

FUSION LIKELY TO BE BEATEN

Attitude of Populists in Los Angeles.

ANTIS APPEAR TO CONTROL

WILL SWING OTHER COUNTIES INTO LINE.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, June 25.—The Populists have held their primaries in this county and elected delegates to a convention to meet on Tuesday. This gathering will name delegates to the Populist State Convention, which is to convene in Sacramento July 12.

It has all along been supposed by the Democrats and Silver Republicans that the Populists of Los Angeles County were practically a unit for fusion. This seems to have been a delusion. The personnel of the delegation to the county convention forces the conclusion that the "middle-of-the-roads" will control, and if they do, the death knell of fusion in this State will be sounded.

The influence and prestige of the Los Angeles County delegation in the Populist State Convention will be considerable, inasmuch as the delegates from this county will, in all probability, carry with them the delegations from the Southern California counties. The Democrats had fondly hoped the Los Angeles County Populists would send a solid fusion delegation to Sacramento, and that with all Southern California for fusion it would be possible to arrange negotiations for a union with the Silver Republicans and themselves. But this, it would seem, is not to be, although the Democrats are now working hard to procure the passage of a strong fusion resolution in the Populist County Convention next Tuesday.

One thing is almost certain—the Populist County Convention will endorse Congressman C. A. Barlow, and will demand his renomination. This the Democrats, as yet, are not willing to concede. They had counted on giving the Congressional nomination this year to George S. Patton, and until within the past twenty-four hours it has been understood that Mr. Patton earnestly desired the nomination. But to-day Mr. Patton positively declined to permit his name to be put in nomination.

This leaves the Democrats with no candidate for their nomination. At one time Mayor M. F. Snyder thought that he would like to go to Congress, and he was in the field for the Democratic nomination. He has withdrawn, however, and directed to succeed his brother-in-law, E. M. Wardall, the chairman of the Populist State Committee, and private secretary to Congressman Barlow, resides in this county. It was announced some time ago that Mr. Barlow would run for Congress, whether he got the Democratic nomination or not. This angered many Democrats and the dictatorial policy of the Populist friends of Barlow created considerable talk.

An effort will be made to have the Democrats concede the Democratic Congressional nomination to Barlow in consideration of which he and his friends will go to Sacramento and labor for fusion, of such a deal is consummated it is not likely to be productive of the desired result, as Mr. Barlow's influence with the Populist party throughout the State is limited. The Los Angeles County Democrats have not arrived at a conclusion that fusion in California this year is a myth which they no longer desire to chase.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST. Last Monday the grand officers paid a visit to Loyal Circle, and while it was not an official visit, they were well received by the membership. To-morrow night these officers will pay a visit to Mazzini Circle.

Last Tuesday the grand officers officially visited Golden Circle and witnessed the initiation of two candidates. That was but the third meeting of the circle and the officers determined that their interest in the work by the perfect manner in which they performed their work. At the evening of the 21st, a social hour for the entertainment of the visiting officers.

Supreme Grand Chief Companion Mrs. Sarah Bevenson has transferred her membership from Sherwood to Golden Circle.

TRIED TO SLAY "JACK" DALTON

Indian Jim Wanted by Alaska Officers.

THE PATHFINDER AMBUSHED

BARELY ESCAPES DEATH AT THE REDSKINS' HANDS.

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JUNEAU, June 25.—(By steamship Rosalie to Seattle, June 25).—An attempt was made four days ago a few miles above Chilkat on the Chilkat River, to assassinate the noted pathfinder and trail cutter of Alaska, "Jack" Dalton. He reported it here yesterday to United States Commissioner Malcom and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Indian Jim, a Stuck, whom Dalton accuses of the attempt at assassination. The charge is assault with intent to commit murder. To-day a deputy, marshal left for Haines to take Indian Jim into custody. It is not unlikely that the other Sticks may offer a show of resistance to Indian Jim's would-be captor, as his murderous act is said to have had their sympathy.

