

MERRY ANDREW

Not Shakespeare's Fool, But Minnesota's Chronic Office Seeker, Leads

Still in the Race for the Nomination, and May Yet Win.

The Delegates Have Arrived, and Are Now Being Drilled.

The Scheffer and McGill Causes Unite on Gibbs for Chairman.

And Because They Cannot Defeat Him the Merriam Menn Acquires.

Merriam's Strength Received Additions Yesterday, But Not Enough to Win.

Gilman Has an Iron in All the Fires and May Defeat McGill.

ALMELY surveying the field of Waterloo on the eve of the great battle, Napoleon, turning to Marshal Ney, said: "Marshal, there is a speck on the rising sun."

"For whom?" returned Ney. "Ah—yes—for whom?" was the only answer Napoleon vouchsafed.

This—the 5th day of September—is to be the time for another Waterloo, bloodless, but none the less leaving scars and wounds that age will hardly heal.

At high noon at Market hall the Republican state convention meets to nominate a state ticket. The delegates have arrived, the preliminary caucuses held and the field cleared for battle.

The advance skirmishing, the organization, the rivalries and minor contests that have covered the period of six months, have all been led up to this climax, and only the denouement is awaited.

The situation at the last moment before the convention shall be called to order is not so muddled as it might be. There is a speck on the moon and it presages defeat, and just to whom that defeat is coming is quite well known.

Gov. McGill, as on Monday, has the lead. To all present indications he will have the most votes on the first ballot, Merriam next and Scheffer last, with Gilman hugging close behind as the dark horse.

The McGill strength is tangible. It has been drawn out by Loren Fletcher—that consummate master of political black art—and it stands boldly apparent, a menacing power to the ambitions that oppose it.

The Merriam headquarters were lit up yesterday, but the sun and moon, aided and abetted by the heavenly planets, couldn't furnish enough warmth and light to make things fairly comfortable.

It reminded one of the ice palace and several delegates who were foolish enough to venture in to "pay their respects to McGinnis" (a new name for Merriam), are to-day suffering from chills and fever as a result of their exposure.

Nothing can be said of Merriam's strength that would in any wise be in harmony with his claims and the contrary statements of many of his supporters. The tide of sentiment at the hotels yesterday was running against him—so much so that by some of his friends his defeat was conceded.

LOBBY SCENES.

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Rev. G. Wald, of Isanti county, came next and delivered an address in the Scandinavian language. He was frequently applauded.

Col. Robinson, of Big Stone county, was called for and delivered an eloquent speech. He began by referring to the glorious deeds of the O. P., but finally came to the point in the following language:

"We have put up a candidate, and if he is defeated it is because he has not had an opportunity of meeting every man, woman and child in the state.

When Col. Robinson had concluded loud cries of "Scheffer," "Scheffer" went up from the crowd, and amid the wildest enthusiasm, Albert took the platform. Said he: "I have been introduced so often as the next governor of the state that it is becoming somewhat tedious."

After short speeches by Mr. Pringle, of Hastings, Capt. Osborne, of St. Paul, and Mr. Haupt, of Fergus Falls, the ladies' parlors, where a private consultation was held and the selection of Gibbs for temporary chairman agreed upon.

Republican and an American platform, and will give a good class administration. While I am always for the candidate and the party, I am for the state first."

Mr. Davis then told what they should do at once. "Let us do the work to-night," said he, "not because deeds of darkness love the night, but when the light does come we will stand in its full glory."

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Davis received prolonged cheers. Gen. Baker spoke very briefly, promising to do everything in his power to accomplish the nomination of Mr. Merriam.

Mr. Lathrop, from Southern Minnesota, the original Merriam man from that state, responded to the call for a speech. He proposed to go for him this time, next time, and all the time until he gets there.

Gen. Baker here made a motion that all persons, except the delegates, be requested to withdraw and give the delegates a chance to map out a plan of work. The visitors withdrew and Senator Buckman continued in the chair.

What was the best means to pursue at that time was discussed by several delegates, including Gen. Baker and Mr. Mason, of St. Paul. These found the appointment of a committee of five, in whose hands the whole matter of arranging plans and ascertaining the strength of Merriam should be placed.

Mr. Bertram, Wright County—Our delegation was unanimous. We took a vote in the delegation, however, and found that about four-fifths were for Merriam, the rest scattered. Our second choice is Scheffer, Alitka County—A Minneapolis Delegate—That was a good trust Frank Davis gave Loren Fletcher when taunted with being only a kid.

That's all right, Mr. Fletcher, said he, "the kids will be on deck when your old carcase is rotting in the earth."

THE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM.

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THE GLOBE'S TABLE.

The GLOBE's revised list of preferences was made up last night from the claims of the different candidates as follows:

Table with 5 columns: County, McGill, Merriam, Scheffer, Gilman. Lists preferences for various counties including Alitka, Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chippewa, Clay, Cook, Crow Wing, Dakota, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Hubbard, Isanti, Jackson, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Lake, Lac qui Parle, Lake, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McKean, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Murray, Nicollet, Norman, Otter Tail, Pine, Polk, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, St. Louis, Sherburne, Sibley, Swift, Stearns, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Waseca, Washington, Watonwan, Wilkin, Winona, Wright, Yankton, and Yelland.

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THE DARK HORSE.

With the McGill men claiming the lead and the Scheffer men conceding it, the danger of a dark horse appearing did not seem to be altogether remote.

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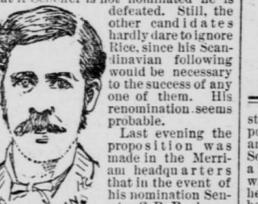
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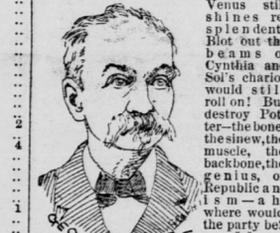


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