

CONCLAVE OF CHIEFS.

Minnesota Democrats Talk Over Important Matters Connected With Federal Appointments.

Messrs Doran and Kelly the Channel Through Which Recommendations Will Be Made.

Ignatius Donnelly Forebly Sat Upon His Claims to Any Office Regarded as Preposterous.

A Runaway Hacks Team Hurls a Bridal Party Down Third Street With Unusual Haste.

"Friday," the Hackman, Exonerated by the Coroner's Jury From Blame For Nelson's Death.

An Elopement—Matters in the Police Court—The Lincoln's Certificate of Night-Court and Other Routine.

THE MINNESOTA PLAN.

The North Star Democrat Gives Messrs. Kelly and Doran a Pleasant Job.

Minnesota Democrats, in common with their brethren throughout the country, have been somewhat solicitous over the apportionment of federal offices throughout the state.

It was not that they feared for the ultimate result of the election, but they were getting a little uneasy at the delay.

They were down in Washington, to be sure, for a month or two before and after the inauguration, but there was little comfort to be had from any news which came from him.

It was thought desirable on general principles, however, to have the matter managed decently and in good order, forasmuch as several desirable endeavors were understood to be made to effect changes in the offices and to confer official prominence on some who are so well deserving of the honor.

In fact, parties are known to have gone east last Sunday night, principally for this purpose. It was thought best that in Minnesota, at least, there should be none of the "unseemly" which has been witnessed for the last few weeks in such an exposure to public newspapers and politicians.

A CONFERENCE HELD.

With these notions in mind a conference of Minnesota Democrats holding high official positions in the party was held in the Merchants hotel yesterday afternoon, being called together by Hon. Michael Doran, chairman of the state central committee.

The following were those present: State Central Committee—Messrs. Doran, Nelson, Lord, Wing, Horace Pratt, Fairbank, A. J. Lamberton, F. E. Du Toit, Campbell, Liedholm, A. C. Ormiston, John C. Nealey, Montello, F. E. Du Toit, Cassik, William Smith, Ed. Lake, Paul J. Kennedy, Ferguson Falls, E. H. Wells, Preston, Capt. J. D. Wood, St. Paul, secretary.

Delegates to the Chicago National Convention—W. J. Whipple, Wm. C. Cook, G. O. Swenson, Dr. Thomas Keenan, Morris, Dr. A. Gordon, Little Fall; George N. Baxter, Dr. G. W. D. Johnson, H. J. French, P. Henry, Henderson; J. C. Wise, Mankato.

Democratic Candidates for Congress Last Fall—A. Hohmann, Rochester; J. J. Thornton, St. James; O. C. Miller, Owatonna.

F. H. Kelly, member National Democratic committee; R. A. Smith, member National Democratic committee; C. A. Johnson, secretary.

According to the report furnished by the secretary, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Doran, who briefly stated its object to be to select a proper channel for the recommendation of candidates to federal offices, and to decide who should be the authorized agents of the party in the state for forwarding applications to Washington.

There was considerable discussion over the matter, which finally simmered down to the following resolution, offered by C. F. McDonald, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That Hon. P. H. Kelly, member of the National Democratic committee, and Hon. M. Doran, chairman of the state central committee, be and are hereby authorized to act for the Democracy of Minnesota in forwarding and transmitting to the national committee for appointments to federal positions; and to request the president and heads of departments to recognize no other instrument from this state.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Durant of Stillwater to the effect that applications be made through the members of the state committee for each district, the candidate for congress and the chairman of the democratic congressional committee. As the power had been delegated to Messrs. Kelly and Doran, the resolution was withdrawn, it being understood, however, by all parties that these two gentlemen would continue to act as the authorized agents, and follow their recommendations in considering what would be best for the interests of the party.

So that all office seekers throughout the state would do well to seek first the endorsement of the leaders of the party in their neighborhood and present them to the St. Paul chiefs. The meeting was marked by unanimity and harmony of feeling, the only threatened division of sentiment being on Mr. Durant's resolution, which was afterwards withdrawn.

It is also stated that nothing was said about the number or kind or location of the offices to be filled, and the question of particular men for the offices was not mentioned.

A BLACK EYE FOR IGNATIUS.

From another member of the conference it was learned that during the meeting, in order to test the sentiment, Mr. Kelly announced that since his return from Washington he had received a request from Ignatius Donnelly, now at the capital, asking for his endorsement as candidate for the superior generalship of Minnesota. He took pains to see as many as possible of the members of the state central committee and leading Democrats on the subject, and acting on their opinion, that the appointment should not be made, he had declined to make the recommendation, and notified the authorities at Washington of his declination.

He asked the meeting if it coincided with his views. The matter was discussed fully, various members expressing themselves opposed to Mr. Donnelly's candidacy for any office whatever, but only one or two reasons that the campaign be made last fall for one for Donnelly and not for the party; that he made no effort for votes for the national ticket; that when speakers were sent to his district he evaded their questions, and made remarks to Donnelly and the immense advantage that his election would be to the farmers, and to touch lightly on national issues and the desirability of voting for the Democratic electors. It was also said that it would have been more seemly for Mr. Donnelly to consult with his fellow Democrats in the state before making his Washington break.

