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MAY AGREE ON COMMITTEEMEN.

Deal On Between Factions in Seventh District.

One Side Submits List Of Twenty Good Men

From Which To Select Executive Member.

COMBS FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

At a conference of the representatives of the two factions in the Seventh district, held at the Capitol hotel on Wednesday, the faction known as anti-Beckham proposed to the Beckham supporters to select, from a list of twenty to be submitted to the Beckham men, one man who would be elected a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee from the Seventh district, with the united support of both factions. The meeting was arranged with a view to settling all differences between the two factions, as far as the election of a committeeman was concerned, and an effort was made to have M. J. Meagher, of Frankfort, agreed upon. Mr. Meagher not being acceptable to the anti-Beckham men, the counter proposal was made and this is now up in the air, awaiting the approval of one other man, who was out of town and did not attend the meeting. The list of twenty contained the names of some of the best Democrats in this county, and if the proposal is accepted one of these twenty will be chosen executive committeeman. If an agreement is reached it will cover the whole Seventh district.

Thomas Combs, of Lexington, formerly mayor and now a member of the State Senate, has been agreed upon as State Central Committeeman from this district, and will be elected, probably without opposition. He will be supported by the Democrats of Franklin county, irrespective of factional feeling, it being agreed to by the anti-Beckham crowd in consideration of certain concessions in the Congressional race in this district.

Regarding the selection of a State Executive Committeeman, there was a hitch, and two or three meetings have been held to settle the troubles. It was proposed to elect Mr. Meagher, who has been allied with what is called the Beckham forces. The other side did not want him to have the place and would not agree to support him. An anti-Beckham man then drew up a list of twenty men, all prominent and Democrats, and said to the other side that it could have the delegation from this county and could put only Beckham men on it, if they would agree to support for committeeman any one of the twenty men on the list. They said all they wanted was a square deal.

After a long discussion the meeting ended without any conclusion being reached, as the Beckham man attending the meeting said he would have to see another man before he would be in a position to accept the proposition. If this proposition is accepted there will not be any fight over the delegation from this county, to the State convention, and the men who go will be of one mind, as far as the State committeemen are concerned.

ROLL CALL DAY.

The roll of members of the Bethel Baptist Church will be called on Saturday, June 6, and it is hoped that every member will answer present. On the following Sunday a missionary rally will be held and dinner will be served on the grounds.

Not One-half Of One Per Cent. Of a

WILL BE RAISED IN THE BURLEY TOBACCO DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

An insurance man who was in Frankfort yesterday said he had talked to a member of the governing board of the Burley Society and was told by this member that there would not be one-half of one per cent, of a crop of Burley tobacco raised this year. This member of the board, who is a prominent and influential farmer, who has information on which to base his figures, told the insurance man:

"There will not be one-half of one per cent. of a crop raised this year. I give those figures as an accurate estimate of the amount to be raised and it is not a wild guess. There will be practically no tobacco grown in the Burley district."

It has been thought that there would be about ten per cent. of a crop raised this year, but this estimate is said to be far too large and members of the Burley board agree that there will not be even two per cent. of a crop.

Talk Of Raid By The Night Riders

CAUSES TROOPS TO BE SENT TO GUARD MAN WHO KILLED HAZELETT.

Fearing retaliation on the part of the friends of Newt Hazelett, who was killed by Walker Duncan, in Shelby county Thursday night of last week, State troops will be kept in that vicinity and the houses of Duncan and the two men who were with him when the shooting occurred will be guarded. It was reported to the Adjutant-General that there would be an effort to retaliate for the killing of Hazelett and that some of his friends might attempt to inflict punishment on Duncan, so Gen. Johnston sent soldiers into that section of the county and they will guard the house of Duncan, as well as scout in the neighborhood.

