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REPUBLICANS WANT TAFT

State Convention at Butte Unqualifiedly Endorses The Choice of President Roosevelt.

Butte May 14.—With a continuous cheering of several moments' duration, the Montana State Republican convention today adopted resolutions unqualifiedly endorsing the candidacy of William H. Taft for the presidency and instructed the delegation to Chicago to use every honorable effort to bring about his nomination. With the election of Thomas C. Marshall of Missoula as national committeeman to succeed J. D. Waite of Fergus county, and the election of six delegates and six alternates to the national convention, the convention adjourned sine die early this evening.

Harmony prevailed throughout the proceedings, with the single exception that two delegates, one from Deer Lodge and one from Silver Bow, sought to protest against the Taft resolutions on the ground of inefficiency, but they were as chaff in a storm. The Taft enthusiasm knew no bounds, and the resolutions were adopted with a whoop and cheer which must have given encouragement to the standard bearers of the Republican party in this county, which is now regarded as the chief battleground of the state.

The delegates to Chicago, who were elected on the first ballot, are: Charles R. Leonard of Butte, Thomas A. Marlow of Helena, A. J. Bennett of Virginia City, C. M. Bair of Teton county, and F. M. Malone of Miles City.

The alternates were selected by acclamation as follows: J. B. Gnose

of Anaconda, W. F. Meyer of Red Lodge, H. H. Strain of Great Falls, A. W. Miles of Livingston, Paul McCormick of Billings, and Mayor Joseph Corby of Butte.

Shortly after 1 o'clock a procession formed in front of the Finlen and Thornton hotels with the famous Boston and Montana band at its head. Then followed State Chairman Maddox and C. S. Leonard of Butte. Lewis and Clark was given the place of honor in the long parade. At 1:40 Chairman Maddox called the convention to order in the handsomely decorated auditorium, in which the national colors, bunting, potted plants and portraits of President Roosevelt predominated.

Chairman Maddox introduced the Rev. A. H. Morris of the Mountain View Methodist church, who delivered an invocation, after which the chairman addressed the convention at length on the leading issues of the day. He paid a tribute to the Butte merchants' association for its appropriate preparation for the entertainment of visitors, arrangements for the convention and the decorations. Diverting to politics he said that Silver Bow has shown undisputable signs of awakening, and that the 4,000 Democratic majority of Silver Bow county four years ago had been reduced to less than 400 a year ago and he predicted amid applause that it would be totally wiped out this fall.

He predicted Taft would receive the greatest popular vote ever given a presidential candidate and closed

by reading a congratulatory telegram from Senators Carter and Dixon and Congressman Pray as follows:

"We send cordial congratulation, to our fellow Republicans of Montana in convention assembled. The splendid achievements of the honorable past give assurance of merited success in the future. With abiding faith in the wisdom and devotion of the delegates, we confidentially applaud the work of the convention in advance."

Chairman Maddox then announced that R. A. O'Hara of Ravalli county had been decided upon for temporary, chairman, and Messrs. Waite, Lanstrum and Arms escorted him to the chair. He made a characteristic address, pointing to the great achievements of the Roosevelt administration, which he predicted would be carried to a successful conclusion by Taft, the next president of the United States, a prognostication which was greeted with prolonged cheers. He said that under Taft the corporations would be compelled to submit to government regulation and the rights of the people conserved. He urged that the Montana delegation be instructed for Taft, and amid great applause called for the pleasure of the convention.

Meyer of Carbon moved a roll call on counties for committee assignments, which prevailed.

Lewis and Clark chose the following: Credentials, Weed; resolutions, Blake; permanent organization and order of business, H. G. McIntyre. Shortly before this a recess was taken for an hour that the committees might formulate their reports.

When the convention reassembled at 4 o'clock, the committee's recommendation as to permanent organization was adopted and H. J. Miller became chairman, F. A. Hazelbaker of Dillon, secretary, and R. E. Brown assistant secretary. Mr.

