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BRYAN FAVORS GRAY.

Delaware Jurist May Be Democratic Vice Presidential Nominee.

DENVER, June 30.—Although candidates for the nomination for vice president on the democratic ticket are numerous, and despite the fact that their number is likely to be largely increased before a choice is actually made, it is the general opinion among such leaders of the party as are now here that if George Gray, of Delaware, will declare his willingness to accept the second place on the ticket he can have it.

It is well known that Mr. Bryan would be pleased to have Judge Gray for the vice presidential candidate, and the only thing that prevents the latter from being a leading candidate for that position is the simple, but all-powerful, fact that he will not declare himself to be a candidate at all.

The Gray presidential boom was formally launched today, and headquarters were opened in the Savoy hotel. They were arranged some hours in advance of the arrival of Manager Marvel, and during the early part of the afternoon a corps of expert bill stickers were going about the hotels putting up little photographs of the Delaware candidate. No other pictures have been placed as yet, and the Gray men secured the most prominent places in the lobbies of all the leading hotels.

Democratic Committee Needs Money

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The democratic congressional committee is confronting a hard proposition in the matter of money to carry on the campaign and its chairman is to go to New York for the purpose of breaking in some barrels of democrats in whose loyalty to the party he has confidence. The committee has begun its work two months ahead of scheduled time this year and, while it usually calls for money in September, it is stated that its work is so far advanced that it now must have funds or call a halt in the ending out of its literature. It has made extensive preparations, which it is ready to put into effect, in keeping with the early campaign project. Mr. Lloyd stated today that he does not expect to have his campaign brought to a standstill and he believes the result of his visit to New York will be to allow him to go ahead with the execution of plans that have been made.

Thousands of Idle Men.

HELENA, June 30.—A Helena man whose business brings him in close touch with railroad construction said today that there are not less than a quarter of a million men who have been brought to the northwest in the past three years to work on railroad construction who are now idle. All of the lines which have been employing large forces in this country are now reducing them, as the requirement for labor no longer exists to a larger extent than can be met by the various communities, and hence the imported help is being laid off. The hundreds of men who are passing east daily are part of the forces which have been discharged on the sound and the Pacific coast.

Hundreds Pray For Rain.

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., June 30.—Fully 500 men and women knelt before the altar which was erected on Zion hill, just east of the court house in West Las Vegas, last night and prayed for rain. At no time were there more than 150 present at the services, but the supplications were offered by natives of the country in relays, and lasted throughout the night. The altar is one of the most beautiful creations ever seen here, and St. Anthony is the patron. The services were not sanctioned by the Catholic clergy here, and no priest was present. The chant of the supplicants could be heard by a great portion of the city throughout the night. This prayer service is general throughout this district, and today prayers are being offered throughout the Gallinas valley, where processions are marching the fields carrying banners and shouting to the heavens.

County May Recover Funds.

BUTTE, June 30.—In an opinion rendered by Judge Bourquin it is held that the county of Silver Bow may recover from Clerk of the Court Wm. E. Davies, or former Treasurer Ben Calkins, the sum of \$11,171, which was lost to the county through the speculations of Wm. P. Farrell, former deputy clerk of the district court. The court also ruled that Clerk Davies cannot defend on the ground

that the warrants should not have been cashed, as they were without the seal of the court, as the treasurer could then defend his action on the grounds that the clerk violated the law by issuing illegal certificates, or he could not have cashed them, and no one would be liable to the county for the amount stolen.

Mr. Davies contended that it had been the custom for many years to issue and cash warrants without the court seal being attached, but the court stated that any usage or custom which is in violation of the law cannot be recognized.

Insulted American Emblem.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The Americans in Panama have had cause for heated protests recently, not on account of the Panama elections, but because of an incident which called into action a portion of the Panamanian army. A commercial house in Colon insulted the American flag, using it to wash the windows of the establishment.

Wayne O. Adams of the canal zone, as the story goes, witnessed the desecration of the stars and stripes and engaged in a hard fought battle for the possession of one of the flags, which was being used to clean the windows. He was pursued, according to reports, by a section of the army of Panama, consisting of two policemen and a lieutenant general in full regalia.