Since the killing of Hazelett there has been some talk of a raid by the night riders on the homes of the men who do not belong to the tobacco organization and who have fought to grow a crop of tobacco this year. Since Hazelett was killed the State troops have been patrolling that section of Shelby county in an effort not only to prevent any raids, but also to try to capture any raiders who happen to be out. Now that Duncan has admitted the killing of Hazelett and has been released on bond, there is renewed talk of retaliation and the Adjutant-General thinks it better to be on the safe side and have his men stationed around the point where an attack would be most probable.

Insurance Men Say Troubles Are At End.

BELIEVE CONDITIONS IN BURLEY DISTRICT WILL NOW IMPROVE.

From an insurance man who was here yesterday, who had talked to members of the governing board of the Burley Tobacco Society, it was learned that the insurance men believe the worst of the trouble in the tobacco district is about over. This man said that the crop was moving nicely and it had been found that the 1906 crop, which was thought to have been poorly handled, has turned out well. The tobacco was handled hurriedly and it was feared that it had been injured, but communication has shown that it is in fairly good shape and will average up high.

HOLLOWELL GETS MONEY.

Ward Headley, attorney for the Caldwell county farmers, against whom a judgment for \$35,000 was recently given, paid over \$15,000 to the attorneys for Robert Hollowell as a result of a compromise.

TO STUDY PLANS

State Library Can Be Improved.

Frank Kavanaugh Will Make Several Trips.

Will Actually Be Librarian After Monday.

FOUR FLOORS IN THE NEW CAPITOL.

Definite plans for the new library in the new capitol are being considered by Frank Kavanaugh, who, on Monday will be librarian, and he expects to make several trips within the next few weeks to study the best method of handling books in a library. The arrangement in the new capitol has been decided upon.

Four floors will be set aside for the library. On the first floor will be the papers and documents, which are not often used. On the second floor, on the same floor as the Court of Appeals, will be the law library, and here Mr. Kavanaugh will have his office. The third and fourth floors will be given over to the reference and historical collection, and Mrs. Haycraft will have charge of these two floors. Miss Mahan will assist Mr. Kavanaugh.

For the first time since 1899, and one of the few occasions in the history of the State, Kentucky will have a man as State Librarian, after Monday. Mr. Kavanaugh, who was elected librarian at the recent session of the Legislature, will take the oath of office as librarian, succeeding Mrs. Solomon Van Meter, who has served for some years. Mr. Kavanaugh has given bond, which has been accepted. In actual fact, he has been the librarian, although not in name, for the last three or four years and there will be no perceptible change in the office. Miss Sarah Mahan, who is to be assistant librarian, will begin her work Monday. Mrs. Mary Haycraft, who was appointed clerk, will have charge of the reference department of the library, and will have her office in the executive building, where she will catalogue and rearrange the Collins library, from which Collins wrote his famous history of Kentucky.

Mr. Kavanaugh has been studying the best and most effective way to arrange his books, and has made several trips to look at the method of handling books in other libraries. He will visit the Louisville Free Public Library, and others, within the next two months, and expects to have the Kentucky library up to the standard in every respect.

Mr. Kavanaugh is the first man to be librarian since Ed Porter Thompson was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Roger Hanson. This was in 1889. In 1889 Mrs. Mary Day was elected librarian, and Mr. Kavanaugh began his work with the library as Mrs. Day's assistant. Since that time, he has been actively at work in the library, and nobody in the State has more friends than he. Mr. Kavanaugh has been so accommodating, so courteous and capable, that every lawyer who ever came to the Court of Appeals is his friend.

Night Riders Raid Boone County Town.

Covington, Ky., May 29.—Word was received here this morning of a night rider raid at Hathaway, in the western part of Boone county.

The riders, thirty strong, descended on the village at one o'clock this morning, and, after terrorizing the town, destroyed the tobacco beds of Edward Sullivan, Raymond Smith, Hance Ross and Omer Adams.

FAYETTE COUNTY FOR M'CREARY.

Probably Will Instruct For Him As Delegate.

Dr. Milton Board Predicts a Bolt By Many.

