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COUNTY DEMOCRACY

WILL MEET TO-MORROW-- SATURDAY

In County Convention for the Purpose of Selecting County Standard Bearer and Delegates to the State Convention.

The county democracy will meet in convention at the court house at noon tomorrow. A number of delegates constituting the van guard of the unterrified, arrived in the city this afternoon, and more will be in tomorrow before the sun at its meridian height beats down upon them and warms up their enthusiasm. While all will wear the button of that gallant champion of silver, W. J. Bryan, the name of Cleveland will be spoken of in whispers, if at all.

With the delegates come some gentlemen who are willing to serve the county in official capacities for the next two years, even though the lamented legislature did see fit to reduce the emoluments thereof somewhat.

Prominent among the candidates for nomination at the hands of tomorrow's convention, is Sheriff Joseph I. Haines, the present incumbent of the sheriff's office. Mr. Haines is a popular man, as has been demonstrated on previous occasions. Harry Warmington has announced his willingness to serve the people in this capacity.

There are two candidates for the nomination for county clerk and recorder, Rev. Wiley Mountjoy of this city, and Postmaster James B. Walker of Sheridan. Both have their adherents with chances somewhat in favor of the former knocking the periscope. Mr. Mountjoy will have the support of the county seat delegation and also the delegation from Pony, the last named delegation being instructed for him, while Sheridan and Laurin and possibly Twin Bridges will support the Sheridan candidate. R. N. Hawkins, who has been the nominee for two successive campaigns, is not a candidate this year.

W. A. Clark of this city is mentioned for legislative honors, as is also Hon. Patrick Carney of Waterloo. Mr. Carney's name has also been mentioned in connection with a commissionership. The name of Hon. S. R. Buford has also been mentioned as a legislative possibility. Hon. W. W. Morris of Pony, L. R. Dunham of the Revenue mine, Wm. O'Brien of Sheridan and others are spoken of as possible legislators. All of the gentlemen named, it is needless to state, are excellent legislative timber, their only weakness being their politics.

For assessor the only name mentioned is that of W. J. Foreman, the present incumbent.

Robert Vickers is spoken of as a possible candidate for commissioner and W. J. McIntyre is an avowed candidate for county superintendent of schools.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention Selected.

The local adherents of the Democracy met in caucus at the court house Saturday evening and after electing Fred Kraemer, T. F. Pollard and Rev. Wiley Mountjoy, judges, proceeded to name as delegates and alternates to the county convention, which meets in this city to-morrow (Saturday) the following:

DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
J. M. Knight.	H. Kramer
Jas Summers	Jno J. Woodward
Wm Donaldson	J. B. Lowman
W. A. Clark	J. S. Gilbert
Richard Peel	J. M. Herndon
Ben Hunter	F. McKeen
H. Warmington	F. J. Prash
Jacob Nelson	J. Koblis
P. J. Ragan	Lefroy Southmayd
Wm Morris	Nelson Cole
Ered Kraemer	Robert Vickers
T. F. Pollard	Jno Rodgers
O. D. French	Peter Stroup

A BROKEN LEG.

And a Dislocated Ankle—Alfred Finney's Accident.

Alfred Finney, the 16 year old son of Frank Finney, of Nevada, is suffering from a dislocated ankle and a broken leg, the result of an accident Tuesday evening. Young Finney was driving a

team of horses; he struck one of the horses; the horse jumped forward breaking the rein. He then jumped out of the wagon to catch the horses with the result as above stated.

BACK FROM TRAIL CREEK.

A Former Madison County Man Talks About That Country.

Louis B. Bender, who was formerly with the Leiter mine, but who has spent the summer in the Trail Creek, B. C., country, arrived in Virginia Tuesday evening. He considers the Trail creek country a great mining region. Rosland, the principal town, contains about 6,000 inhabitants. The town is not incorporated, as about 75 per cent. of the inhabitants are Americans, and the local government is in the hands of the gold commissioner, the representative of the government of British Columbia. The present commissioner is Jake Kirkup, a young man who distinguished himself in the mounted police service of the north-west and was rewarded with the appointment. He is monarch of all he surveys and is the official head of everything. He is recorder of deeds; head of police; mayor, and has jurisdiction to preside at the preliminary examinations of all offenders against the law.

Heinze's smelter is at Trail, a few miles from Rosland, and is wholly inadequate to handle all the ores now taken out. Heinze's railroad connects Trail with Rosland.

The ores of that section are very refractory, and for years baffled the attempts of local chemists to analyze them. The LeRoy mine, one of the richest mines in the Rosland district, was sold originally for an old horse and \$7 in cash. Its stock is now paying an annual dividend of 60 per cent.

