should not be in the least inimical to our interests. But the opposing candidate is yet to be named and then will be the time to make choice in the premises, always remembering that the welfare and best interests of northern Montana are of greater importance to the people of this section than the success or defeat of party.

J. J. HILL'S VISIT.

Mr. J. J. Hill, the railroad magnate and "little giant" of the northwest, who is now at Great Falls, paid a visit to that place two years ago last June. The surveyors were then laying out the townsite and the only starter for a city was an "A" tent put up for the accommodation of Mr. Gibson and Mr. Herbert O. Chown, who had just arrived on the ground. Mr. Hill will note a rather remarkable improvement in these two years, considering the absence of railroads and other factors that promote the rapid growth of towns in the west and everywhere. The growth of Great Falls has been steady and regular from the beginning, and not a mushroom development. Its surprising advancement, all the circumstances considered, we think is due very largely to the confidence inspired by Mr. Hill's proprietorship and interest in the place, and all circumstances go to indicate that this confidence and faith has not been misplaced.

On the occasion of his first visit the country was beautiful to look upon. Although it was early in the season, the prairie was carpeted with a luxuriant growth of grass, richly studded with a great variety of wild flowers, while in Sand coulee the blue joint was fully knee high. Mr. Hill was infatuated with the scene presented. But the aspect will be quite different now. The most persistent drouth ever known in the country has changed all of this, and the prairie perspective is not so inviting. Mr. Hill and his party now see the great ranges and verdant valleys of northern Montana at their very worst. According to the united evidence of the "old timers" a quarter of a century has not witnessed in Montana so unpleasing and dismal a prospect. But we venture to say this will not dismay him. Mr. Hill is a western man and somewhat used to these things. He has seen even worse "outlooks" in Minnesota and Dakota but has never stepped building railroads and adding to the wealth and development of the northwest. It is more likely that this visit will give impetus to rather than retard railroad operations in northern Montana.

The writer was one of the party two years ago that met Mr. Hill at Great Falls, then in embryo. It was a glorious day. The beauties of nature, the grandeur of the falls, the ozone in the air, not to say anything of the drives, the lunch, etc., put everybody in royal good humor. Mr. Hill particularly was bubbling over with it. The River Press representative took advantage of the occasion and led the railroad magnate into a free and easy, go-as-you-please talk on railroad matters, during which his plans for the future as regarded Montana were fully unfolded. He did what he rarely permits himself to do—gave himself, or rather his plans, away. The next issue of the RIVER PRESS contained the whole thing, three or four columns, and when Jim Hill read it he was probably the maddest man in Minnesota. It hurt because it was true. If that article were re-published to-day it would be an authentic and almost exact history of the operations in Montana of Mr. Hill and his associates!

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AFTERMATH.

During fair week at Helena it was almost impossible to secure a room at any of the hotels. The writer was on the ground early and got pleasant quarters, but promised the landlord to share with any acquaintance that came along. In this way good fortune threw us for a short time with Capt. John McCafferty, the versatile correspondent, who has many friends at Benton and throughout the territory. Capt. McCafferty is just from Alaska, where he has spent the greater portion of the past two years and has now gone east to have published a book in regard to that territory. He takes no stock whatever in the Yukon mining excitement and thinks there is nothing there to warrant the recent stampede or rush to Alaska, which many of those who have gone to the interior will find to their sorrow. Alaska, he says, is no country for the laboring man, but those who have capital to invest might possibly find good opportunities. Capt. McCafferty reports that J. J. Healy, formerly of Fort Benton, is prospering in a decided way and has a golden opportunity to mend his broken fortunes. Mr. Healy has established himself at what is called Healy's trading post, ninety miles north of Juneau City, at the extreme head of Linn canal navigation and also the extreme northern part of the Inland route. Here he has already built up a profitable trade with the Klukwan Indians, whose language he has mastered with surprising rapidity and over whom he wields a wonderful influence. He now runs two crafts between Healy's Trading Post and Juneau—the schooner "Charley" and steamer "Yukon." The latter is a recent purchase and it has a net carrying-capacity of 10 1/2 tons. In these crafts he carries his furs and peltries to Juneau and returns with stores and supplies. He has already earned the reputation of being the chief among Indian traders. Healy is now building two additional log houses to his post and is also erecting a residence for his family, who will probably join him this fall. He has fully resolved to make Alaska his permanent abiding place.

We met William Glassman, late of this city, at Helena, and were somewhat astonished to see that he held out his good right hand for a "shake" while he grabbed us by the shoulder with the left, showing that the fearful story about his losing an arm is all a myth. When questioned on the subject he said he has not had an accident of any kind since he left Benton and was at a loss to know how such a yarn could have got started. He is now general agent for an accident insurance company of San Francisco and is traveling through Utah, Idaho and Montana.

Messrs. Blevins & McLaughlin have made a good thing of it at Butte and Helena with Daniel B and Ida Glen, the celebrated runners. The two-year-old colt Glenetta would have been entered for the Pioneer stakes at both places but for the fact that she was crippled at Butte and has not yet fully recovered. Blevins thinks she could have carried off the prize. Having cleaned up Butte and Helena in good shape the Benton horse men now seek other conquests. They go first to Bellevue, Idaho, where there is a week's racing and thence will proceed to Salt Lake City to take part at the fall meeting at that place and will probably continue their journey to Denver, before returning. We expect to hear good reports from them all around the circuit.

RAILROAD RUMBLES.

On their way home from Helena Messrs. T. A. Cummings and W. G. Conrad and party fell in with the Hill party and traveled several miles with them. They parted at Rock Creek, the Hill party taking boats down the Missouri, while the others proceeded on their way, intending to meet the magnates of the Manitoba again at Great Falls. The storm, however, defeated this part of the programme. From Mr. Cummings, who arrived home on the coach last Sunday, we learn that Mr. Hill and his associates were in the best of spirits and highly pleased with the work done on the Montana Central as far as reviewed. At Mitchell's Col. Dodge laid his maps and profiles before the party and explained the situation from an engineering standpoint, the low grades and comparatively easy route giving much satisfaction to Mr. Hill and the other interested parties.

In a casual talk with the Fort Benton representatives Mr. Hill said the grade of the Devil's lake extension would be completed to Fort Buford, on the Missouri, in six weeks and trains would be running to that point soon afterwards. He also said that it is about as sure as any mundane matter can be that by the 1st of September next the citizens of Fort Benton, if they wish to do so, can step aboard the cars and take almost a bee line for the "states," meaning that the Manitoba will be completed to this point by that time. The only obstacle in the way is the big reservation and Mr. Hill seems to have no fears about the removal of that in proper season.

The completion of the Manitoba to Fort Buford will lessen the navigable haul to Fort Benton nearly 400 miles, or almost one-third of the distance now traversed by the boats, viz: from Bismarck, D. T. This will add greatly to the importance of the river next year, as it will quicken communication with the eastern markets and will necessarily result in a decided reduction in freight rates. The prospects are that next season will witness more activity and business on the upper Missouri than any other year since steamboats first plied its turbid waters.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Richard Smith, Daniel O'Reilly, Ernest Learning, Samuel Johnstone and J. H. Rice, all of Fort Benton, M. T. S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

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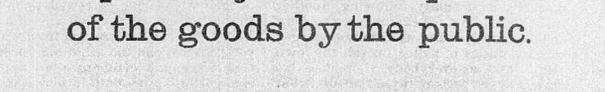
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