As a result of the disrespect shown the flag by the commercial house in question, the canal zone from one end to the other was hung with boycott signs and the two offenders have found much less expensive wash rags.

ORCHARD ESCAPES GALLOWS

Death Sentence of Confessed Murderer Has Been Commuted.

BOISE, Idaho, July 1.—The state board of pardons today commuted the sentence of Harry Orchard, who was under sentence to hang next Friday for the murder of Governor Frank Steunenberg, to imprisonment for life. The board in taking this action acted on the recommendation of Judge Fremont Wood, made at the time of sentencing Orchard.

Orchard was arrested ten days after the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg at Caldwell, Idaho, Dec. 26, 1905, and a few weeks later, while confined in the Idaho penitentiary, confessed his guilt to James McParland, a detective, at the same time asserting that he was employed to commit the crime by officers of the Western Federation of Miners. As a result of his confession Charles H. Moyer, president; William D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, and Chas. D. Pettibone were arrested in Denver and brought to Idaho to answer the charge of murder. John Simpkins, another member of the Federation was also indicted, but escaped and is still a fugitive.

Haywood and Pettibone were acquitted. The case against Moyer was dismissed. Orchard to the last was opposed to having the sentence of the court interfered with.

New Methods in Land Office.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The antiquated methods of keeping records relating to public lands, many of which have been in vogue since the general land office was first organized nearly 100 years ago, are to be superseded by the most approved modern business system. When the changes go into effect the district land offices and the general land office in Washington will be able to identify any application or entry more readily than under the old system. All persons tendering moneys to the receivers at the land offices will in the future be given a receipt for such moneys. Each district land office is to be furnished with modern office supplies.

Washing Improves Coal.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—That the washing of coal will prove an important factor in saving the diminishing supply of fuel resources of this country has already been demonstrated by the technologic branch of the United States geological survey. It has been shown conclusively that the washing results in a reduction of the impurities, the ash and the sulphur in such quantities as to make a hitherto worthless coal of much value to the consumers. The lessening of these impurities, of course, increases the percentage of fixed carbon and volatile matter over the amounts present in raw coal. From these tests it is evident that millions of tons of coal now going to waste may be used and that other coal of low grade may be made much more valuable to the people.

WILL BOOST FOR CONRAD.

Montana Democrats Favor Montana Candidate For Vice President.

The adjourned democratic state convention was held Wednesday at Bozeman, the principal business in view being the selection of six delegates to the democratic national convention at Denver. The date of the state convention was originally set for June 10, but the suspension of railroad traffic caused a postponement of three weeks. The call provided for 619 delegates in the convention, but railroad service being irregular in certain localities, some of the counties had a small representation. Several delegates from Chouteau county met with delay en route, and were unable to reach Bozeman at the time intended.

The convention met at noon, being called to order by David G. Browne, chairman of the state committee. Senator Thomas D. Long of Flathead county, was introduced as temporary chairman and made a characteristic address. His remarks were received with more or less enthusiasm, after which usual committees were appointed and a recess taken until 4 p. m.

Con. F. Kelley of Butte, was named for permanent chairman, Harvey Bliss for secretary and Walter Aitken for assistant secretary. Escorted to the platform, Mr. Kelley delivered an address of fifteen minutes duration. He painted a glowing picture of anticipated democratic opportunities at the fall elections and took several raps at the president for his professed dictatorship declaring it a dangerous doctrine. His mention of Bryan's name was greeted with applause.

T. J. Walsh read the report of the resolutions committee which began with a definition of the duty of citizenship to arrest the professed aggrandizement of the federal government and to bring about a restoration of Jeffersonian principles. It declares against a centralization of power, and recognizing in W. J. Bryan a most profound representative of the cause of the people, favors his nomination and the delegates are instructed for him.

The state central committee is directed to prepare for submission to voters this fall under the initiative and referendum law a measure for the direct election of senators.