Miller is escorted to the chair by Messrs. White and Allen and responded in a speech which teemed with eulogy of President Roosevelt. His remarks were enthusiastically received and an ovation greeted his reference to W. H. Taft as the next president.

The credentials committee reported no contests and then H. N. Blake of Helena was recognized as chairman of the resolutions committee. He prefaced his remarks by stating that he regarded this as one of the most enthusiastic and representative conventions he had ever attended, beginning in Massachusetts in 1860, and he paid the members a high compliment for their interest in the work and hearty espousal of the cause so near their hearts.

Nine names were presented to the convention as candidates for delegates to the Chicago convention, as follows; Charles R. Leonard, Butte; F. M. Malone, Miles City; Herbert H. Strain, Great Falls; Thomas A. Marlow, Helena; C. M. Bair Billings; J. G. Biar, Chouteau; A. J. Bennett, Virginia City; W. F. Meyer, Red Lodge, and J. B. Gnose, Anaconda.

The official count disclosed this result: Leonard 506, Malone 325, Strain 217, Marlow 470, C. M. Bair, 450, J. G. Bair 349, J. G. Bennett 351, Meyer 142, Gnose 284. Leonard, Marlow, the two Bairs, Bennett and Malone were declared duly elected, and the others were made alternates by acclamation, as were Messrs. Corby, McCormick and Governor Miles.

Colonel Marshall was then selected as national committeeman by acclamation and responded in a neat speech, as did also Mr. Leonard, for the compliment paid Silver Bow county and himself.

With the adoption of the customary resolutions of thanks, the convention adjourned sine die.

The local delegates to the Republican Convention at Butte have practically all returned except Wm. Hurst, who preceded on to the coast. All were highly pleased with the hospitality extended to them in Butte.

Socialists Mix Dope

Chicago, May 15.—The delegates of the socialist party in convention who, at an early hour this morning, nominated Eugene V. Debs of Indiana for presidential candidate, and Benjamin Hanford of New York for vice president, had not completed their work when adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

The ticket will be ratified at a mass meeting called for tomorrow night, at which it is expected Debs will speak and over which William D. Haywood, former secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, will preside.

Chinese Die Like Rats

Seattle, May 13.—News of one of the greatest disasters that China has ever known, a sudden tidal bore in the Yangstekiang river, which involved the loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Hankow, was brought by the steamer Titan, which arrived last night. A bore 26 feet in height flooded without warning down the river, overwhelming thousands of junks, sampans and small boats and wrecking some large river steamers. Some 3,000 Chinese were sleeping in sampans and small crafts, and habitations by the riverside were enveloped by the great wave which swept broken junks, broken sampans and a heterogeneous mass of debris, with swarms of drowned Chinese mixed with the wreckage. The scenes for many days after the disaster were horrible, the river side being strewn with dead and debris of the wrecked craft for many miles.

HORSE SALE IN GATE CITY

One Scheduled for the near Future with Accompanying Benefits Accruing.

J. M. Watson and Geo. Dow of the Dickinson Horse Sales Company were in the Gate City of Montana this week, looking over the local field as to the advisability of holding a sale here in the near future. They were evidently well pleased with the conditions they found, for it was pretty definitely decided to hold one or more sales here during the present season at dates to be announced later. A sale at Marmath, on the Milwaukee, will also probably occur in the near future.

Mr. Watson is the gentleman who has conducted the previous famous sales at Dickinson, while Mr. Dow is a recent acquisition to the company, being from Madison, Wis. Wm. Holland, the well known auctioneer, will conduct the various sales for the company this season.

No one project, perhaps, could mean as much to a city as a well conducted horse sale. Messrs. Watson and Dow are thorough hustlers and will bring in an excellent class of buyers, as they have heretofore done at other places. Dawson County horsemen should see to it that the sale here is made a success to be proud of.

