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THREE MINUTE CAUCUSES.

Councilors Nominated With Remarkable Dispatch.
Roos the Unanimous Choice of the First Ward Voters.
Stuebe and Schubert Selected in the Second, And Pfaender in the Third.

The caucuses at Turner Hall last Thursday evening developed at least one new fact, and that was that it don't take over three minutes to nominate a candidate, when you start out with a good man in view. In the First ward meeting, Ernst Brandt acted as chairman and Peter Scherer as secretary. Roos was the only person mentioned for the position of councilor, and when his name was proposed by Capt. Nix, he was accorded the nomination without a dissenting vote. The voters present then reinstated the old ward committee for good behavior and adjourned. The committee consists of E. Brandt, S. D. Peterson and E. G. Pahl.

The Second ward gathering presented a more interesting appearance. Geo. Jacobs held the chair and Charles Stoll recorded the proceedings by which the fate of the second ward was decided for the next two years. Several candidates were suggested, but the number finally dwindled down to Stuebe and Schubert, and they were accordingly nominated. A ward committee consisting of A. A. Bogen, H. Rudolphi and Wm. Hummel was also selected.

The third ward voters made a record for dispatch that was on a par with that of the First. Andrew J. Eckstein was chosen chairman and Alfred Vogel secretary. Without any opposition whatever Col. Wm. Pfaender was chosen to represent the Third ward in the council, and the only other business, that of appointing a ward committee, was attended to by selecting Louis Schilling, H. Hanschen and Adolph Alwin.

Some little railroad talk occupied knots of citizens here and there, and also held the attention of the second ward citizens for a time, but no general meeting for the discussion of the bond question was held.

Jacob Klossner shipped two carloads of baskets to the Twin Cities on Monday. All that is left of the New Ulm Basket Works property now is a basket, valued at \$100, in the possession of each of the erstwhile stockholders.

The St Paul Globe evidently thinks that C. R. Davis of Nicollet county is already elected to Congress, as it says he might not like the idea of being deprived of the privilege of distributing patronage. Later on the Globe may be compelled to change its mind in regard to Mr. Davis' chances.

A machine shop at Hutchinson, employing 200 men, is desirous of removing to a more favorable location. Here is an opportunity for our Board of Trade to present the inducements of New Ulm. If we are to have a new road, steps must be taken to build up industries here that will make the town self supporting.

While the Review was compelled to go to press before the city election results were announced, it was an easy matter to determine the trend taken by the majority of votes. In the First ward Roos had no opposition, nor did Pfaender in the Third. In the Second the contest between Stuebe and Schubert was not waged with the interest that has usually characterized the elections in that ward, but was nevertheless close. As to the bonds, it was evident from the start that they would carry by a large majority. No great fight was made against them, and the election passed off as quietly as any in the history of the city.

The trouble with Italy occasioned over the unhappy New Orleans affair has given the great daily newspapers an excuse for raising another howl about the need of a large navy and the helpless condition that our country would be placed in in time of war. Now as a matter of fact, we are not in a helpless condition, nor is the country in need of a navy. As things stand at present, the United States possesses naval protection that ranks next only to that of Great Britain and France. We have no great battle ships, but our steel cruisers and torpedo boats are of the most approved pattern, and as war vessels excel anything afloat. A navy on the plan proposed by the papers would require the expenditure of millions upon millions of dollars. For this there is absolutely no necessity. What we do need is a little more of Abe Lincoln's confidence in American ingenuity and American money.

STAYED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Holden's Journey by the Hempen Route Postponed Through Merriam's Clemency.

The Influence of Prominent Men Leads to a Respite of Thirty Days.

The People Tired of the Way in Which the Case Has Been Handled.

Friday was the day on which Clifton Holden was to have atoned for the murder of Frank Dodge, but by reason of a very peculiar turn of circumstances he is still alive, and once more takes his lodgings at Hotel de Schmelz instead of in the other world.

Early Thursday morning he was removed from the New Ulm jail and taken to Redwood Falls, the scene of the contemplated execution. The knowledge of his approaching death on the gallows told on him the last two days, and when he entered the car at New Ulm his face was minus the reckless air that it wore when first he was told of his fate, and he had the appearance of a weak man who was utterly without hope. Handcuffed to him was Deputy Sheriff Olmstead of Redwood County, and attending for his safe keeping, were Sheriffs Mead of Redwood, Schmelz of Brown, and Glynn of Blue Earth, death-watch Dolan and G. De Lent of Peoria, Ill. The crowd was a quiet one, and quietest of all was the condemned prisoner. Aside from accusing Mead of unfair treatment at his trial, and later on asking for pardon for making the charges, he said nothing, and when he arrived at Sleepy Eye he refused to take breakfast and persisted in eating nothing, all day. The party remained two hours in Sleepy Eye, and then, surrounded by a large and curiosity-seeking crowd, took the train for Redwood Falls. As his destination grew nearer and nearer, Holden weakened. His face assumed a deathly pallor, and as time dragged on it seemed as if he would give way under the great strain.

At Redwood Falls he was at once taken to the barn-like coop, through which the wind is said to howl as it would through a shanty on a Dakota prairie, and there under strict watch he remained during the entire day. Spiritual advisers were allowed to visit him, but they had apparently little of consoling effect. He was asked to confess, but stoutly refused, protesting all the while against the accusation of guilt.