The death of Cleveland is deplored. The resolutions conclude by declaring that if the nomination for vice president comes from west of Nebraska it should go to W. G. Conrad of Montana.

The resolutions were adopted after John H. Tolson of Anacosta, had made a futile effort to get an endorsement for Governor Johnson of Minnesota, but it was virtually howled down.

The following were then placed in nomination as delegates to the Denver convention: W. A. Clark, T. J. Walsh, W. B. George, W. S. Hartman, R. S. Ford, R. B. Smith and Messrs. Detone, Cato, McTague, Haviland, Hall and Bole. The latter withdrew in favor of Ford, and the balloting began with the following result:

Walsh 554, Hartman 540, Clark 460, George 417, Ford 371, Smith 404, with the others scattering, and they were duly declared elected.

As alternates M. M. Duncan, J. M. Scanland, J. T. Kerns, Thos. Stout, W. P. Franklin and J. S. Trece were elected by acclamation.

J. Bruce Kremer of Butte, and T. M. Swidlehurst were nominated for national committeeman, the former winning.

The convention then adjourned sine die.

Forty-Six Stars On Flag.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—After July 4, all flags made for the use of the nation will contain 46 stars in conformity to the number of states. The additional star follows the admission of Oklahoma to the family of the Union. The 46 stars will be in six rows on the flag. Many of the flags now flying on public buildings will have to be altered to meet the new conditions.

Big Land Deal in Gallatin.

BOZEMAN, July 2.—S. McKennan, president of the Manhattan company and the West Gallatin Irrigation company, was in Bozeman today closing a deal for the sale of 14,125 acres of land in western Gallatin county to the H. S. Buell company. Consideration could not be learned, but it is understood to be between \$150,000 and \$200,000, probably the largest real estate deal ever consummated in Gallatin county. About 3,000 acres of the lands are under irrigation, the balance being so-called "dry lands," which are

especially coming into favor for farming purposes.

It is understood to be the intention to colonize this tract from the state of Iowa, where the principal stockholders of the corporation reside. The Manhattan company still retains its principal holdings in irrigated lands, having 7,000 acres under canal still unsold, besides an equal number of acres of unirrigated land.

Railroad Foreman Murdered.

MISSOULA, July 4.—Holmes Hayes foreman at the St. Paul tunnel at Taft, near this city, was shot to death at noon today by five Montenegrans in retaliation for the death of a fellow countryman at the hands of Hayes last October. Hayes was waylaid as he was returning to camp at Taft for dinner. He was attacked from ambush and fell at the first fire. The frenzied foreigners then literally hacked his body to pieces with knives and made their escape over the mountains into Idaho.

Deputy Sheriff Callahan hastily organized a large posse of experienced rangers and started in pursuit. The fugitives are known to be well armed and it is thought that a pitched battle will follow should the posse overtake them. The deed was carefully planned and came as a climax to a feud which started last October. The names of the murderers could not be learned.

BRYAN IS THE BOSS.

Nomination of Vice Presidential Candidate Is Subject To His Orders.

DENVER, July 5.—The convention throngs have been pouring into the city by every train today. It has been a noisy boisterous Sunday with bands escorting arriving delegations through the streets, with steadily swelling crowds in the hotel lobbies and with leaders and delegates buttonholing the new arrivals and holding private conferences on candidates and measures.

The question of the selection of a candidate on the democratic ticket for the vice presidency will not be determined until after the nomination of a candidate for the presidency. This is the desire of William J. Bryan, and has been communicated to the Bryan leaders. Mr. Bryan has taken the position that until after the first position has been filled can there be a really intelligent selection for the second place. When the nomination shall have been made and there shall be an opportunity to consider its effect upon the country at large then, he thinks, and not until then, can the vice presidency be intelligently considered. This desire on the part of Mr. Bryan has been received generally with favor.

The present disposition therefore, is not only to postpone the selection of a vice presidential candidate, until after the nomination for the first place, but to adjourn the convention for a long enough time to permit a general exchange of views among leaders, and to give the presidential nominee an opportunity to express his preference. Mr. Bryan has not hesitated in letting the fact be known that if the nomination for the presidency goes to him, he will desire to be consulted as to the choice of a running mate.

