

CONVENTION CALLED

Meets at Colfax, Thursday, March 22, at 2 p. m.

Primaries Will Be Held Saturday, March 10—A Call to Republicans.

The business meeting of the republican county central committee, held last Saturday at the opera house, was well attended, about one-half the precincts being represented. Harmony marked the entire proceedings, and a spirit of enthusiasm among the committeemen was manifest. Chairman Pickrel presided and Howard Bramwell acted as secretary. The business on hand was to fix dates for primaries and a county convention to elect 23 delegates to the state convention to be held at Ellensburg April 5, which will in turn elect delegates to the national convention. The date set for primaries in the various precincts was Saturday, March 10. Polls are to be open in country precincts from 2 to 4 o'clock, and in cities from 1 to 7 p. m. The county convention is to meet Thursday, March 22, at 2 p. m. at Colfax.

On motion of S. S. King the precinct representation was placed at one delegate at large and one for each 25 votes cast for congressman Jones in 1898 or major fraction thereof. This gives the convention 141 members. The new precinct of Hlay was allowed two delegates. The matter of election of a new central committee at this convention was discussed, but finally left for the nominating convention to be called later.

Steps were taken looking to formation of republican clubs over the county, but nothing definite was done. C. E. Whisler said every precinct should be like Garfield, where they have an organization which is never allowed to die. T. H. Logsdon thought every republican should be a club of himself.

G. E. Hunt was appointed committeeman at Elberton to fill a vacancy.

Committeemen Present.

Clinton, N. B. Haynes; Palouse, W. L. Wakefield; North Colfax, I. B. Harris; Almota, C. R. Mays; Endicot, T. H. Logsdon; South Colfax, Arthur Howe; Diamond, Henry Rock; Elberton, Jesse Jones; Staley, W. A. Donaldson; Tekoa, J. D. Dixon; by S. S. King, proxy: Ewartville, O. E. Young; Colfax, 2d ward, J. N. Pickrel; Tekoa, City, S. S. King; Okesdale, city, J. W. McKinn; South Pullman, city, Wilford Allen; Garfield, city, C. E. Whisler; Farmington, city, O. P. Hendrickson; Colton, city, D. C. Aiken; Colfax, 1st ward, Dr. Jno. Benson; Sunset, C. M. Hitchings; West Palouse, city, R. S. Richhart; Colfax, 3d ward, Jas. Ewart; Turnbow, J. R. Cunningham; Bethel, Henry Arrasmith; Elberton, city, J. D. Bishop.

A Republican Club.

The republicans of Colfax are wide awake and preparing for the work of the campaign. The following call for the organization of a republican club was circulated Thursday morning and signed by a large number of leading and representative men of the party:

We, the undersigned members of the republican party, desiring it to be in the interest of that party that a republican club be organized in the city of Colfax at an early date, and that a mass meeting of republicans should be called for the purpose, hereby request that at the hour of 7:30 p. m. on March 7, 1900, a mass meeting of all republicans in the city and vicinity assemble at the office of Geo. H. Lennox in this city, and then and there effect the organization of such a club. The call was signed by the following: Chas. Baker, Thos. Amos, W. L. Williams, Julian Howard, Geo. P. Howard, B. P. James, W. J. Bryant, W. J. Davenport, O. M. Reed, H. M. Liddle, Geo. H. Lennox, Simon Dreffus, C. E. Taff, U. B. Estinger, S. B. Sider, E. M. Warner, W. J. Windus, H. G. DePelde, John F. Corner, Mark E. Tant, C. A. Elmer, Joe Canutt, W. W. Kenfrew, Ed. Kennel, Henry Miller, O. L. Kennedy, F. Arthur Shaw, Wm. A. Inman, R. W. Roberts, L. D. Woodward, R. M. Hanna, A. J. Davis, G. Chapman, Ivan Chase.

Word About Direct Legislationists.

The politics of Whitman county—so far as Governor Rogers' forces opposed to republicanism—are concerned—are as crooked as a dog's hind leg. The ordinary voter in Whitman county has been fooled several times since the populists budded out with their warehouses all their own and shut out the robber middle-man. Of course the Gazette and the republican party will not jog their memories with the fact that they have been robbed and jobbed by the double-dyed "reformers." They have found that out for themselves, but it has cost them some wheat. The populist education does not, after all, seem to have made the world better or sink more deuces in the bottom of the farmers' pockets.

The populist county convention will be held May 17—just to see about the matter of endorsing one of three candidates for the superior judgeship. These three are the notorious Weeping William McDonald, without one grain of sincerity in all his political make-up—who can cry like a baby withing on its stomach on all occasions, proper and improper.