The climax came at half-past five, when the sheriff read to him the telegram from the governor granting him a reprieve of thirty days. This bit of news overcame him completely, and for a time he was not himself. Finally he grasped the hands of those he had but lately cursed, thanked them and then asked for something to eat. After supper he was taken to the depot and dispatched at once for New Ulm, where he arrived at 10:50, still pale and worried, but much improved over his appearance in the morning.

The announcement of the respite came unexpectedly to everybody. It was largely through the efforts of Albert Scheffer of St. Paul that the stay of proceedings was obtained, a chance meeting between him and H. A. Baldwin of Redwood Falls occurring on Thursday. Baldwin said that when the jury in the Holden case were out considering the verdict, they had been told by the foreman that if they brought in a verdict of guilty with a plea for mercy the court would not impose the death penalty. When Mr. Scheffer heard this, he immediately urged the judge to go before Gov. Merriam with the statement, and together they started for the capitol, taking with them A. T. Stebbins, whom they chanced to meet. Attorney Gen. Clapp was also called into the conference with the governor. Mr. Scheffer first pleaded for a commutation for life sentence and urged upon the governor that his position was not that in which he was obliged to perform merely a perfunctory duty, but one in which he should exercise his heart as well as his head. To this the governor agreed, but the attorney-general declared that the case had been fairly tried and the verdict was a proper one, and he could not grant a commutation. Then the gentleman pleaded for a reprieve of 30 days, and after an hour's talk, in which it was maintained by Mr. Scheffer that the jury would never have returned a verdict of murder in the first degree had they thought that the result would be death, and that their verdict showed a grain of doubt of the man's guilt. Gov. Merriam finally granted their desire. Mr. Scheffer said he believed that a commutation would be granted.

The action of the governor is a puzzle to the people here. While the majority of them are in favor of commutation of sentence, they cannot understand why the governor should have delayed so long as he did, and especially when nothing was brought to bear but the influence of men like Scheffer, who know nothing of the case. The governor has had plenty of opportunities heretofore to look into the facts surrounding the trial, and the matter introduced by Mr. Baldwin and so ardently set forth by Mr. Scheffer could hardly have been new to him. Up to the present time no one has disputed the fairness of Holden's trials. Some may have doubted his guilt, but no one except interested parties ever insisted that he did not receive a just hearing. To trump up this charge in the last hour, looks merely like a scheme to spring some plausible story and thus secure a commutation. We do not think the governor had good reason for doing as he did.

At Redwood Falls great indignation followed the news of the reprieve. A meeting was held in the evening, at which Gov. Merriam was roundly roasted, and petitions were circulated asking the governor to release both Holden and Rose, thus saving the county further expense. It is claimed that, while Holden professed innocence, he confessed to Mead that he threw the revolver with which Dodge was shot into the Minnesota river. This would be equivalent to a confession of the crime, but the sheriff has not openly confirmed the reported statement.

NO COMMUTATION FOR HOLDEN.

The Governor Once More Signs his Death Warrant.

Following close upon the notice of reprieve, comes the announcement that the governor has again fixed the day for Clifton Holden's execution. A special from Redwood Falls is to the effect that Sheriff Mead has received the death warrant which bears the executive signature and fixes May 8th as the day on which Holden shall suffer the penalty of the law. This last step of the governor is mysterious. When the reprieve was granted, everybody thought that commutation would follow or that time would be taken to consider additional evidence. No one looked for such hasty action as this. To snatch a man from under the gallows and encourage him with hope, only to double the punishment by placing him immediately under a death warrant is not humane. It is cruel and brutal. As the Minneapolis Journal says, for a case of refined torture, of hope held out and deferred, of death's terrors presented and withdrawn, commend us to that of Clifton Holden. The governor has acted unwisely in the matter.

While Mr. Hompe's bill, compelling newspaper articles reflecting on any individual to be signed by the writer, was under consideration in the senate the other day, Mr. Donnelly took occasion to roast Wheelock of the Pioneer Press in a very effective manner. The sage said: "Why, Mr. President, suppose the Pioneer Press, because it thinks you stand in the way of its selfish personal interests, makes an attack upon you. The imagination of the reader, as he peruses that attack, at once beholds that towering, colossal structure, fourteen stories high, on the corner of Fourth and Robert Streets, with a mortgage for every story and a lie for every crack, and, Mr. Chairman, you are crushed, expunged under the gigantic burden of stone and plate glass. But suppose, Mr. Chairman, that fierce attack on your good name has terminated, petered out into the name Joseph A. Wheelock, then the reader would behold in his mind's eye only a gaunt, cadaverous individual, with the presumptuous winds of heaven playing through his English whiskers; and the blow against you, sir, would fall harmless. This illustrates the dangers of an impersonal press. Why, sir, if Mr. Wheelock stood on the street corner and blackguarded you by the hour, the multitude would pay no more attention to his utterances than they would to the words of a wandering street fakir, or to one of the countrymen of Columbus setting forth in mellifluous accents the virtues of his oranges. But if Mr. Wheelock can shelter himself behind those massive stone walls, then his feeble utterances become veritable thunderbolts blasting whoever they touch, he is a Jove in the midst of clouds; he is an impalpable force."

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