WOULD HAVE THE SENATOR DEFEATED.

Word comes from Lexington that Fayette county certainly will instruct for Senator James B. McCreary as delegate to the National convention from the state at large. At the same time, Dr. Milton Board, a member of the State Board of Control, and regarded as one of the leaders of one wing of the Democratic party, is continuing to make the statement that Breckinridge county, his home county, will bolt the convention if Senator McCreary is selected as a delegate. Dr. Board says that he will not be a delegate to the convention, but he says three hundred delegates will bolt if Senator McCreary is selected as one of the big four from Kentucky.

Fayette county has always been for Senator McCreary, and it has a large delegation in the State convention. If it instructs for Senator McCreary, other counties will be certain to do the same thing, and that may mean a fight in the convention, if Dr. Board is speaking for anybody except himself. What position Senator McCreary will take, and whether or not his friends will try to send him to the National convention is a question which no one can answer just now, as Senator McCreary has not talked any about the convention.

A dispatch from Washington the other day said that Senator McCreary would attend the State convention, but whether this was stated with authority is not known here. It is believed that Senator McCreary can go to the National convention as a delegate if he wants to go but an announcement from him is awaited with considerable interest. In the meantime Dr. Board continues to preach harmony and practice dissension and tells people everywhere that Senator McCreary must be beaten.

Seven Indictments For Night Riding.

SHELBY COUNTY GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS—MORE TO COME.

Shelbyville, Ky., May 29.—The Shelby county grand jury this morning returned indictments charging "night riding" against Jake Smithers, Levi Smithers, Louis Ethington, George Ethington, John Wood and William Templeman.

They are accused of confederating and banding together to destroy property near Elmburg. The men were dismissed at their examining trial in the county court several weeks ago on the charge of destroying a quantity of tobacco canvass at Hall Bros. store.

The grand jury is still in session and investigating the "night riding" in the Jacksonville neighborhood last week, which it is said resulted in the killing of Newton B. Hazelett. It is probable that a number of indictments will be returned in this connection.

GOV. HASKILL SIGNS NINE-FOOT SHEET BILL.

Gov. Haskell, of Oklahoma, has signed the famous hotel inspection bill, commonly known as the "nine-foot sheet" bill because of the provision that the upper sheet on all hotel beds must be long enough to turn back two and a half feet over the other covers.

TWO MEN KILLED.

J. W. Harmon, a policeman, and Charles Woodburn were instantly killed and J. R. Wooten, Chief of Police, was badly wounded in a shooting affray at Central City.

FOR HARMONY.

Senator McCreary Would Have Democrats Work.

Writes Letter To Friend And Tells Political Views.

Hopes Conventions Are Free Of Discord.

NOT WILLING TO MAKE A STRUGGLE.

Party harmony is of paramount importance in the eyes of Senator James B. McCreary, and in a letter to a friend he says he is for the good of the Democratic ticket. Regarding the proposal to send him to the National convention, Senator McCreary says he is first for harmony.

In a letter to a friend Senator McCreary says:

"Dear Sir: Friends have written me and newspapers have suggested that I should be one of the four delegates from the State at large to the National Democratic convention, to be held at Denver on the 7th of July.

While I am grateful for this expression of friendship and confidence, and will be pleased to serve if elected, I am unwilling to make a struggle for the honorable position of State delegate, and desire to leave this important matter to my brother Democrats for their decision. My greatest desire is for peace, harmony, and Democratic victory in Kentucky, and when the county conventions are held and Democrats instruct for the men they prefer for delegates from the State at large, I hope there will be no discord or division, for the success of the Democratic party should be paramount to individual success.

I have been here in Washington for about six months closely attending to my duties in Senate, and have not had good opportunity for obtaining information about political conditions in Kentucky.

Since the primary election of 1906 I have been quiet in politics, except I made a few speeches for the State Democratic ticket last fall. I left Kentucky before the protracted contest for Senator commenced in the Kentucky Legislature, and I had nothing whatever to do with that contest.