Two rifle bullets were shot at Dalton by Indian Jim, who fired from ambush. At the time of the shooting Dalton was ahead of a party of prospectors following the trail by the river. When the first shot was fired from a clump of brush Dalton, although unarmed, beckoned to his companions to follow him and then started for the brush. As he neared it a second shot was fired by the unseen foe. The bullet this time cut through Dalton's coat on the left side, doing no further injury than to bore a hole through the veteran guide's pocketbook.

Dalton's comrades, white men, were close to him by this time with revolvers in their hands. In a moment an Indian whom Dalton says was Indian Jim broke out of the clump of bushes, rifle in hand, and ran to the denser timber toward the hills. As a number of other Indians were noticed among the trees toward which he ran, no effort was made by the whites to pursue him.

As threats against Dalton previously had been made by the Indians in the vicinity of Chilkat he decided to appeal to the authorities and so he started back to tide water, taking the next boat for Juneau.

The Indians are incensed against Dalton because they believe him to be instrumental in bringing so many white men into their territory. A committee of Sticks recently called on the United States Commissioner here to complain that the presence of steamboats on Chilkat River was driving away the salmon and if the boats were not taken off they said the Indians would starve next summer. It is the opinion of many old timers that the attack on "Jack" Dalton is only the beginning of serious trouble between the Stick Indians and the whites in along the Chilkat.

News comes from Skaguay that on Thursday last a severe wind storm wrecked between twenty and forty boats on Lake Bennett. No lives were lost, but many outcries were ruined or sunk. HAL HOFFMAN.

To Hold an Anniversary Rally. The anniversary rally of the 1897 convention of the First Baptist Church on Edgely street, near Jones, will be held in the auditorium of the church to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. An address by Rev. Wayland Hoyt of Philadelphia will be delivered immediately after a praise service under the direction of J. J. Morris. Upon the conclusion of the rally a social gathering of the members of the church will be held in the church parlors.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. GEORGE. Britannia Lodge No. 7 of the Daughters of St. George will give an evening at home for the new members in Union Square Hall on the evening of Tuesday, the 28th inst. This will be in the nature of a reception and as everyone will be free, it is expected that there will be a large attendance.

DISCUSSED THE WATER TANGLE

Los Angeles Council Has Another Conference.

TWO HOURS OF FUTILE TALK

BUT THE SCHEMERS STILL HOLD THE WINNING HAND.

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LOS ANGELES, June 24.—The committee of the City Council met Thursday to consult with the trustees of the stockholders of the City Water Company and their attorneys. The object of the conference was to ascertain whether or not terms could be arranged for a basis upon which arbitration could be obtained. Every member of the Council who participated in the meeting and every person representing the water company knew full well that an arrangement whereby arbitration could proceed was an impossibility. Yet the meeting was held and it continued for two hours just the same as if good faith was intended by both parties. The meeting was an executive one. Everybody was excluded, even some members of the Council. Mayor Snyder was admitted and so was President Silver of the City Council.

After two hours, which were devoted to talk, the meeting broke up and nothing was accomplished. City Attorney Dunn had a plan of arbitration drawn up, but the water company's representatives declined to agree to it until time had been given for their attorneys to examine it.

Local dailies continue to hold out to their readers the idea that there is every probability that the water company and the city will arbitrate, and the City Council is practicing the same deceit. The water company's contract with the city expires in about thirty days and the city is no nearer the possession of its plant than it was the day after the contract was made in 1895.

