

M'BRIDE BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST HIS FIGHT FOR GOVERNORSHIP--HOT CONTEST DEVELOPS

After a night of the bitterest wrangling the leaders of the party have ever known the Republican state convention was called to order this morning at 11 o'clock in the Tacoma theater.

There is no earthly probability that the slate will be accepted without a protest. The net result of the twenty-four hours of continuous canvassing preceding the meeting of the convention was merely to intensify the bitter feeling existing between the various factions of the party, and at noon today the indications were that before night a battle royal between the McBride and anti-McBride forces will cul-

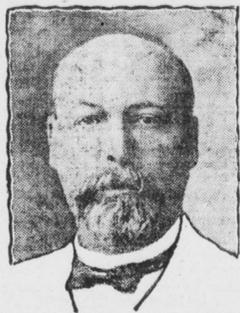
P. C. Sullivan of Seattle agreed only on the nomination of A. E. Mead, a comparatively unknown lawyer of Whatcom county, for governor. The rest of the slate



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was framed up in what is today termed a rump caucus of the delegations from the northwest and southwest in combination with Chehal and Yakima counties.

A glance down the slate will show that the northwest has grabbed up everything in sight with the exception of the supreme judgeships, one of which has been allotted to Mark A. Fullerton, of Whitman, now on the bench at Olympia, and the other to Judge F. H. Radkin, of Yakima. Even the southwest was given the short end of the stick when Attorney General W. B. Stratton was thrown down for renomination in favor of John D. Atkinson, of Chehal county, who although he lives on the eastern side of the mountains, is practically a northwest man. Ostensibly Atkinson is intended as a sop to Eastern Washington, but as a matter of fact his name is as a red rag to a bull, since he is remembered as the only man who came



GOVERNOR HENRY M'BRIDE.

Until the past few days Governor McBride was looked upon as having a clear field for renomination for governor. It is extremely doubtful if his trading strength will be sufficient to pull him through, in spite of the sturdy support which will be given him by the Eastern Washington delegates.

minate in the open revolt of the Eastern Washington delegation, several of which threatened to walk out of the convention hall rather than swallow the nauseous dose prepared for them by the railroad lobbyists who would defeat the present governor for renomination.

The slate prepared is really pleasing to no part of the state except the northwestern counties, by whom it was dictated. King county with 115 delegates in the convention and one-fifth of the Republican votes of the state is utterly ignored and Pierce county, next in line with more than half King's strength, shares the other county's fate. With the exception of their respective congressmen, Humphrey and Cushman, who will be renominated according to the agreement announced yesterday, King and Pierce will get nothing, if the slate is not broken by the anti-railroad men of Eastern Washington, who have been still more openly slighted.

For the first time in recent political history Tacoma and Seattle are in the same boat and may mingle their tears after the convention is over. In the final caucus last night Walter Christian of Tacoma and



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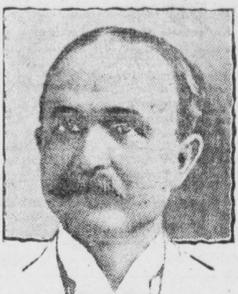
Candidate for congressional honors, from Everett, Snohomish county. His chances of success at this hour seem slight.

out openly against Governor McBride prior to today's convention.

The one definite result of the caucuses yesterday and last night was to spike the guns of Samuel H. Piles, King county's

candidate for United States senator, and Senator A. G. Foster, of Tacoma, who is a candidate for another term. According to the state failure of the party to agree upon George H. Baker of Glendale for governor has turned against Mr. Piles and Mr. Foster the sentiment of a majority of the hold-over senators of the state and rendered entirely probable the nomination of either Jacob Furth or John L. Wilson, of Seattle, for senator.

Neither Mr. Foster nor Mr. Piles is to blame for this alleged result. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroad



WILL H. HUMPHREY,

Present Congressman, from King county, who will be renominated at the state convention.

lobbyists made the blunder, if one was made. It is stated on the best of authority that Mr. Piles, for instance, was entirely willing to cut his lot with Governor McBride yesterday and remained in that attitude until late last night, when J. D. Farrell, Jim Hill's Western lieutenant, was summoned from Seattle and put his foot down hard on the proposition to combine with McBride, thereby destroying the only real chance Sam Piles has ever had to land the prize he covets.