To a person not acquainted with

the ins and outs of the business, its magnitude can hardly be appreciated. As showing the amount of business which is commonly done, it should be stated that they expect to dispose of at least 15,000 horses this year, distributed to buyers in every part of the country, to be used for almost every purpose imaginable.

County horsemen have previously played an important part in the sales of this company. Last year the firm purchased 200 head from S. B. Chappell, 100 head from H. Mullendore, 250 head from Rem Matthews and 250 head of the C. R. Noble horses, which Mr. Noble had previously sold to Roberts & Harrington, and were at the Glendive stock yards of the Northern Pacific, when purchased by representatives of the Dickinson Horse Sales Co.

Even all Dawson County people owning automobiles auto be present at this sale, and it goes without saying that all others auto. In a country as comparatively hilly as this, the owners of all touring cars and runabouts should bear in mind that they can not always foretell when their conveyances may break down and horses be needed to pull them home. So come to the horse sale.

STEWART-THOMAS

Herbert A. Thomas and Miss Viola Stewart sprung quite a surprise on their friends last week, when they rode horseback into the city Thursday evening and were married at the Home Restaurant by Rev. P. C. Burhans, Howard Roby and W. J. Eddington being awakened from their slumbers to act as witnesses at the nuptial event.

Mr. Thomas was lately a government employe in the Lower Valley, but his home is at Andover, Maine, where he is associated in business with his father, the latter being president and general manager of the National Pulp & Paper Company of New England. Miss Stewart has spent practically her entire life in this county, being the daughter of Coroner Neil Stewart. The young people left Friday for their future home at Andover, Maine, thereby stealing a march on most of their friends who were waiting to congratulate them.

Miss Stewart will be remembered as the winner of the diamond ring in the Monitor's Big Contest last year. And right here we wish to add that popularity of the kind is certainly an aid to matrimony, as several of the former Monitor contestants have been happily wedded since the close of the contest. Young ladies should watch with special interest for what the Monitor has in store for them in the future, whatever may be their aspirations.

MAKES FAST RUN

A record run was recently made by a Northern Pacific stock train from Billings to St. Paul. The shipment comprised twenty-five cars of cattle and sheep belonging to the Billings Sugar Company. The entire distance to St. Paul, in actual running time, was made in 44 hours and 53 minutes, or an average of twenty miles per hour. A stop was made at Jamestown for 21 hours and 35 minutes to unload and feed. The train left Billings at 6:30 p. m. on May 9th and was in St. Paul at 1:58 p. m. on May 12th. The run to Jamestown required 24 hours and 35

minutes, while from that point to the Sainly City but 20 hours and 18 minutes was required. If the Northern Pacific intends to keep similar schedules in force during the coming season, there will certainly be reason for rejoicing among the stockmen and all those interested in shipping.

Hill Sees Good Times Coming

New York, May 16.—James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern, who delivered an address on Thursday before the convention of governors in Washington, returned to this city yesterday. He referred hopefully to the crop outlook in the northwest, saying:

"Everyone is looking forward hopefully to the time when business conditions will resume normal aspects. The crop outlook is good. In some parts of the west the conditions are the most promising in years. In the northwest the seeding is just being finished, but the conditions under which it has been done are the best in ten years."

Mr. Hill did not care to discuss the general business situation nor the proposed advance in freight rates.

"The governors," said Mr. Hill, referring to the recent conference, "do not till the soil, nor work the mines, nor cut down the forests; all they can do is to suggest means for improvement in agricultural methods and for conserving the natural resources of their states. The carrying out of these suggestions rests with the people, and the important thing to do now is to force home to the people the facts of the situation. That is why I say spread the campaign of education that has been started broadcast."

Disturbed the Congregation

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Glendive Drug Co.

Miss Rose Davidson, a national organizer for the W. C. T. W., will give a lecture at the Methodist church on May 31st at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited.