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DEMOCRATS HOLD HOT CONVENTION

Anti-Mormon Democrats Grilled Under Steam Roller

The democratic convention of Kootenai county, which met in Harrison yesterday and after appointing the usual committees took an adjournment until 3 o'clock, reconvened later for the purpose of completing its work.

It was almost 4 o'clock when Temporary Chairman McCall called the convention to order and the report of the committee on credentials was submitted showing the following entitled to seats in the convention:

Athol—S. H. Watkins, T. Trauger, Bellgrove—James Lyle.

Coeur d'Alene—W. J. McClure, W. B. McFarland, J. L. McClear, Earl Sanders, Emanuel Hoezel, George F. Steele, Joseph Wells, Magnus Ingulind, V. W. Platt, Fred Wilson, O. O. Young, C. A. DeSaussure, W. W. Leeper.

Fernwood—C. W. Leaf.

Harrison—Steve Marlet, John Woods, C. S. Manning, Geo. Roberts, L. W. Avery, Fred Davis.

Kootenai—Samuel J. Yearout.

Lane—M. K. Wall, R. D. McKinnis, Lewis—E. N. Jellum.

Liscomb—Fred Wonnacott.

Lake Creek—Dan Tait.

Medimont—John Snyder.

Pairie—John T. Reilly.

Post Falls—Thos. J. Russell, A. J. Shanks, F. A. McCall.

Rathdrum—T. L. Quarles, Edwin McInnis, Fred H. Bradbury, Martin Polson, A. Cook.

Sherman—Henry Heyn, N. D. Wezette, Boyd Hamilton, Andrew Anderson, C. C. Fuller, Geo. Ford, Thos. Parker, Levi Laird, Peter Dietrick, L. J. Columbus.

State Line—E. A. Michael, Charles Wagner.

St. Joe—James V. Hawkins, William T. Lynch, L. W. Thompson.

St. Maries—A. A. Darknell, S. L. McFarland, John Skelton, John Bolton.

Wolfe Lodge—Adolph Molstead.

The committee on temporary organization and order of business reported in favor of making the temporary organization permanent; in favor of adjourning the convention to September 12, after selecting the delegates to the state convention, and postponing the report of the committee on resolutions to the time of holding the adjourned session, at which time it also recommended the nomination of a legislative and county ticket. Edwin McBees submitted a minority report providing for the nomination of delegates by selecting five from each commissioner district by ballot. After much heated discussion the convention decided to consider the report of the majority section by section and things went smoothly, the machine running without apparent friction until that portion was reached providing for the method of selecting the delegates to the state convention. At this point the discussion became acrimonious and very heated. The anti-Dubois combination, under the leadership of Bill McFarland, brought out the steam roller and proceeded to crush the anti-Mormon delegates according to previous promises, and every time the roller was put into service it seemed to create greater satisfaction in the ranks of the majority, the delegates apparently enjoying the pleasure of seeing such old line democrats as McBees, Cook, D. R. McKinnis, John Wood, Geo. Roberts and others who had loyally fought the party's battles, sizzling under its heat and crushing powers.

In defense of the rights of the commissioner districts to select delegates from each to the state convention, in accordance with the time honored custom of the party, John A. Wood, of Harrison, took the floor. "The delegation from Coeur d'Alene," he said, "is here for the purpose of dominating this convention and taking everything in sight. These delegates held a caucus in that city a night or two ago in which all were pledged to stand by each other and a slate has been fixed up for this convention to swallow." He further charged Coeur d'Alene with wishing

to postpone the nominations for the purpose of making promises to county delegates in the shape of a distribution of the offices and to give them the votes to control the delegation to the state convention. He charged the majority with having constructed a machine greater than any the republicans had ever operated and said that the bosses had named the committee of three who were to select delegates to the state convention according to the program arranged at the Coeur d'Alene caucus and that it was not fair nor democratic. Wood threatened to retaliate on Coeur d'Alene by opposing county seat removal and made some strong threats along that line. By the time he had completed his remarks the convention had reached the boiling point and all were made aware that something was liable to happen. Personalities were handed back and forth with a freedom that threatened more vigorous measures if something were not done.

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AID BOOTLEGGERS.

Special Officers Cone and Matuly Investigate.

NEZ PERCE, Idaho, July 30.—Telephone operators who befriended bootleggers by warning them of the approach of government officers will probably face a serious charge, as Special Officers Sam Cone and Joe Matuly are here investigating the activity of some operators who furnished information which enabled one bootlegger to escape in the raid of July 2.

By aiding bootleggers to escape the full success of the raid was spoiled, and the telephone girls who advised of the approach of special officers may face a charge of obstructing a process, which calls for severe punishment. Mr. Cone has considerable evidence against operators of both the Pacific Telephone company and the Nez Perce Cooperative Telephone company, and if, after a thorough investigation, he decides not to arrest the offending operators, he will ask their discharge by the companies.

That this will be granted is not doubted, for both telephone companies cross the Indian reservation without permits and they are in the position of trespassers and subject to ejection, because notice was served on them several months ago.

MOSCOW HAS \$45,000 FIRE.