The proceedings of the convention this morning were devoid of feature or significance. Ed. Whitson, of Yakima, was chosen temporary chairman after Ellis Mor-



WESLEY L. JONES,

Present Congressman, from Yakima county, who will also be renominated. It was through his control of the Eastern Washington delegates that the frame-up was made by which it was decided that all three Congressmen—Cushman, Jones and Humphrey—should be renominated in order to save Senator Foster.

tion, of Seattle, chairman of the state central committee, had called the delegates to order. Eugene Lorton, of Walla Walla, was made temporary secretary and J. W.



B. W. CONNER,

Of Lewis county, who has for the past week been the most aggressive gubernatorial candidate in the field. It is possible that eleventh hour exigencies may throw the nomination his way, although it is doubtful.

Lyson, of Seattle, temporary assistant secretary. Committees on platform and resolutions,

credentials and rules and order of business were then appointed and the convention adjourned until this afternoon. It is now absolutely certain that the platform will contain no reference to the railroad commission bill, for which Governor McBride made and lost the greatest fight one man in the West has ever carried on against railroad rule in politics.

The first real fight of this afternoon commenced when the platform committee got busy. To facilitate matters a sub-committee was appointed to draw up a platform and report to the full committee at 1 o'clock. When that time came there were two reports, one from the majority and one from the minority. The fight was over the railroad commission and that of course included Governor McBride. In the majority report no mention was made of the commission except to dodge it, while the minority report favored the commission and practically endorsed Governor McBride. What complicates matters is that the minority of the sub-committee claims a majority on the full committee.

SCHOOL BOARD PREPARES FOR BUILDING OPERATIONS

Frederick H. Heath was elected architect of the Tacoma city schools at a special meeting held yesterday in the offices of Director M. L. Clifford. The salary was fixed at \$2,500 a year.

It was the opinion of the board that since so much building had to be done this year money could be saved by having a competent overseer. The advisability of selecting an architect was suggested to the board by Secretary Whitty, who said that a great deal of unnecessary work could be avoided and time gained by appointing an architect.

City Superintendent Warner also laid particular stress upon having a school architect. He also mentioned the crowded condition of the schools. A high school annex he said had been deemed necessary and one floor of the Central had been set aside for that purpose. This adds

SEIVER LOST SLANDER SUIT

LONDON, May 11.—The slander suit against Sir James Dike brought by Robert Seiver, owner of the famous race horse Sceptre, was concluded today by a verdict in favor of the defendant. Seiver charged that Duke protested against his introduction to the Raleigh club on the ground that he was a notorious character.

PHILIP GOES UP A PEG

PARIS, May 11.—Philip Bunan Varilla, the first minister of Panama to the United States, has been made an officer of the Legion of Honor.

DEADLY AMBUSH

MANILA, May 11.—Lieutenant Winfield Harper and thirty-nine men of Company F, Seventeenth infantry, were ambushed May 8 at Simpatem, Manobo, by several hundred Moros. Two American officers and fifteen men were killed and five men wounded.

TEACHERS FOR TACOMA SCHOOLS

The board of education, at its special meeting yesterday held in the office of Director M. L. Clifford, unanimously re-elected A. B. Warner as superintendent of the public schools of Tacoma for another year at a salary of \$2,500. Professor H. F. Wegener was re-elected principal of the High school.

With the exception of those teachers who had notified the board that they would not be candidates for re-election and two others the former teaching force was re-elected. The only additions, to take vacancies, were as follows: Mrs. Emma Wright was elected supervisor of the primary department, created at the suggestion of Superintendent Warner, who, in a communication to the board, had set forth the needs for a supervisor

At 3:30 the committee was in session in the chamber of commerce trying to reach an agreement.

Meantime the Tacoma theater was packed with an anxious crowd of delegates and spectators who were on hand promptly at 2 o'clock. The afternoon's proceedings depended entirely on the report of the platform committee, and as no report was brought in business was at a standstill. Congressman Cushman was induced to appear during the interim and made one of his characteristic speeches that kept the audience in good humor during part of the wait. Everything points to a hard fight and the convention will probably continue half the night.