A VIRGINIA ROMANCE.

In Which Harry Ohmer of Cincinnati Figures Quite Largely.

Harry Ohmer, of Cincinnati, is in the city. Mr. Ohmer was formerly a resident of this section and about him is woven a romance that is particularly interesting. Mr. Ohmer's father is a wealthy and prominent citizen of Cincinnati. When the younger Ohmer was about 18 years of age he concluded that he could paddle his own canoe and ran away from home, and after 10 or 12 years of wanderings finally located in Virginia. The father made every effort to find him. Finally a resident of Virginia read the advertisement of the father inquiring for the son's whereabouts in a Cincinnati paper, and answered it. The father lost no time in coming to Virginia, found his son, who was then in the employ of a local saw mill concern, affected a happy reconciliation and prevailed upon him to return with him to his home in Cincinnati, where the young man now has business interests of importance. Young Mr. Ohmer is here to look over the field of his exploits of a few years ago, and will probably remain several weeks.

THEY ARE BEAUTIES

Local Banks Receive the New Dillon Silver Certificate

The local banking institutions, Messrs. Hall & Bennett and Henry Elling, received a few of the recent issue of one dollar silver certificates, issued recently by the treasury department to relieve temporary wants. It is by long odds the handsomest bill yet printed under the auspices of Uncle Sam. True it does not possess the solid beauty and richness of the \$1,000 bill, but at the same time it does not possess the touch-me-not something of the William of larger denomination. But it is a very artistic production, much more elaborate than the older issue. The center of the engraving is a group representing history instructing youth. History is represented by a beautiful woman, draped in Old Glory, reclining upon a couch, and pointing for youth's edification into the background, where rises the Washington monument, and beyond that the capitol building and the city of Washington. In the center of a number of laurel wreaths forming a border for the bill are emblazoned the names of a number of Columbia's most distinguished sons. The reverse design is green scroll work about the pictures of George and Martha Washington.

THE DISTRICT COURT

THE END OF THE SESSION IN SIGHT.

The Childs-Ptomey Case Results in the Defendant's Favor—The Plaintiff Wins in the McKinsey-Rochester Case—The Jurors Discharged.

The principal case occupying the attention of the district court this week was the Childs-Ptomey case. The history of the case began about three years ago, when H. L. Childs brought suit against Henry and Nelse Ptomey, for \$3,000 commission alleged to be due for the part he took in effecting the sale of the Lucas mining property at Summit. Childs in his original complaint, alleged that he had entered into a verbal agreement with the Ptomeys to the effect that he would bring buyers to them; they fixed the price of their property at \$15,000; Childs told them that his charge would be \$3,000, whereupon they stated that they would raise the price to \$18,000. The agreement was carried out in part. Messrs Henderson and Smith, representing the purchasing company were introduced to the Ptomeys by Childs. They secured a bond on the property for \$15,000, and subsequently made a cash offer of \$10,000 for the property, which was accepted. The plaintiff was represented by R. B. Smith and Col. J. E. Callaway, and the defendant by W. A. Clark. In the original trial the defendant made a motion for a non-suit, which was overruled and the jury returned a verdict for Childs for the amount sued for.

The defendant appealed the case to the supreme court, where it was pending two years. The supreme court reversed the case on the ground that a different contract was proved than the one set forth in the complaint, and sent the case back, with leave to the plaintiff to amend his complaint and try the case anew.

The plaintiffs then filed an amended complaint; the defendant's answer denied the contract as alleged and claimed that the only agreement between the parties was that if Childs's people paid them \$18,000, he should receive \$3,000 and also alleged that Childs was buying the property in his own interest, and that he eventually received stock in the company organized to purchase the property. The plaintiff's attorneys, in summing up, insisted that Mr. Childs should have a verdict for the full amount or nothing, and the court so instructed the jury. The jury returned a verdict in the defendant's favor.

In the case of Gloyd & Dauterman vs. Ras Rochester for an alleged debt, the defendant moved for a non-suit and the court sustained the motion.

The suit of John Dauterman vs. Ras Rochester, as administrator of the Dennis Collins estate, resulted in a victory for the plaintiff. The suit was brought to enforce the payment of a claim of A. J. McKinsey against the estate for \$148.74, for labor performed. Mr. Rochester had disallowed the claim, which was assigned by McKenzie to the plaintiff. The plaintiff got a verdict for the full amount.

RAISED MADISON COUNTY.

The State Board of Equalization Increased Our Assessed Valuation.