I have confidence in your judgment, and I will be obliged if you will write to me and tell me who the Democrats of your county prefer for the four delegates from the State at large, and also what the political outlook is in our State. I believe with union and harmony we can carry the State next November by which fifteen to twenty thousand majority. Of course, you know I have always supported William J. Bryan, and I am for him now as our Democratic candidate for president, and I think the outlook for his election is better than it ever has been before. Please let me hear from you. With kind regards,

Your Friend,
JAMES B. M'CREARY.

Tobacco Trust Fined \$500 At Shelbyville.

Shelbyville, Kentucky, May 29.—After being out over a day the jury in the case of the Commonwealth against the American Tobacco Company, brought in a verdict fining the corporation \$500 for violation of the State anti-trust law. The case was set for trial Tuesday.

Shake-up In Asylums To Occur July 1.

CHANGES WILL PROBABLY BE MADE AT BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR.

Changes in the charitable institutions of the State probably will be made on July 1. This matter has not been definitely decided, but it is understood, on the best authority, that the changes will be made at that time, which is the beginning of the fiscal year. At that time, it is understood, a number of places will be abolished and there will be a sort of shake-up in the three asylums and the Feeble-minded Institute. What the division of offices will be or how many men will lose out is not known. The Republican members of the board want some of the jobs for their friends and will get their half. This has been agreed upon and the only question now left is who shall go. In the meantime there is some shaking on the shoes of the men who have had nice, fat places, with good pay and little work.

Accused Of Stealing

\$109 In Postage Stamps.

YOUNG GIRL ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE—BAGDAD POSTMASTER LOSES.

Lavina Moore, who is said to have several aliases, was arrested at Bagdad today on the charge of stealing \$109 worth of postage stamps from Tom D. Johnson, the postmaster at Bagdad. The girl, who is young, went to Bagdad for a visit and is charged with taking the stamps from the trunk of Johnson. Johnson feared burglars or safe blowers, who have operated in Bagdad twice, so he kept his supply of stamps in his trunk in his room. It is charged that the Moore girl went to the room and took the stamps. She entered a plea of not guilty.

W. J. Bryan Thanks

Henry Watterson.

W. J. Bryan and Henry Watterson are getting close together. In a telegram which Mr. Bryan sent to Mr. Watterson this week, he thanked Mr. Watterson warmly for his suggestion regarding forcing Mr. Taft's hand in the matter of the pure publicity bill now pending before Congress. Mr. Watterson made the suggestion to Mr. Bryan which resulted in Taft being placed in a peculiar attitude and Mr. Bryan expressed his gratitude strongly. A Frankfort man who was in Louisville on Wednesday read the telegram to Mr. Watterson, and says it was appreciative and cordial.

The talk in political and official circles in Washington now is the challenge of Mr. Bryan to Secretary Taft to join in an appeal to Congress to pass a publicity bill as to campaign contributions. The suggestion to Mr. Bryan to force Taft to the open came from the editor of the Courier-Journal, and the answer of Mr. Bryan was prompt and to the point. The response of Secretary Taft is, to a large extent, an evasion.

\$5,000 In Purses

At The State Fair.

GOOD STAKES WILL BE HUNG UP FOR RACES—NEW BUILDINGS PLANNED.

Purses amounting in all to \$5,000 will be offered at the coming State Fair for at least two trotting races daily, and Secretary J. W. Newman and Harry Smyser are now at work on the programme for the meeting. Among the buildings which the board has decided to erect will be fourteen-horse barns, each eighty-five feet long and thirty-eight feet wide; ten cattle barns, three hog barns and one sheep barn; a poultry barn and a feed barn. Two dining rooms each 100x40 feet will be built. The stables will have a capacity of 500 horses, 800 cattle, 800 sheep and 500 hogs. The board will open bids for the lumber to build these structures on June 3.