THE PLATFORM

Late this afternoon the committee on platform made the following report: Your committee on platform and resolutions beg leave to report: The glorious achievements of the Repub-

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extra responsibility on the part of Principal Stanley and Superintendent Warner suggests that a suitable increase in his salary be made on that account.

It was also suggested by the superintendent that a primary supervisor be elected at a salary of \$100.

The contract for a heating plant to be installed in the Grant school was awarded to Ben Olson on a bid of \$1,980. Some Seattle bids were lower than the Tacoma bid but the board was disposed to favor a home institution.

A new section of land heretofore not belonging to any district was annexed to No. 10 yesterday.

District No. 93, the McKinley school, has petitioned the board for admission. The object of getting into the city the petitioners say is to have better school facilities.

of this important department. The salary will be \$100 a month. Following are the new teachers elected: H. F. Hunt, of the Central school, head teacher in high school annex and instructor in mathematics and Latin. Miss Jennie Elliott, high school assistant in commercial branches.

Mrs. Emma Wright, primary supervisor. For the grades and not yet assigned—Ethel Dunkerly, Cornelia Kelly, Mamie Spencer, Harriet M. Truesdale, Marjorie Ellen Devereaux, Florence Ockerson, Mary Pihl, Winifred Nalty, Hattie Mae Thomas, Kathrina N. Anderson, Alice B. Hawk, Gypsey N. Patton, Ethel B. Nelson, Jop L. Massey, Blanche Sargeant, Gertrude M. Smith, Flora Groat.

EXPLOSIONS

TOKIO, May 11.—Admiral Togo reports that since May 6th many explosions have been heard in the direction of Port Arthur. The cause has not been ascertained, but the impression prevails that the Russians, despairing of being able to make a successful defense of the fortress, are destroying their ships previous to evacuation of the Port.

LONDON, May 11.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says that a second issue of exchequer bonds for 100,000,000 yen will probably be made toward the end of the month. The cabinet is now conferring with the bankers in regard to the matter.

BERLIN, May 11.—It is reported that the Russian government has bought the Hamburg American liner Princess Victoria Louise.

LONDON, May 11.—A correspondent of Reuter's agency sends an unofficial report that the Russians have destroyed their Port Arthur fleet.

SEOUL, May 11.—A dispatch from Antung gives the official casualties of the battle of the Yalu as follows: Japanese—Officers, 31 killed, 29 wounded; men 160 killed, 606 wounded. Russians—1,202 killed, 4,650 wounded, 138 taken prisoners.

LONDON, May 11.—The correspondent of the Central News at Seoul says the cabinet has resigned in consequence of censure by the chamber, who accused the members of neglecting their duties.

LONDON, May 11.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company at Rome wires that an official dispatch from

ican party during the administration of the late lamented President McKinley have been faithfully enforced and impartially administered as emphasized by his illustrious successor who has faithfully adhered to his policies and courageously carried them into effect. Theodore Roosevelt has borne the tremendous responsibilities of his great office upon the high level of national duty and national honor. His administration has been thoroughly Republican and truly American. The laws have been fearlessly enforced and impartially administered as emphasized by his illustrious successor who has faithfully adhered to his policies and courageously carried them into effect. Theodore Roosevelt has borne the tremendous responsibilities of his great office upon the high level of national duty and national honor. His administration has been thoroughly Republican and truly American. The laws have been fearlessly enforced and impartially administered as emphasized by his illustrious successor who has faithfully adhered to his policies and courageously carried them into effect.

We reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of a protective tariff and demand that whenever such contingencies of trade or commerce shall require a revision of existing schedules, that such revision shall be made by the friends of the system rather than by its ancient enemies.

We favor reciprocity in non-competitive products and oppose any application of that principle which contemplates the removal of the existing duty on coal and lumber.

In the light of our rapidly growing commerce we favor more liberal appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and direct our delegates to the national convention to urge a declaration to this effect in the national platform.