County Clerk Steffens received official notice a few days ago from F. W. Wright, president of the state board of equalization to the effect that the assessed valuation on all real estate other than city and town lots and mining claims had been raised 25 per cent. This means a raise in the county assessment of \$83,750. The language of the resolution making this order is as follows:

In the matter of the equalization of the valuation of improvements on real estate, including value of all improvements on lands, title to which is vested in another than the person so listing it, other than city and town lots and mining claims, as equalized by the county board of equalization in the county of Madison for the year 1896.

Whereas, the board having under consideration the valuation of the taxable property of the several counties in the state for the purpose of taxation, after a general investigation thereof do find:

That the total assessed value of improvements on real estate—including value of all improvements on lands, title to which is vested in another than the person so listing it—other than city and town lots and mining claims in the County of Madison as equalized by the county board of equalization for the year 1896, and returned to this board by the county clerk, is, in the opinion of the board, below the actual cash value of such property:

Therefore be it ordered, that the total assessed value of improvements on real estate—including value of all improvements on lands, title to which is vested in another than the person so listing it—other than city and town lots and mining claims, as equalized by the county board of equalization and returned to this board by the county clerk of Madison County for the year 1896 be and the same is hereby increased by adding 25 per cent to the assessed valuation thereof.

Further ordered, that the county clerk of said county of Madison be and he is hereby required to add 25 per cent to the assessed value of improvements on real estate—including value of all improvements on lands, title to which is vested in another than the person so listing it—other than city and town lots and mining claims, of each and every person assessed upon the assessment book of said county for the year 1896.

DEATH OF B. H. STARK.

He Was a Lineal Descendant of the Hero of the Battle of Bennington.

B. H. Stark, the horse expert brought out from the east at the instance of Messrs. Brookman & Amsden, died at Ruby Dell last Sunday night after a short illness of asthma which developed into pneumonia. A sad feature is that he was married only about a year ago, shortly before he left for Montana. His ability as a horse trainer was something remarkable. He could do anything with a wild horse. He was buried Tuesday, from the residence of his late employers, who, it should be said, in this matter, have acted like the humane gentleman that they are. Rev. Guller conducted the funeral services.

B. H. Stark was a lineal descendant of the General Stark of Revolutionary fame, the sturdy old fellow, who at the battle of Bennington, said he would whip the British that day or Mollie Stark would be a widow that night, and he kept his promise. The family is well known to E. H. Bartlett, of this city who had often talked with the deceased concerning his people.

VIRGINIA VISITORS.

People Who Have Visited the County Seat During the Week.

Among the arrivals at the Madison house, this week, were:

L. F. Prescott, M. J. Murphy, Ras Rochester, W. C. George, W. Owsley, Butte; W. M. O'Brien, Fred C. Ellis, Chicago; J. Case and wife, Cook mine; McAllister and wife, Meadow Creek; Robt. Harrington, Easton; Dennis O'Brien, Jerry O'Brien, C. G. Hathaway, Butte; H. A. Ohmer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Reese B. Wampler, Pony; Jas. Dufraue, Jefferson Island; George Staudaher, Louis Miller and wife, Dillon; Jacob Hain, Madison; E. T. Colby, Whitehall; Geo. Gunn, Helena; T. A. Wickes, Miss Mary Wicks, Boulder; Jas. Hancock Silver Star; John Roul, Fred N. Farrington, Butte; Geo. Thexton, John G. Vetter, Mrs. D. Paugh, H. H. Mitchell, Geo. P. Fisher, F. Hinman, Ben Pickens, Walter Long, Clarence Jeffers, Ennis; S. B. Page, Laurin; W. M. Cauble, Ruby; Alex. Metzler, York ranch; Geo. H. Lyon, Lyon; F. Walker, Yellowstone Park; Rev. J. W. Tait and wife, Dillon; L. L. Gordon, G. S. Gordon, David Pile, Meadow Creek; Mrs. H. Young, Adobetown; J. T. Conner, Arizona; Manus Huston, city; H. H. Allen, Honolulu Hawaii Islands; R. H. Burrows, Cripple Creek, Colo.; Chas. Monighan, Easton; T. B. Hunt, F. Walters, R. Royston, W. Mack, Geo. McLeod and wife, W. J. Mears, Pony; J. W. Powell, Harrison; George Henderson, wife and daughter, H. C. Ptomey, Summit; L. B. Bender, Rosland, B. C.; E. W. Stevens, Red Bluff.

Lost—Two pair spectacles, one with gold nose piece and steel frames, the other with nickle riding bows. \$1.50 reward will be paid for both at MADISONIAN office, or \$1.00 for pair with gold nose-piece. G. H. Rew.

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