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THE BALL IS ROLLING

SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR JUNE 1.

When the Question of Bonding the City for the Purpose of Building a City Hall Will be Submitted to the Electors—Other Council Matters.

The first legal steps leading up to the matter of bonding the city for the purpose of building a city hall were taken by the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. The matter came up after the disposal of routine business. Mayor Bennett, who, at the last meeting, was commissioned to look up estimates, reported various communications from builders and men of experience. Ex-Governor B. F. White, of Dillon, estimated the cost of a brick building, 45x90, two stories, at about \$10,000. The Dillon opera house, a building 90x30 with lower floor furnished, cost \$7,000. Joseph Harner, excity engineer of Butte, placed the total cost at \$10,000 or less. Bert Rew estimated that \$7,800 would build a hall of the dimensions above mentioned, with two offices and large auditorium on the ground floor; a lodge room with necessary ante-rooms and three offices on the second floor. In summing up the mayor said he thought \$7,500 would be sufficient to erect the building, exclusive of cost of ground and excavation, and reminded the council of the importance of leaving enough in the treasury to furnish the building.

Alderman Vickers then made the necessary motion: That the proposition of bonding the city for \$9,500, be submitted to the electors on the first day of June. Alderman Foreman seconded the motion. The mayor said that if any member desired to make objection he should do so or forever after hold his peace. There was no discussion. The vote was then taken, standing, ayes—Allen, Gilbert, Mitchell, Vickers—4. Nays 0.

The mayor stated that while he was in favor of the proposition he would have voted no, in case of a tie vote, for the reason that he believed in unanimity in such matters.

W. A. Clark's office was named as the polling place—only one being necessary. Stephen Edmunds, N. J. Davis and Jake Nelson were elected judges and W. A. Buttermore and James Vanderbeck, clerks.

The cemetery committee reported that C. W. Mead would survey and make a plat of the cemetery for \$125, or would do the work by the day at \$10 per diem, and \$30 for the plat. No action was taken. The deed to the cemetery water works was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered the Kings Daughters.

James Mitchell was granted permission to build an addition to his residence. Following out the established precedent, he constructed the building first and asked permission afterwards. The report of the city treasurer, showing a balance of \$1,156 65 or. and was approved.

Through the mayor, Frank Blair Post No. 6, extended an invitation to the council to participate in the memorial day observance. Mr. Bennett also said that he had been asked to issue a proclamation, but thought it unnecessary. He thought it would only be right for the business houses and banks to remain closed during at least a portion of the day.

The mayor also called the council's attention to the improper display of the weather signals by certain mischievously inclined individuals. He said the council had gone to considerable expense in securing and displaying the flags and thought no one should molest them. The council then adjourned.

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Card of Thanks.

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MEMORIAL DAY.

Local Members of the Grand Army Will See That It is Properly Observed.

At a regular meeting of Frank Blair Post No. 6, G. A. R., it was decided to observe memorial day, May 30, as provided by their forms and to extend an invitation to some twelve different societies in this city to participate, either in a body or with the public in general, according to the rules prescribed by the respective orders. As customary, the little flower girls will be especially welcomed and every care taken for their comfort. They always take a great interest and prove the most pleasing feature of all such occasions.

A special invitation has been extended Judge Frank Showers to deliver the address at the exercises in the court house, and no doubt he will accept the task if district court matters do not interfere.

It is to be hoped that a large attendance will greet the veterans on the day made legal by our state codes, whereby it is expected that all secular occupations and sports will cease, and that both old and young assisted in the beautiful floral tributes tendered the silent majority.

The time is drawing near when the old soldier will live only in history. As they say: "We are but the rear guard marching to the final surrender. Let our bearing and reverence for these in advance, marshaled on the Eternal camping ground, be such as shall make this the day most revered by our children; a day that the nation shall be proud to honor above all others."

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BACK FROM CALIFORNIA.

Ex-Senator Buford Has Returned From His Trip to the Southwest.

Hon. S. R. Buford returned from his California trip last Friday evening. He was accompanied by his sister-in-law, Miss Bessie Cooley. The senator is looking remarkably well, has abandoned his cane entirely and steps around with a vigor that was natural to him before the fiend rheumatism enthralled him. His three months absence has effected a wonderful transformation.

Mr. Buford spent most of his time in Paso Rables, a place famous for the medicinal properties of its bath. His improvement was manifest from the time he arrived.

He also spent a few weeks at Byron, a watering place just out of San Francisco. He says Paso Rables is a beautiful little resort of 2,500 people, in an ever-blooming agricultural district.

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ADJUDGED INSANE.

Anna McDeed, a 16 Year Old Girl, Sent to the Asylum.