Our monetary system is now on such a

Chefoo states that, owing to the simultaneous advance of the Japanese from Feng Huang Cheng and Newchwang, the Russians consider their position at Lia Yang untenable and are preparing to fall back on Mukden, where the first serious attempt to resist the Japanese advance will be made.

PARIS, May 11.—A dispatch received here from St. Petersburg states that it is reported that the Japanese have been repulsed 20 kilometers east of Port Adams. The Japanese were attempting to cut the railway, when they were attacked by 6,000 Russians under General Zaykoff, assisted by troops under General Stoessel.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—The czar today reviewed 5,000 troops for the benefit of the Red Cross. An admission fee of 50 roubles was charged. All the nobles and the fashionable element of the capital attended. The review ended with a charge by Cossacks.

LONDON, May 11.—Russian imperial forces declined another half point today on account of the land reverses and the reported death of Zassilitch. All the Japanese issues are half a point higher.

LONDON, May 11.—Reuter's St. Petersburg special which denies the rumor that the Russian squadrons in the East will attempt a junction.

Vladivostok is to be used as a base from which the squadron there will conduct raids. It will be preserved intact till the Baltic fleet arrives.

LONDON, May 11.—It is reported here this afternoon that three Japanese transports have been sunk. No particulars accompanied the report.

CARBONDALE, Ill., May 11.—A gas explosion occurred in the big Muddy Coal company's mine at Herrin this morning shortly after the men went to work. The loss of life is now known to be twenty. At noon eight Italians had been taken out dead and other bodies are in sight. The mine had long been considered the best in Southern Illinois.

LONDON, May 11.—In the commons today the under secretary for foreign affairs, Earl Perry, stated that the British consul at Newchwang had not requested the dispatch of a gunboat for the protection of British subjects.

ROME, May 11.—In the chamber this afternoon the speaker announced that Queen Helena expected to be confined in September.

TEACHERS WILL BE EXAMINED

Beginning tomorrow morning and continuing until Saturday evening the Pierce county teachers' examination will be conducted in the office of Superintendent Benbow at the court house. Examinations will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning.

FIREMAN OFF DUTY

Lieutenant Charles Schultz of fire station No. 5 was taken to the St. Joseph's hospital this morning. He has been suffering of late from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

GAMBLING

Last night Tacoma was a "closed" town as far as the first floor gambling joints were concerned. During the afternoon the proprietor of every gambling room that the police could find without looking above the first floor were notified that the games must close. Evidently they believed that Chief Maloney meant business for as far as could be seen without looking too high there was nothing doing. At the Owl, the Globe, White Elephant, Boca and Board of Trade the tables and other paraphernalia were piled up in a heap and to the crowds who have been in the habit of hazarding their coin in those resorts it looked like a sure enough shut out. On the second floors of a number of

stable and satisfactory basis that men look back in wonder and amazement when they recall the wild vagaries and still wilder Democratic theories in 1896.

We commend the wise statesmanship and promptness a faction which secured control of territory for the Panama canal, and of the steps taken for its prompt construction.

We favor a tax commission with power to determine, for the purpose of assessment and taxation, the value of all corporate property both real and personal to the end that the burden of government may be borne without prejudice, favor or inequality.

We thoroughly appreciate and heartily endorse the faithful public service of our senators and representatives in congress. Every department of our state government has been ably, honestly, efficiently and economically administered under Republican administration.

Trans-Pacific commerce is of vital importance to our state. We heartily endorse the action of the president and of congress which resulted in the appointment of a commission to investigate and report the condition of our merchant marine to the ultimate end that American commerce may be carried in American ships.

We favor the passage by the next legislature of an anti-pass bill in compliance with the provisions of our state constitution.

We favor the enactment of such laws in this state as will prevent the acquisition and indefinite holding of large tracts of state timber lands to the exclusion and prejudice of small mill owners and consumers.

Be it resolved, That we believed the general government should aid in the construction of a system of highways, under competent engineers. The United States senate committee having recommended the passage of the Lattimer bill appropriating twenty-four millions (\$24,000,000) of dollars for the improvement of public highways.

Resolved, That the members of congress from this state be and are hereby instructed to support the Brownlow bill that is now before the house.

It has always been the policy of the Republican party to protect the interests of labor. Legislation along the lines urged by the State Federation of Labor is heartily approved. This convention is in favor of the repeal of the present road law.