Forty Days For Killing Man.

HELENA, July 3.—Pleading guilty today to a charge of involuntary manslaughter, William Grutsch of Denver, was sentenced to 40 days in jail by Judge Clements. Grutsch struck Charles Dahl on the side of the head last Sunday night and Dahl died a few hours later. The coroner's jury was unable to decide if the blow caused the death of Dahl and left the matter with County Attorney Heywood. The latter filed an information against Grutsch, who was arraigned this afternoon, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was given 40 days.

Dahl made disparaging remarks about the mother of Grutsch, whom he did not know and who lives in Denver, and this led to the trouble. Grutsch came here to work as a roofer, and when he found he was wanted by the police he surrendered himself.

HELENA, July 4.—The Penwell Ranch company, which has taken over the Bower Bros. sheep ranches in Meagher and Fergus counties, filed articles of incorporation here today. The capital is \$300,000 and the directors named are W. T. Pigott, T. P. Wood, C. M. Reinig, E. W. Fiske, Lewis Penwell, H. H. Pigott and C. B. Witter. The property consists of 15,000 acres of land, 19,000 sheep, improvements and equipments. The price paid for the property was \$215,000.

BRYAN ON FIRST BALLOT.

Democratic National Convention Controlled By Friends of Nebraskan.

DENVER, July 6.—For president of the United States, William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska. For vice president—but let us not anticipate.

So far as the Nebraskan is concerned, it is all over but the shouting. The convention to be opened tomorrow by the democracy of the nation is to be a ratification meeting, not a free-for-all race. The hundreds of delegates and thousands of other visitors assembled here today are practically unanimous on this point. The New York and Minnesota delegations, with a few other anti-Bryan delegates, occupy forlornly a little island of their own, entirely surrounded by the dashing waves of Bryan enthusiasm. Their voices are drowned in the rumbling roar of the Bryan sea whose sirens sing only the praises of the peerless one. And the wreckage of this sea is the blasted hopes and bursted boom of John Johnson of Minnesota.

Ignatius J. Dunn, city attorney of Omaha, and one of the delegates at large from Nebraska, will nominate Bryan. Then will come the formality of a vote. At Bryan's headquarters, it is alleged that the Nebraskan will receive in the neighborhood of 800 votes on the first ballot. That will be a plenty since only 672 are required for the necessary two-thirds to nominate.

At the vice presidential headquarters of Charles A. Towne of New York today favorable reports were being received it was claimed from many arriving delegates.

The Missourians brought the cheering information that a straw vote had been taken en route here, showing the entire delegation for Towne, except two, who favored John Mitchell, the labor leader. The Oklahoma delegation, while taking no formal action, had been canvassed and found to stand for Towne. Several southern delegations had also expressed their preference for Towne, including Alabama and Mississippi. The Towne managers claimed that if New York would give some encouragement to their man he was almost certain of sufficient strength from outside to assure his nomination.

Battling Nelson Is Champion.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—Battling Nelson today won the title of lightweight pugilist of the world from the man who defeated him at Goldfield, Nev., almost two years ago. He knocked out Joe Gans in the seventeenth round, after a fight as desperate as any that has been seen here in years. Fighting from the beginning to the end of every round, moving unceasingly forward and never going around, Nelson, with his bulldog tenacity and wonderful stamina, slowly battered down the colored fighter. The end was not sudden, and there were few who watched the progress of the battle and saw Gans grow weaker and weaker from round to round, but had made up their minds as to the result before the decision was given.

Bryan's Friends Pay Expense.

DENVER, July 6.—Bryan's convention headquarters will require no apology. In fact, Bryan's entire democratic convention crusade will be strictly a la mode. The democrats of Nebraska will spend \$35,000 in presenting their leader to the Denver gathering. These figures are based on computations made from estimates given out by National Committeeman James C. Dahlman, who has figured the expense. The money will not be spent in Denver, but the democracy of Nebraska will be out \$35,000 when the convention is over.