A commission, consisting of Dr. P. J. Ragan of this city and Dr. J. H. Miller of Sheridan, presided over by Judge Showers, met at Twin Bridges Monday for the purpose of examining into the mental condition of Anna McDeed, a 16-year old inmate of the orphan's home. The girl formerly resided in Virginia City and has relatives here. It seems that she has given the authorities of the home a great deal of trouble by her strange conduct, and lately her condition has been such as to demand official investigation. The girl was adjudged insane and Sheriff Haines, who was in Twin Bridges at the time immediately left with her for Warm Springs.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Express and Stock Train Come Together Near Livingston.

A collision occurred on the Northern Pacific at Mission, seven miles east of Livingston, at 9 o'clock, Saturday night. Passenger train No. 1, coming west, was run into by a stock train, both going at full speed. Engineer Fanning of the stock train was instantly killed and Fireman McClellan seriously injured. The fireman and brakeman of the passenger train and one passenger are also reported as badly hurt.

Wrecking trains were at once dispatched to the scene and the debris cleared away.

A SILVER CONVENTION

REPUBLICANS OF MADISON INDEPENDENT.

They Do Not Propose to Be Bound by Any Action of the St. Louis Convention Antagonistic to the Interest of This State.

The spirit of independence was rampant in the Republican county convention which met in this city last Saturday to select delegates to the state convention. The convention was called to order at 10:30 by Thomas Duncan, chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Duncan declined to make a speech and asked for the election of a temporary chairman. Hon. N. J. Isdell of Pony, was chosen, and was escorted to the chair by Messrs. A. J. Bennett and R. J. Ogden. Mr. Bennett introduced Mr. Isdell to the convention and the latter thanked the assembly briefly for the honor conferred. R. J. Ogden of Sheridan, was chosen temporary secretary.

Committees on credentials, resolutions and permanent organization were then chosen as follows:

On Credentials—A. J. Bennett, A. B. Davis, John Dauterman, E. T. Nichols and Fred Counter.

On resolutions—W. W. Cheely, Frank Wilcomb, J. Z. Clem, C. P. Newell and H. L. Childs.

On Permanent Organization—C. W. Rank, H. L. Fenner, E. D. Marsh, O. D. Lindsey and Charles Metzler.

A recess was then taken until 1:30. At 1:30 the convention re-assembled. The committee on credentials presented its report, finding the following delegates entitled to seats in the convention:

VIRGINIA CITY.

DELEGATES. A. J. Bennett, C. W. Rank, George Gohn, M. Mallard, George W. Reif, H. E. Steffens, Jas. Mitchell, W. W. Cheely, H. L. Childs, Geo. E. Gohn, ALTERNATES. A. J. Wilcomb, John Allen, E. M. Funk, C. W. Mead, F. W. Allen, F. J. Emerson, E. Stark, J. H. Powell, C. E. Reese, J. B. Carruthers,

SHERIDAN.

O. F. Wright, E. D. Marsh, R. J. Ogden, J. Z. Clem, E. T. Nichols, G. W. Rightenour, Chas. Masterson, E. C. Means, H. B. Parmeter, G. E. Wright, H. B. Cheely, H. D. Russiter, Thos. L. Shaw, O. F. Parmeter, Authur Thomas, Charles Glasser, Henry Kallas, E. N. Reed,

TWIN BRIDGES.

M. H. Lot, J. R. Comfort, C. P. Newell, F. T. Counter, John T. Sailer, S. A. Oliver, Joseph Richmond, F. A. Taylor, John Seidensticker, George Comfort, Frank Reid, Lynn Comfort, Gardiner Pease, Wm. Galliban,

LAURIN.

O. D. Lindsay, J. F. Dauterman, I. Peitras, A. J. McKinsey, F. H. Wilcomb, B. F. Powers, A. E. Gloyd, A. Malett, N. M. Marshall, O. E. Wilcomb,

PONY.

Albert Mason, George McLeod, F. H. Wilbour, George Barker, Frank Long, Willis Wood,

PULLER SPRINGS.

C. M. Metzler, Thomas Robinson,

WIGWAM.

Thomas Thexton,

HOME PARK.

A. B. Davis,

NEVADA.

H. L. Fenner,

MADISON VALLEY.

E. A. Maynard.

C. W. Rank, of the committee on permanent organization reported recommending that the permanent organization be made permanent. The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on resolutions was then read as follows:

We, the Republicans of Madison County, in convention assembled for the purpose of sending delegates to our State convention, and thence to the National convention, having in consideration the interests of the State of Montana and of the entire United States, do hereby publish and declare that we believe and adhere to the following propositions, and

WHEREAS, We believe the time has arrived when it behooves all patriotic Americans to check the gigantic evil that has menaced our business enter-

prises, our homes and industries, and has humiliated the proudest and most progressive nation on earth to the verge of insolvency; and that in the effort to restore prosperity, the only true remedy lies in the restoration of free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold, at the ratio of 16 to 1, unequivocally and unreservedly, combined with protection to all American industries; therefore be it Resolved:

FIRST—That the delegates elected by this convention be, and are hereby instructed, to vote as a unit and exercise all their power to the end that none, save well recognized friends and exponents of free coinage of silver and gold, at a ratio of 16 to 1, be selected as delegates to represent the state of Montana at our next national Republican convention.