Brewery, Hotel, Two Barns and Residence in Ruins.

MOSCOW, Idaho, July 30.—Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in the Moscow brewery, destroying the brewery, the Corkery hotel, formerly the Commercial; two small barns and almost ruining a private dwelling. The fire broke out in the brewery ice plant. It is thought an explosion of ammonia caused the fire. The brewery was burned to the ground in less than two hours. Shortly before the structure went down the hotel caught fire. A large number of people in the hotel escaped without injury.

The valuations and insurance of the buildings destroyed are: Hotel Corkery, valued at \$20,000, insurance \$5,000; brewery, including ice plant, residence and small barn, valued at \$25,000, insurance \$11,000; barn belonging to O. Beardsley, valued at \$500, insurance \$200. The brewery was the property of F. France. The Corkery hotel was only recently purchased by C. E. Corkery of Spokane from Elmer Des Voine of Moscow. The hotel was a brick-veneered structure. The roof and all the framework except a portion of the south wing were burned. The residence, which was owned by Mr. France, was also burned.

SUICIDE IS JOHN GENTRY

Body Identified as That of Former Harrison Citizen

The suicide who was found near St. Joe early in the week whom it was at first believed was Jas. Stevens, of Harrison, has now been identified as John Gentry, of that place.

The identification was made by William Crane, a friend of Gentry. According to the statement of Crane, Gentry left the address of a sister in Spokane with him, and instructed him that in the event that anything should happen to him to notify her. Mr. Crane stated he had mislaid the address, but was satisfied that he would find it and would then notify her.

Gentry, while at Harrison, it seems, conducted a picture gallery, but left that place some time ago and took up his residence at St. Joe. It is said that he was a man who drank heavily and the opinion is now expressed that this, together with other worries, caused him to take his own life. Gentry, when found, was lying in some brush about two miles from St. Joe. In his temple was an ugly bullet wound, and lying on the left side of the body lay a .38 calibre revolver. His right hand lay across his chest and to all appearances the revolver had dropped from his hand when death had come to him from the self-inflicted wound.

GOULD-HARRIMAN PACT?

Heads of Railroad Systems Hold Conference.

NEW YORK, July 30.—A conference yesterday between George J. Gould, head of the Gould railroad system, and Harriman, of the Union Pacific system, and representatives of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and Blair & Co., was accepted as giving substance to the report that Mr. Harriman and his associates are about to enter upon a friendly arrangement with Mr. Gould which will harmonize the relations of the Gould and the Harriman railroad interests. One of the immediate results of this and other similar conferences is expected to be the financing of the \$8,000,000 of notes of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad, which fall due next Saturday and which are guaranteed by the Wabash railroad. Both of these roads are Gould properties.

Blair & Co., who participated in yesterday's conference, have financed the Gould properties extensively in recent years, while Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have been associated with Mr. Harriman in some large financial undertakings. One of the financial interests stated late yesterday that the Wheeling & Lake Erie situation would be "settled in a satisfactory manner." It is expected that a formal statement of some plan for meeting the notes will be made public by Mr. Gould tomorrow.

In Wall street the belief prevails that E. H. Harriman is likely to figure prominently in any financial support which may be given to the Gould property. It is believed he will accept a place in the Wheeling & Lake Erie directorate and that this will be followed by an alliance, or at least a working agreement between the road and the Erie.

Rumor further has it that the Harriman influence will be used to improve the physical condition of the Gould road, in return for which the Erie will get a large share of Pittsburgh tonnage now carried by the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

Mr. Harriman declined to discuss any phase of the Gould situation yesterday.

RAILROAD BUILDING EXPENSIVE

Milwaukee Road Will Cost \$5,000,000 More Than Estimated.

CHICAGO, July 30.—It is now estimated by officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad that the Pacific coast extension will have cost, when opened for traffic the first of next year, a total of \$77,000,000. This is \$5,000,000 more than the original estimate. Sufficient funds are no hand to complete the great project, it is said.

The extension is 1,380 miles long and continues the St. Paul road from the former terminus in North Dakota to Seattle, on the Pacific coast. It was commenced about two years ago, and is looked upon as the most important railroad construction in recent years.

W. C. T. U. Picnic.

The W. C. T. U. of Spokane, Post Falls, Cheney and of this place held a joint picnic and program this afternoon at Blackwell park. The forenoon was spent by the members of the organizations from the various places in visiting places of interest in the city, and in strolling in the park and 150 members of the organization sat down to a picnic.

The program at the pavilion was as follows: Address of welcome, Hon. R. N. Dunn; violin solo, Professor Fabringer, accompanist, Miss Young; address, Rev. Frank Taylor, of Spokane; piano duet, Misses Wimpy and McKay, of Spokane; recitation, "The South is Going Dry," Mrs. Mitchell of Spokane; recitation, "The Bridal Wine Cup," Miss Emma Sands of this city; recitation, "The Fall of Babylon," Mrs. Andrews of Spokane.

COUNTY ATTORNEY RELEASES SALES

Believes Young Man Tells Straight Story About Fire

Glenn Sales, who was arrested on the morning of the burning of the auditorium, together with C. Spaulding, on suspicion of being connected or possessing some knowledge with reference to the fire, was today released by the sheriff by order of the prosecuting attorney, C. H. Potts.