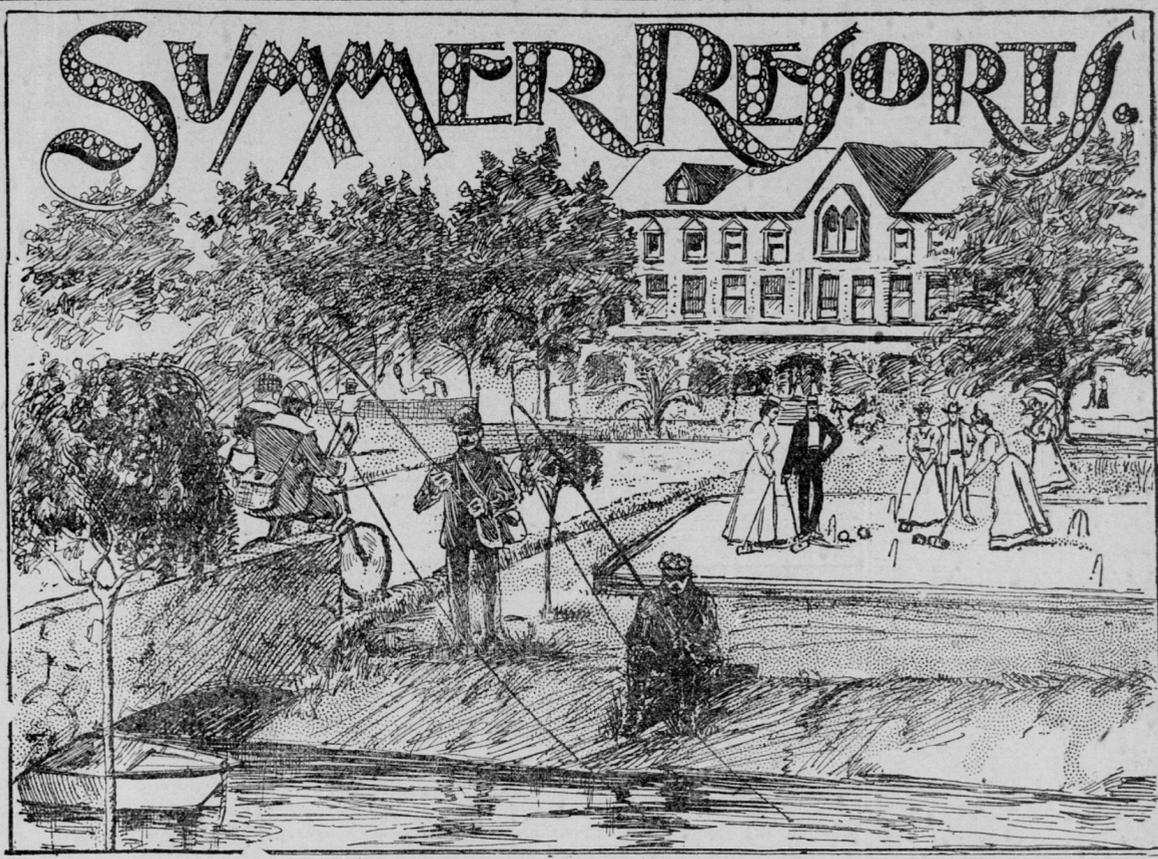
Seven members of the City Council were placed in a rather embarrassing position yesterday by a motion made by Councilman Hutchinson that the Council proceed to name its arbitrator to fix the price of the water company's plant. When the Council convened the water supply committee reported that a conference held with the water company trustees had demonstrated the fact that the city and the company could not agree upon either a plan of arbitration or the properties to be considered by the arbitrators before next Thursday and they therefore asked for further time.

Councilman Hutchinson objected to the granting of an extension of time. He expected that the three arbitrators could decide upon the properties the city required of the company and that it was in fact their duty to select the properties and fix their value. He therefore, moved that the City Council proceed to at once name an arbitrator for the city.

This motion created surprise, for it was unexpected. Councilman Toll, however, threw himself into the breach and moved to amend the motion by adding that Councilman Hutchinson name the arbitrator for the city. This responsibility Mr. Hutchinson was loath to take. The amendment of Toll was put to a vote and carried. The original motion, with Toll's amendment, was then defeated by Hutchinson's vote.

Hutchinson then endeavored to place his original motion that the Council proceed to name the city's arbitrator at once before the Council, but President Silver ruled it out of order. It is now given out that, if the city does name an arbitrator, the man will be ex-City Engineer Fred Eaton. Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Miller present the name of Ernest Abs Hagen.

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