The second gentleman under the consideration of this initiative and referendum party with a new name is the Hon. John Walkout Mathews, whose chief and only ambition as a "reformer" who has a quasi reputation of never having taken a cent is to beat the judge.

Mr. Canfield, the third man in this referendum vote that these direct legislationists who once were populists, later socialists, still later single taxers, and who are now on the high road to anarchy, is taking things as easy as the ordinary populist can in these piping times of prosperity. He does not profess to believe that he can save the universe with his tears, and consequently does not spill them promiscuously about and spoil the starched fronts of the juries. This is where Mr. Canfield lacks as a populist.

Populist Primaries.

When it came to direct legislation primaries on George Washington day, all three of these illustrious gentlemen hoped much. In the second ward of Colfax William McDonald, judge of the superior court, was recognized by almost every saloon in the town. Every hanger-on did the judge valiant service, and it would be an insult to human nature to remark that they worked otherwise than in their own interest. They considered the illustrious gentleman for whom they cast their votes their friend—and the more of his salary he spent the better they liked it. The result

suit the judge immensely. He scooped Mathews and Canfield, even though much of his salary was wasted.

In the second ward, the ballots were printed with the first nine names at the top which had been decided upon by the judge and his first lieutenant, Shorty Brown. During the day others contributed to a fund to print new tickets and switched the bottom ones—who were Canfield men—to the top. About the first men to appear after this switch were Brother John of bailiff fame and the illustrious judge himself. They were well acquainted with the job that had been put up when the first tickets were printed that it did not fool them for a minute, although their strikers at the polls—Willoughby, Ross, Larkin, etc.—had been so blind as to overlook it, and, it is understood, have been roundly lectured in chambers for their dereliction of duty.

Fifty-two votes—rusted principally by saloons—were cast in the Colfax second ward. Judge McDonald's nine friends at the head of the ticket were elected unanimously and Mr. Mathews and Mr. Canfield were rejected pusillanimously. The vote was: C. E. Willoughby 44, C. A. Ross 47, H. Meany 41, J. T. Brown 41, D. D. Nead 38, Joe Davis 35, T. D. Ferguson 47, P. Le Francis 38, J. H. St. Lawrence 43, Robert Hill 14, and several others scattering with Canfield's friends polling from 6 to 10. C. E. Willoughby, the well known socialist, was chosen for precinct committeeman. He has since supplanted Henry Meany in the affections of the judge.

In the First ward of Colfax 26 votes were cast. The first six names on the ticket were elected. They were there by the grace of McDonald, who cries before juries of his honesty and advertises himself falsely in his personal organs as not a candidate for re-election. They were: Chas. E. Hunton 26, John McCormick 20, Wm. Larkin 19, O. L. Cornelius 20, John McDonald (brother John of bailiff fame) 20. The Canfield contingency got as much as 9 votes. W. D. Hunton was elected precinct committeeman by a vote of 13 to Thomas Matlock's 12.

The Bloody Tobin Ward.

Few people have heard about Tobin's bloody Third ward since he left the country after attempting to sell it out and made a fizzle. Johnny Tobin was not there to engineer it. The consequences were bad for the populists. They even got out with the judge's money and offered \$5 a head for enough people to make an initiative and referendum primary. While generally cheap, they could not be secured up at such a price. Tobin always paid more money. Some people have told The Gazette that 16 votes were cast in the Third ward. They have even gone so far as to say that Fred Vollandor, Alvin Schmidt, Nick Codd, Dan Neal, Frank Richmaner and J. F. Conley were elected as delegates. If they were they were appointed by interested ones.

Direct Legislationists.

The plan outlined by these gentlemen of color is a simple one. It is in its purity to run Judge McDonald for the judgeship again, even if Chadwick is beaten. There is small love between a populist and a democrat, although their heads are set to beat all republicans by the grace of Weeping William's tears. Of course it must be understood to start with that McDonald's pronouncement through his official organ—the Commoner—is simply one of the judge's numerous campaign documents.

Populists As They Are.

The plan outlined by the people who were once called populists is shown by their central committee meeting as follows: This convention will name three candidates for each office, and the nominations in triplicate will be referred back to the members of the party to be voted on at a second county convention to be held in June to canvass votes and ratify the nominations thus made. The people's party of the county this year has discarded all the old planks of the platform, except that of direct legislation. There is no talk of free silver, fiat money, single tax, anti-expansion—all that is asked, and apparently all that will be asked, is that the initiative and referendum be put into effect. The same thing can truthfully be said of the democratic machine of the county. What are called democratic clubs are being organized in all parts of the county, and the only article of faith is direct legislation as a cure-all for political ills. With such a singleness of purpose, it would seem as though democrats and populists might easily coalesce. But coalition is further from the thoughts of each party than at any time in the past. Each is bent on convincing and absorbing the other.

