

PASADENANS JOIN MCKINLEY'S ARMY

Republicans Organize a Strong Campaign Club.

MANY SIGN THE ROLL.

Edwin Lockett Chosen to Preside Over the Meetings of the Clan.

PROTECTION ITS WATCHWORD.

Each Member Pledges Himself to Labor for the Success of the Party.

PASADENA, CAL., July 29.—A McKinley club with 130 members was formed here last night. The meeting at which the organization was perfected was an enthusiastic one, and the membership roll will grow in length steadily until the contest is decided on November 3.

M. H. Wright, chairman of the central committee, called the gathering to order. The following committee of nine was, on motion of W. E. Artair, appointed by the chair to report officers for a permanent organization: F. P. Boynton, Edwin Lockett, John McDonald, J. C. George, T. Downing, James Clark, M. H. Wright, G. A. Gibbs and Calvin Harwell.

Senator Simpson made a stirring speech on the subject of protection, concluding with the declaration that the advocacy of free and unlimited coinage was pressing a crown of thorns upon the brow of every laboring man in the country.

The committee on organization reported in favor of forming the Pasadena McKinley Club, with the following declaration: "We, the undersigned, having read the platform of the Republican convention recently held at St. Louis, the Democratic convention at Chicago and the Free Silver and Populist conventions at St. Louis, believing in a sound and stable financial system which will maintain the purchasing power of the laboring man's dollar equal to that of the capitalist, a system of protection as enunciated by William McKinley; also believing that the Hon. William McKinley, the nominee of the Republican party for President of the United States, is the living embodiment and true exponent of the principles herein enunciated, we do hereby associate ourselves together under the name of the Pasadena McKinley Club for the purpose of using all the honorable means within our power to insure the election of McKinley and Hobart, respectively, as President and Vice-President of the United States at the election to be held in November next."

The officers were reported as follows: President, Edwin Lockett; vice-presidents, L. P. Crawford, J. S. Cox, G. A. Gibbs; secretary, A. L. Manahan; treasurer, S. Washburn; executive committee—Edwin Stearns, J. W. Wood, M. C. Hester, George T. Downing, F. P. Boynton, James Clarke, G. A. Gibbs, with the president and secretary as members ex officio.

Meetings will be held the first and third Tuesdays in each month.

LONG BEACH TRAGEDY.

Young Sam Holthaus Accidentally Shot Through the Heart.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., July 29.—Little Sam Holthaus, the 13 year old son of John Holthaus, was accidentally shot through the heart at what is known as the German settlement, near Long Beach, yesterday afternoon. Sam and his brother George had started in a cart for Watsons Lake to hunt and fish. The boys had a double-barreled shotgun which Sam placed on his knees, the stock in the bottom of the cart, and the muzzle resting against the boy's breast. They had proceeded but a short distance when in some manner the gun was discharged, the contents passing through the lad's heart.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holthaus aged 16 years started in a carriage with four younger brothers and sisters for bed yesterday forenoon. The team became frightened and ran away. The girl was unable to check the horses and in their mad flight they jumped over a barbed-wire fence, throwing the little ones about. Three of the children were badly injured and one may die. The grief-stricken parents had hardly recovered from the shock of the first accident when the little body of their boy was brought home.

NOMINEE DE VRIES PLANS.

Will Take the Stump in His District Early in September.

STOCKTON, CAL., July 29.—Marion de Vries, the Democratic nominee for Congress for this district, arrived here last evening from San Francisco, where he has been taking a vacation for the last three weeks.

"The Congressional committee will be called together at an early date," said Colonel de Vries, in speaking to a friend of his candidacy, "and the plan of the campaign will be decided on then. It will be three or four days before I appoint the ten members of the committee, whom I am authorized to name by the Congressional convention."

"When are you going to begin active campaign work?" was asked.

"I shall take the stump on or about September 11, and shall continue until the close of the contest. My fight will be made on the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and in opposition to every and all bills for the funding of the Pacific Railroad debts. So far I have received great encouragement, particularly from the mining counties, and shall make a vigorous fight. I confidently expect to be elected."

SANTA ROSA MCKINLEYITES.

Five Hundred Voters Sign a Club-Membership Roll.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., July 29.—An enthusiastic start has been made toward forming a McKinley and Hobart Club in this city. City Attorney O. O. Weber, assisted by George A. Burch, was out one day this week obtaining signatures to the club roll. They had no difficulty in securing 500 names. The first meeting will be held some eight days hence. As the total vote here at the last election was only about 1300 the friends of protection, progress and prosperity are greatly encouraged.

ORGANIZING IN SONOMA.

O. O. Weber Appointed President of the Republican County League.

other able speakers, will form McKinley and Hobart clubs in the following places: Windsor, Thursday, July 29; Guerneville, Saturday, August 1; Bodega, Monday, August 3; Occidental, Tuesday, August 4; Sebastopol, Wednesday, August 5; Penna Grove, Thursday, August 6; Forestville, Friday, August 7.

The educational addresses of D. E. McKinley are intensely interesting, as he has given profound study to economic questions, and his services are in great demand.

The opening of the State Central Committee, and the speaker will be heard in the principal cities of California, speaking under the auspices of the State Central Committee.

FUSION WINS AT SPOKANE.

Middle-of-the-Road Populists May Bolt the Convention.

SPOKANE, WASH., July 29.—After one of the most spirited political conventions in the history of the county, at 10:30 to-night the Populist convention agreed to fuse with the Democrats in the coming campaign.

The vote was close. Majority and minority reports were presented to the convention, resulting in a wild debate and great confusion. The middle-of-the-road man threatened to bolt if the report was adopted. After three hours' debating, or, rather, shouting, for the voters' confusion was intense, a vote was secured, union carrying by forty-seven majority.

The middle-of-the-roadsters will probably withdraw.

Santa Clara Republicans.

SANTA CLARA, CAL., July 29.—The Republicans of Santa Clara will form a McKinley club Saturday night. A preliminary meeting was held last night and a temporary organization formed by electing L. Herrington president and O. A. R. Winters secretary. The club expects to start with a large membership.

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Claus Spreckels' Generous Proposition to the Citizens.

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The New Structure to Be the Largest of Its Kind in the World.

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Equalizers Asked to Assess the Southern Pacific for Atlantic and Pacific Property.

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The Valley Road Acquires Land on the Depot Site by Condemnation.

Price Demanded by the Owner Is Declared by a Jury to Be Excessive.

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