We favor the enactment of such laws as may be necessary to secure the early completion of irrigation projects in Eastern Washington by the United States government.

Pacific avenue resorts, however, there was a different scene. In all the days of Tacoma as a wide-open town the sporting interest found no more opportunities to buck the tiger than were offered last night.

One of the largest crowds was upstairs over the Warwick saloon. Roulette, blackjack and poker games were in full operation and the crowd around the tables was so thick that it was almost impossible to get through. At the Peerless saloon and Dave Blake's place similar games were in operation and were well patronized.

The gamblers have the story that games are only to be run in the three houses which have been mentioned. The tip went out a day or two ago that Pete Sandberg was to be allowed to open up, but it is explained that political pressure has been brought to bear to bar him out. Sandberg was at one time the most notorious gambler in town and unless he is allowed to open may make trouble later, but Sandberg is not provided with the upstairs quarters that are insisted upon.

According to statements made today Sandberg and some of the other gamblers who were shut out are going to make trouble for the fellows who are provided with upstairs quarters. They say that if the town is to be open, it must be open to all alike. They also state that a conference was held between the mayor, Chief of Police John Malone of the Warwick and Pete Sandberg, the plant of permitting gambling in the three places above mentioned was decided upon over the objections of Sandberg.

WAITER INHERITS LARGE FORTUNE

SEATTLE, May 11.—Herbert Charles Taylor, a waiter at the Mason Barberie, has fallen heir to \$125,000 through the death of his father, a London banker.

About eleven years ago Mr. Taylor's father remarried and the young man started out to make his own way in the world. He turned his hand to any kind of labor, joined a pick and shovel brigade, worked on steamships, and finally landed at Seattle about four years ago.

During his stay here he has been employed most of the time at the Maison Barberie. His modest and unassuming manner made him a favorite with the patrons of the place.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—At the request of the Japanese government Secretary Hay today instructed Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg to inquire of the Russian government as to what became of forty Japanese men sent into Port Arthur harbor in the last botling up expedition of the Japanese.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 11.—The Republican state delegates have been instructed for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

OMAHA, May 11.—A surgical operation was today performed on Mrs. Mary McElvain Ruskin, who was relieved of a cystic tumor weighing 102 pounds. It is the largest in the history of surgery. After the operation the woman weighed 92 pounds.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 11.—The supreme court today knocked out the anti-trust proceedings instituted against the terminal association of St. Louis, the attorney general sustaining the demurrer of the association to the proceeding.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS OPEN FIGHT ON THE AMUSEMENT QUESTION

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—The amusement clause topic was introduced into the Methodist conference this morning in a petition presented by the Epworth Leaguers of the Wyoming conference.

The petition said: "By all means let the amusement clause alone. We believe that striking it out of the discipline of the

church would be a deathblow to every virtue of the church and would be the opening door to everything unholly." The petition was signed by 2,500 leaguers, representing forty-two churches.

Delegates are becoming restless and believe that a few leaders are wasting the time of the conference in technicalities.

tions and report to the council in the near future.

The councilman from the Fifth claims that the water pressure is too low to be of much service and he suggests that the city station a fire engine in that district.

TRAIN ROLLED DOWN BANK

DIXON, Ills., May 11.—An Illinois Central passenger train was ditched this morning two miles south of here and ten passengers were injured, three seriously. Three cars and the engine rolled over a seventeen foot embankment.

FIRE IN THE ROOF

About 10 o'clock this morning the fire department was called out by a blaze in the roof of the residence of John Morence, 3112 Alaska avenue. Beyond the burning of a hole through the roof no other damage resulted.

POLES ARE ALL READY FOR WAR

BERLIN, May 11.—German secret service agents confirm the statement made in the diet that Polish nationalists are thoroughly organized in Chicago and other American cities with a large fund to finance a war for Polish liberation.

FIRE PROTECTION FOR FIFTH WARD

Councilman Christofferson is going to take up in the council the problem of securing better fire protection for the Fifth ward, which he represents. He says that a resolution will be introduced tonight requiring the chief of the fire department to make an investigation of the present condi-