Since the arrest of the two men they have been closely questioned by the prosecuting attorney and sheriff's officials with reference to the fire, and the prosecuting attorney gave it as his opinion that the story told by Sales was true, and that he had no part in the burning of the building either in an accidental or intentional way, and he was therefore released.

The story told by Sales was in substance that he went to the building on the night before the fire with Spaulding to spend the night with him. He was, at the time, under the impression that Spaulding had permission to use it as sleeping quarters. Early in the morning, according to his story, Spaulding arose to go down town, and lit a match to find the electric light, and shortly after his departure, he discovered that the building was on fire. He gave it as his opinion that this match was thrown between the walls of the room in which they were sleeping and that this started the fire.

Spaulding is still held pending further developments. His story concerning the fire is contradictory to that of Sales in that he maintains that he did not light a match in the morning when he left the building, and that no matches for any purpose were used. Spaulding claims to be an itinerant showman and that prior to coming to the city he was identified with the Norris & Rowe show.

MOYER RETAINS PRESIDENCY.

Re-elected Head of Western Federation of Miners.

DENVER, Colo., July 30.—Charles H. Moyer was re-elected president of the Western Federation of Miners by the convention in this city yesterday. Moyer received 223 votes and P. W. Flynn of Butte, Mont., 88.

Charles E. Mahoney of Butte was re-elected vice president. Denver was chosen as the meeting place next year, the vote being Denver 165 1/2, Butte 136 1/2.

A resolution was adopted extending sympathy and aid to George A. Pettibone, one of the three men taken to Idaho under the charge of conspiracy to murder Governor Steunenberg, and who is dangerously ill at his home in this city.

Other members of the executive board were elected during the afternoon as follows: District No. 2, Joseph Hutchinson, Burke, Idaho; District No. 3, J. C. Lowney, Butte, re-elected; District No. 4, Roderick McKenzie, Silverton, Col., re-elected; District No. 5, W. E. Troy, Black Hills, S. D.

The convention is expected to adjourn sine die this evening.

STITES JOINTS RAIDED.

"Soft Drink" Men Arrested As Bootleggers.

STITES, Idaho, July 30.—Stites was placed on the dry list when Special Officers Sam Cone and Joe Matuly raided two soft-drink joints, destroyed 1800 bottles of Gold Foam nearbeer, made by brewers for consumption in dry communities, and arrested Edward Lane and J. Y. Stonebraker, who were in charge of the joints. The raid was made after a hard night's trip by the special officers, who left Nez Perce after dark and walked 15 miles over the hills to the railroad, where they slept in the open, waiting for a train to Stites.

The bootleggers, who have been keeping close tab on the officers, were completely surprised and the officers found caches filled with nearbeer, which is tabooed on the reservation. After investigation, J. L. Stonebraker convinced the officers that he was not the proprietor of the joint, and, as he has agreed to send for his brother, who owns the joint, and turn him over to the officers, the younger brother will probably be released.

Both men are under the surveillance of the government officers and will be taken to Lewiston today and be arraigned before United States Commissioner E. O'Neill on charges of introducing liquor. This raid has completely demoralized the illicit rum peddlars, as they have found out that the special officers propose to put an end to the traffic or put the joint keepers in prison.

FILE NEW FREIGHT TARIFFS.

Freight Association Will Submit Same to Commission.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—It is expected that the interstate commerce commission will be called upon, by the last of the week, to file the new freight tariff of the railroads comprising the freight associations south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi rivers. As thirty days must elapse before tariffs become effective, the new rates will not be in force before September 1.

The advance will be from four to ten cents a hundred pounds, horizontally to correspond with the advance decided on by the Southwestern Freight association recently. The advance was decided on after much opposition on the part of certain railroad executives, who maintained that an advance of rates at the present time was impolitic, but this opposition was finally won over by the argument that in order to meet the various increased expenses an increase in rates was absolutely necessary.

STEAMER TACOMA.

Capt. J. H. Lyon Puts New Boat in Service.

The Tacoma, a new boat owned by Captain J. H. Lyon, made its first trip across the lake to Harrison this afternoon.

The boat is 85 feet in length, made of the best native materials, equipped with the latest machinery, and is one of the handsomest crafts on the lake. From now on the boat will be constantly in service as a passenger boat. Its route will be between this place and Dudley, and alternate trips will be made with the Lyondale. It is large enough to comfortably carry 150 passengers, and every means will be provided by the management of the boat for the comfort and convenience of its patrons.

The boat will be in command of Captain J. H. Lyon. A. J. Lyon will act as purser, C. Worland will be chief engineer and D. Reno assistant engineer.

Hughes Praises Taft Speech. SARANAC INN, N. Y., July 30.—Governor Hughes expressed himself yesterday as much pleased with Judge Taft's address accepting the nomination for president.



WILLIAM C. KERN. Five-year-old son of the Democratic candidate for the vice presidency.



MRS. JOHN W. KERN. Wife of the Democratic vice presidential candidate.