A resolution was offered, adopted unanimously and ordered properly engrossed and mailed to the president and the heads of departments at Washington, asking them to withhold appointment from Mr. Donnelly, next to the chairman of the surveyor general, but to any federal office whatsoever, either at home or abroad.

Regarding Contagious Diseases.

A conference was held in the office of the board of health yesterday afternoon between Dr. Hoyt and a delegation of citizens residing on Dayton's bluff regarding the prevalence of contagious diseases in that part of the city and the threatened danger to the pupils of the public schools.

It was shown that diphtheria had been recently discovered in four families and scarce

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fever in six families, and in view of this property of closing the schools was discussed. Dr. Hoyt explained that houses where contagious diseases were found to exist had been placarded and that no spread of disease had resulted from the cases alluded to.

Subsequently a conference took place between Dr. Hoyt and Dr. Schlimm, president of the board of education, and it was decided that it would not be necessary to close the schools.

A THRILLING RUNAWAY.

A Span of Horses Attached to a Hack Containing a Bridal Party Create a Big Sensation.

The pedestrians on Third street about 12:30 o'clock yesterday were the witnesses to one of the most thrilling runaway accidents that has ever taken place in this city, and that no lives were lost is considered almost miraculous.

About four o'clock the hack named "Friday" was attached to a hack in charge of John Valentine, and containing a bridal party who were heading for the union depot, became frightened at seven corners and started to run away.

The animals plunged forward at terrific rate of speed and soon got beyond the control of the driver, and after reaching the down grade at Bridge square they became altogether unmanageable.

At this juncture the position of both the occupants of the hack was most critical, but the latter heroically maintained his perch and succeeded by deft manipulation of the reins, in partially guiding the animals.

Third street at this hour was crowded with vehicles and the imminent danger of not only one but a dozen catastrophes may be imagined. The mad and terrible flight of the runaways was witnessed with feelings of dread by hundreds of citizens, but the only accident that occurred took place in front of P. H. Kelly's store at Sibley street, where the team collided with a barrel of pork and knocked it silly.

The mad flight of the flyers was continued to the main depot, where the team crossed the bridge, instead of giving the driver \$50 for saving their lives, actually beat him and threatened a suit for damages.

THEY TAPPED A BREWERY.

A Couple of Tramps Cabbage a Keg of Beer and Enjoy a Picnic—Other Cases.

They sat by the river bank but they didn't hear the music of its rippling flow, for they were engaged in the swinish undertaking of trying to pump beer through a hole in the tank of an adjacent brewery.

They were a pair of lads, and they were doing their level best to get away with the fermented juice as a matter of principle.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Inquest on the Remains of Albert Nelson Who Was Killed by a Horse.

An inquest was held at the rooms of Guthrie & Rockstroff yesterday afternoon on the body of Albert Nelson, who was killed and killed by a horse at Brennan's stable last Monday.

At the time of the unhappy accident, the deceased was engaged in a controversy of quarrel with another driver named Eric Ricker, a partner in the affair having appeared in yesterday's issue of the GLOBE.

A number of witnesses were sworn at the inquest, the testimony going to show that Nelson had entered Ricker's stall and that the man had ordered him out. A dispute followed when Ricker attempted to force him from the stall, and in so doing he fell and was killed by the horse.

James Brennan testified that his attention was attracted by a talk between the men, and that on going to see what it was he found Nelson under the horse's feet. John Lynch testified to the same facts, and Jerry O'Brien testified that he saw and saw Ricker's bride being going to show that when Nelson entered the stall Ricker was in the act of bridding his horse.

Edward Ricker then testified that he was about to hitch up, when Nelson entered his stall and said that the man had ordered him out; that he, Nelson, then grabbed hold of him, whereupon witness shoved him away from the stall. Before he knew how it happened Nelson was under the horse Wilson's hoofs and the horse was in the act of running.

The jury acquitted Ricker and returned a verdict of accidental death. Ricker was released from custody.

Dennis O'Brien testified that he heard Nelson start for Ricker's stall and that hot words followed between the men. Several other witnesses were sworn but no additional light was thrown on the affair.

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GEN. GRANT'S PROSPECTS.

He May Live But a Few Weeks But May Possibly Survive For Months.

The Suffering Warrior Writes a Bulletin Announcing He Is Better Than For Two Weeks.

He is Quite Cheerful, Much Stronger, Requires Less Morphine and Takes Three Kinds of Nourishment.

Examinations of the Cancer in his Throat are Made With a Minutiae Electric Light.

BETTER THAN FOR TWO WEEKS. New York, April 14.—From midnight until 6 o'clock there was quiet in the Grant house. Then the general arose and his throat was treated. He was dressed with pants, vest and dressing gown, and a white handkerchief was folded about his neck.

White Dr. Douglas was writing the first bulletin in the library, at 6:30 a. m., the general walked into the room and sat down near the head of the bed. He was wearing a white shirt and a white handkerchief.

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