Perhaps one of the reasons for this seemingly senseless obstinacy is that each of these parties desires to maintain an autonomous existence, so that the old-time democrats and the old-time populists may be given the nominations for office. Thus, while the populists have McDonald, Mathews and Canfield for superior judge, the democrats have E. K. Hanna, S. J. Chadwick and William McCroskey as aspirants for the same office, and the same thing is true all along the line.

The populists have a belief that the democrats would gladly fuse if given the judgeship, sheriff's office, and perhaps a part of the legislative ticket. It is very possible that this belief is well founded, although democratic leaders say they are opposed to any fusion. It is only in such a fusion that there is any danger of supplanting republican supremacy in the county.

Ten Rounds for Points.

A lively little mill of ten rounds was fought at the Armory Tuesday night for \$100 a side between Jack Rowett, middle weight of Butte, Montana, and Bill Stewart of Rosalia. The contest was a boxing one for points and not a slugging match, though the crowd howled to have it fought out to a finish. At the end of the advertised ten rounds neither was hurt, though Stewart had scored first and only blood from Rowett. Referee George Mansfield declared the contest a draw. The last round was the only real lively one and in it there were some prettv mix ups. Rowett put Stewart down in this with a jab in the jaw, but he was immediately up and ready for battle. Both men scored clean hits and did nearly all their work with left hands. Rowett repeatedly caught Stewart on the neck with his left, but not heavy. Clinches were frequent, brought on by Rowett's rushes. Geo. Mansfield was referee and Jack McVeigh acted as timekeeper. Stewart was seconded by Billy Wilmet, Ray Stewart and Ralph Bell, and Rowett by Ed. Cuff and Frank Sullivan. About 200 people witnessed the contest.

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Seven of the family of J. W. Arrasmith are down with measles at his home east of town.

DEFRAUDED BANKS

Bogus Warehouse Receipts Negotiated Last Fall.

Samuel O. Gray of Guy Under Arrest at Moscow Charged With the Crime.

The prosecuting attorney has decided not to ask for the extradition of Samuel O. Gray, who is held in Moscow on a warrant from this county charging him with forgery. He will be left in Idaho and first tried in their courts on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. Gray, who has lived in this county from childhood, has for the past two years been farming near Guy, while working at the carpenter's trade at odd spells. Last fall he was working on a new school building in Guy and during evenings associated with the men working in the elevator and grain warehouses. In this way, it is said, he succeeded in getting possession of several of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company's grain receipts.

October 5, 1899, he came to Colfax, and it is charged that he filled out two (giving amount of grain stored by Abe Shaw in the warehouse in Colfax at 900 bushels), and sold them to the First National Bank of Colfax, for \$313, the next day playing the same game on a Pullman bank and the day after this passing a forged check for \$336 on a Moscow bank.

The forgeries were discovered within a few days, but for a long time the officers worked in the dark in endeavoring to ascertain the identity of the forger. The numbers that they had been stolen from indicated that they had been stolen from the elevator company's agent at Guy, and the agent there finally succeeded in getting photographs of every person who had been employed about the elevator during the season. Entirely by chance, Gray's photograph was included among them. These pictures were shown to the bankers victimized, and all three fixed on Gray as the man with whom they had dealt. Gray, it was known, had gone into Northern Idaho, and it was several weeks before he was located at Westlake, Idaho, where he was arrested on Friday last.

COLFAX LADIES

Met With a Street Car Accident at San Francisco.

An opportunity is not afforded every day for Colfax ladies to ride street cars. And when they do an accident does not always happen. The following is a San Francisco dispatch referring to a couple of Colfax ladies. It is dated February 27: A street car collision occurred near the Lotta Fountain junction of Market and Kearny streets at an early hour this morning in which Mrs. H. Kaminski and Mrs. A. Kuhn of Colfax had a narrow escape from serious injury. The grip of the east-bound Geary street cable car was broken and the dummy and its trailing car were each partly derailed by the force of the blow with which the north-bound electric car of the Kearney street line struck the much lighter cable dummy. On the dummy of the cable car were seated Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Kaminski, both of whom have been staying at the Lick House for several days. As the electric car struck, the jar and breaking of the grip suddenly forced the upraised grip lever over against Mrs. Kuhn's arm, which was resting against the front roof of the dummy. Her wrist was sprained and scratched. She and her companion were quickly put in a hack and taken to the Lick house only two blocks away. Mrs. Kuhn's injuries were fortunately found to be slight, while Mrs. Kaminski was not hurt beyond a bad shaking up.