It Costs More To Live.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Wholesale prices of commodities reached a higher level last year than at any time for the past 18 years, the high point being reached in October, with the average for the entire year 25.5 per cent above the average for the ten years from 1890 to 1899.

These interesting facts are gleaned from a report just issued by the bureau of labor of the department of commerce and labor. Farm products showed the highest increase attained by any of the nine groups of the 258 commodities recorded during the past 18 years.

Many Deaths From Heat.

NEW YORK, July 6.—New Yorkers, who for nearly two weeks have been sweltering in one of the most protracted and enervating periods of humidity in many years, were warned

by the weather bureau today that the end is not in sight. All last night in the poorer quarters of the city thousands slept on fire escapes, on stoops or in the open parks and are seeking relief today.

Four deaths and 13 prostrations from the intense heat were reported in Brooklyn and Manhattan shortly after noon today, with still no prospects of a fall in temperature. Hot weather maladies caused 414 deaths among children in the last week, according to the board of health statement, issued today.

Precautions Against Smallpox.

HELENA, July 4.—Hereafter any one who has to do with schoolhouses—teachers, janitors and pupils—in every part of the state, must be vaccinated forthwith according to an order made today by the state board of health. Failure to obey the order means prosecution by the law officers. The question came up in connection with a discussion of the situation at Bozeman, where there have been cases of smallpox recently. It was said the local authorities at Bozeman are dealing with the situation intelligently and so long as they are able to cope with it no action will be taken by the state board.

An order was made directing the city of Miles City to install a sewerage farm. In addition, all other towns which have not such farms, are ordered to put them in. The action is taken to prevent contamination of streams.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS.

A Budget of Readable Short Items From Various Parts of the State.

LEWISTOWN, July 4.—Wm. Wunderlin, a resident of Montana since 1864, and in the early days a well known man at Helena, died here yesterday. He was a brother of J. T. Wunderlin, discoverer of the Barnes-King and other properties.

MILES CITY, July 4.—Flouring mills in the Yellowstone valley is an end towards which R. M. Calkins, general freight agent of the Milwaukee road, is directing his efforts. Mr. Calkins says it has been shown as good wheat can be grown in the Judith Basin, Yellowstone and Musselshell valleys as anywhere and is negotiating with millers to locate here.

LEWISTOWN, July 4.—During June all previous records at the local land office were broken in the matter of homestead filings, 200 of them coming in during the month. The settlers are mostly from the middle west and practically all of them are prepared to prove up on the land, so that the area of cultivated land in the county will show a very heavy increase by next year.

BOULDER, July 4.—One man is dead and one is dying as a result of a shooting affray at Comet, near Basin, at 11 o'clock last night. Cornelius Crane, watchman at the Comet mine, was attacked by two Finlanders in front of the saloon in Comet and Crane pulled his revolver first, firing three shots, striking one Finlander twice in the heart, killing him instantly. The other was hit in the back and mortally wounded.

GREAT FALLS, July 5.—With 125 men standing on the bank and looking on, none of whom made the slightest effort to help him, Radjion Papow, a Russian Polish railroad laborer, aged 43 years and married, slowly drowned in a pool of water eight feet wide and seven feet deep in the deepest place, at a point along the Muddy, a branch of Sun river, about 25 miles from Great Falls the evening of July 4. News of the drowning reached the city yesterday and Coroner Fairfield immediately went to the scene of the drowning and conducted an investigation.

Homesteads On Coal Lands.

LEWISTOWN, July 2.—Several contests have been filed in the Lewistown land office against homestead entries in the vicinity of Roundup, the basis being in each case that the land is more valuable for its coal than for agricultural purposes.

The finest body of coal ever opened up in the county has been developed at Roundup by the subsidiary company of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and about 250 tons is being brought up each day, while arrangements are being made whereby this output will be greatly increased.

It is claimed that this coal exists in many of the homesteads and the first of the contests has just been heard. Following the usual course a decision will doubtless be announced in about two months.