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HEMP WINS.

Hill and Parker Lynched at Colfax by a Mob of Fifty Masked Men.

COLFAX, June 2.—At half past one this morning, fifty masked men visited the county jail here and lynched Ed. Hill, who is serving a sentence of assault, and Geo. F. Parker, who is on trial for killing A. B. Cooper.

A little after one o'clock, jailer Newcomer was awakened by a knocking at his door in the basement. He asked what was wanted and a voice answered that they had a prisoner whom they wanted to put in jail.

Answering, the jailer dressed, went into the corridor and was met by the masked and armed men who rushed him into the sheriff's office and demanded that he open the safe and get the jail keys.

He did so. The mob made him open the outside and inside doors to the jail, also the doors to the upper and lower tiers of cells, and the door of the cell in which Parker was. The mob broke the lock of Hill's cell.

Parker had a rope placed around his neck and his hands tied behind him. He made no outcry. Hill screamed so he could be heard a quarter of a mile, and said he was innocent.

His hands and feet were tied and the rope adjusted, and after considerable struggle the two men were taken out of the jail and through the hallway up stairs and through the balliff's room which is over the front door.

Here is a small porch. A rope was fastened to the balcony about the porch and Parker was thrown over into the darkness, and immediately afterwards Hill was launched.

Parker, as he was thrown over, raised his left arm flinging it over the rope, which bruised the flesh on his breast and in the arm pit. The rope slipped from him and he hung struggling.

Hill's neck was broken. Both men died quickly, and the mob formed in a compact body and marched across Island street bridge and up the railroad track in the direction of Pullman. No one followed them.

After Newcomer had opened the jail he was taken to the woman's ward and locked up, with the court balliff. The men were released in a few minutes by Sheriff Lathrum, who had been awakened by Constable Miller, who saw the hanging. The lynching was witnessed by several of the jurors in the Parker case who were locked up for the night in a room but a few feet away. None of the witnesses heard any noise except Hill's screams and a short word of command like a signal.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the Republican Central Committee Saturday the apportionment of delegates to the County Convention seems to have been conducted more with a view to Grangeville's welfare than that of the party. Grangeville was allowed seven delegates and Cottonwood four, and upon the basis of one delegate at large for each precinct and one additional for each fifteen votes or major fraction thereof cast for governor at the last election, an examination of the returns will show that this apportionment is hardly just.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Proceedings at Grangeville.

At a called meeting of the Idaho County Republican Central Committee held at Grangeville on Saturday, June 2, 1894, the following proceedings were had:

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p. m., by Chairman John E. Beede, Secretary Geo. D. Smith present.

The members present were: J. F. Ailshie, Grangeville precinct; D. A. Wilson, Lake; Ed. Liston, Denver; Geo. D. Smith, Mt Idaho; J. C. Gelbach, Fairview; John P. Graham, Cottonwood; Mr. Blackburn, Keuterville; J. E. Beede, Clearwater; Lee Smith by A. Hovey proxy, White Bird; M. B. Jenkins by H. F. Samuels proxy, Slate Creek; G. S. Alkire by R. F. Fulton proxy, John Days; P. Turnbull by A. Maxey proxy, Florence; W. J. Kelly by W. D. Robbins proxy, Warrens;

Messrs. Gelbach, Ailshie and Liston were appointed as a committee on apportionment and made the following report:

"To the Republican Central Committee of Idaho County, Gentlemen: We, your committee on apportionment recommend the following apportionments: Grangeville 7; Lake 3; Denver 3; Mt Idaho 3; Fairview 3; Cottonwood 4; Keuterville 2; Westlake 1; Clearwater 3; Elk City 2; White Bird 3; Forks 2; Slate Creek 2; John Days 1; Rapid River 1; Florence 2; Warrens 3.

The above apportionment is made on a basis of one delegate at large for each precinct and one additional delegate for each fifteen votes or major fraction thereof, last for Republican candidate for Governor at the last election.

J. F. AILSHIE,
Ed. LISTON,
J. C. GELBACH.

The above report was adopted. Motion to hold convention to elect delegates to the state Republican Convention at Mt Idaho on July 25th, 1894, and primary July 7th. Carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Graham, that no proxies be allowed in the convention unless carried and voted by residents of the precinct where issued. Carried.

Motion by Robbins that the following resolution adopted by the State Central Committee be embodied in the call for primaries: "Resolved, that this Committee recommend that the state convention designate by nomination the choice of the party for U. S. Senator and the various County Committees of the state are hereby requested to embrace this proposition in the call for their respective County Conventions." Motion carried.

Motion to hold the convention for nomination of County officers at Denver, Sept. 8th, 1894 and the primaries on the 1st of September. Carried.

Motion by Ailshie that the reorganization of the Republican Central Committee of Idaho county be effected at the convention to be held at Mt. Idaho on July 25th, 1894. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

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