DR. CARPER IS DEAD.

Passed Away at Spokane Tuesday Afternoon.

Dr. J. H. Carper of Farmington, state senator from the Sixth legislative district of this county and chairman of the populist county central committee, died Tuesday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the Deaconess hospital at Spokane. Cancer of the nose killed him. His illness was a long and painful one, and he frequently expressed a wish of late that he might die and thus end his sufferings. He was removed to Spokane early in January and was closely attended by J. H. Taylor of Farmington, a close personal friend.

The funeral was held Thursday, interment being at Farmington. State Senator Hall attended, and a large concourse of friends followed the remains of a man whom they universally loved and admired to the grave.

Dr. Carper was a physician and druggist at Farmington where he had lived for a dozen years. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, Seattle Aerie of Eagles and of the Whitman County Medical Society. His death leaves a vacant state senatorship which will be filled at the next election.

Two orphaned children, Ford, aged 13, and Laura 11 years, are left. Their mother died six years ago from consumption.

Fine Barn Burned.

The barn of George Henry, three miles from Pullman, on the Colfax road, was burned, it is thought by an incendiary or a tramp, one night last week. It was probably the finest barn in the county. A threshing machine, two cows and a calf, wagons, farm implements, harness and a large amount of hay and grain burned. The loss is \$6,000 to \$7,000, with \$3,000 insurance. Mr. Henry was not living in the place, having moved to town for the winter.

Fraternal Night.

Charles E. Whelan of Madison, Wis., and C. D. Elliott of Seattle, will be the entertainers at a free festival of wit, wisdom and Woodcraft, at the court house, Thursday evening, March 8. The program will include recitations, ventriloquism, music, and an address on "Patriotism as exemplified by the fraternities."

Among the big things of the world, financially speaking, is The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, which has assets of one and a quarter million dollars more than the combined capital stock of the four great banks of the world. See adv. on page 3 for some interesting comparative figures.

Mrs. J. Bratton and Mrs. J. Fisher, the latter representing Chas. Platt, left last week via the Northern Pacific for Portland, to purchase spring goods.

COMPLAINT AGAINST POPS.

Say They Are Too Stingy to Handle Smallpox Cases

There is complaint from the smallpox cases near Palouse in the Bunch family and at the Brownlee ranch. As a friend of the Bunch family O. E. Henry, a reputable citizen of the country, says that about five weeks ago symptoms of smallpox appeared in both the Bunch and Brownlee families. They sent for the constituted authorities of the county and got the ear of County Commissioner C. E. Hinchliff, chairman of the board. He sent Dr. Divine, the county physician at the poor farm, to investigate. Dr. Divine reported to Mr. Hinchliff that both the Bunch and Brownlee families had smallpox. Mr. Henry's complaint is as a friend of the Bunch family—that the county physician never came back, and, in the middle of the winter that the family was under a quarantine which they respected and went for days cold and cheerless at a home they dared not leave. They did not have fire wood and could not leave the house to get it if they respected quarantine regulations as laid down by the poor farm physician—and they respected his orders. Mr. Henry complains that the Bunch family was not properly looked after while they were obeying the laws.

Big Crop of Fruit.

J. R. Lee, the Penawawa fruit man, was in the city during the week. He said the promise for a fruit crop was never better since the first tree was planted on Snake river. The mild winter has brought the trees through in the pink of condition. He called attention to the fact that two fruit failures in succession has never been known on the river, and, as last year was in a sense a failure, a bountiful yield might with confidence be looked for.

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Whereas, C. Cole and other citizens of Colfax and vicinity have petitioned the board of county commissioners of Whitman county, Washington, to build a bridge across the Palouse river where the Monlux road crosses said river near Colfax; and

Whereas, there is now sufficient funds in the road and bridge fund of Whitman county to build said bridge without incurring any warrant indebtedness against said county; now

Therefore, in accordance with law, notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners will, on the 6th day of March, 1900, at the hour of two o'clock, p. m., consider and determine the necessity of building the aforesaid bridge. Said bridge to be a combination bridge and be at least 18 feet in width and be of sufficient length to span said river at said place.

All persons who are interested in building said bridge may appear before said board at the time aforesaid and show cause why said bridge should be built, and all persons who are opposed to building said bridge are hereby notified to appear before said board at said time, and then and there show cause, if any there be, why said bridge should not be built.

Done by the order of the board of county commissioners. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 1st day of March, 1900. JOHN F. CORNER, Auditor of Whitman county, Washington, and ex-officio clerk of board of county commissioners.

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