SECOND—It is the sense of this convention that the Republicans of Madison county will hold themselves independent of any action on the part of the National convention, which would be antagonistic to the interests of the state and in opposition to the platform adopted by the state convention.

THIRD—That while we endorse the Republican principles of protection and reciprocity, we consider bi-metallism, as heretofore interpreted, the most vital question as well as the paramount issue of the day.

FOURTH—That we view with feelings of deep gratification the manly and patriotic integrity of Senators Carter and Mantle and Representative Hartman, in their efforts to restore and maintain bi-metallism.

The report was then read by sections. The preamble and section 1 were adopted. Considerable discussion followed section 2. There were some, particularly E. T. Nichols of Sheridan, and A. J. McKinsey of Laurin, who opposed the resolution on the ground that it was almost "secession" from the party. A. B. Davis of Home Park then took the floor. He warmed up to the subject and waxed eloquent in his enthusiastic support of the independent sentiment expressed by the resolution. He was warmly applauded. He was followed by Mr. A. J. Bennett, one of the most conservative and far-seeing men in the party, and who supported the resolution. Referring to what might be done at St. Louis, he said the republicans of Montana could not be expected to support a policy that was antagonistic to their interests. He was heartily in favor of protection and silver and he hoped for the endorsement of not one, but both. His remarks were warmly applauded and the resolution was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. The remaining sections were adopted unanimously. The resolutions were then adopted as a whole.

Mr. A. J. Bennett, state committeeman for Madison county, introduced the following resolutions, which were adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLVED, That we, the Republicans of Madison county, in convention assembled, believe that wisdom dictates the nomination of the three presidential electors from Montana, by the convention called to meet in Butte City, May 11th next, with the full and express understanding that such electors shall be bound in their action, by the platform to be adopted at said state convention, and

RESOLVED, That, the delegates from Madison county to said State Convention are hereby instructed, to endeavor by their votes and influence, to cause such nomination of electors to be made at said convention.

On motion the chairman was empowered to select a committee, consisting of one delegate from each precinct, to name delegates to the state convention. The chair appointed as such committee C. W. Rank, of Virginia City, John Dauterman of Laurin, J. Z. Clem of Sheridan, E. A. Maynard of Ennis, C. P. Newell of Twin Bridges, Charles Metzler of Puller Springs, H. L. Fenner of Wigwam and A. B. Davis of Home Park. A recess of 10 minutes was then taken in order to give the committee time to deliberate.

When the convention was again called to order, the committee reported recommending as delegates to the state convention following. On motion each delegate was empowered to name his own alternate. In some cases dele-

gates have not yet named their alternates, but this afternoon the list stood as follows:

DELEGATES: F. H. Wilcomb, Nelson J. Isdell, C. H. Wood, R. J. Ogden, E. D. Marsh, F. T. Counter, C. P. Newell, Alex Metzler, A. B. Davis, W. W. Cheely, A. J. Bennett, E. A. Maynard, ALTERNATES: J. H. Dauterman, Chas. E. Reel, T. B. Hunt, T. L. Shaw, E. C. Means, J. R. Comfort, F. A. Taylor, George E. Gohn, C. W. Rank, J. M. Page,

The action of the committee was ratified and the convention adjourned.

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NOTICE.

Proposals for Building Bridge.

BIDS will be received by the board of county commissioners of Madison county, Montana, on Tuesday, June 2, 1896, for building a bridge across the Jefferson river, at a point about 100 feet below the railroad bridge near the townsite of Gaylord. Such proposed bridge to be a full iron or steel bridge, in three spans of 116 feet each, (the entire bridge to be 348 feet in length) with steel cylinder piers, three feet in diameter, at ends, with three piles to the pier, and center piers to be four feet in diameter with four piles to the pier. Piers to be 18 feet long. Steel to be used must not be less than one-quarter of an inch thick throughout bridge and piers. Roadway to be 16 feet in the clear; floor to be of Montana red fir four inches thick and 8 to 12 inches wide; floor joists to be of Oregon fir 4 by 12 inches, with hand, foot, and hub rails to be of same material.

Bids will also be received for a two span iron or steel bridge 174 feet to the span.

All bids for building such bridge must be accompanied by the plans and specifications therefor, and must also be accompanied by a deposit of at least 10 per cent. of the amount of such bid, in cash, or properly certified check, to guarantee the fulfillment of such bid, if accepted; such cash or check to be returned to the party depositing the same immediately upon the rejection of the bid by which it was accompanied.

Sealed bids for building such bridge may be filed with the county clerk of Madison county, at any time prior to 10 o'clock a. m. of June 2, 1896; at which time and date, all bids will be opened and passed upon by the board. The board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Done at Virginia City this 21st day of April, 1896, by order of the board of commissioners of Madison county, Montana.

BARCLAY JONES, Clerk of said Board. H. E. Steffens, Deputy.

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