

POLITICS IN THE AIR

UNDERCURRENT OF EVENTS TWISTING CONDITIONS INTO MOST UNCERTAIN COURSES

POPULISTS GETTING UNSTEADY

No Telling Now Whether Fusion Can Be Brought About Next Year or Not—Chaos in the Cities Factor to Be Considered—Gov. Lind's Appointees Number Few of Fighting Politicians.

"Well, to tell the plain truth," said a Minnesota politician, whose fingers rarely ever leave the political pulse, "there is absolutely no way of even guessing as to results in this state next year. Everything depends upon what sort of debris the rivers of events will bring down during the break-up flood period next season. The Populists don't know where they are at. The Democrats are not much wiser than the Republicans are grabbing at all sorts of straws. As for individuals, each fellow has one eye on the storm clouds, the other on various rivals, an ear or two to the ground and both hands clutching at the band wagon. In fact the situation is simply a political chaos, and all interested parties know it. It is the most uncertain and dubious political condition since the close of the Civil war. The new Republican policy is on trial, and its composite timbers are creaking and cracking just enough to terrify the timid. It may stand the strain, and it may break and go down like a rotten scaffold, "neath an overloading. The results will shape things for the Democrats that can't shape now for themselves. And the Populists will simply stand still and do nothing until the game is well on, between the other parties."

There is now an effort being made to get the People's party state committee in session during fair week for the purpose of taking some action. But one of the committee members who is desired or possible at this time. A few want a meeting, and the many are afraid to attempt to throttle. Chairman Clarke is the most conservative and cautious of a meeting ill-advised and would like to defer it if he could. Chairman Austin, of the ways and means committee, refuses to attend, but is believed to be opposed to any action until next spring. The chances are that the committee will meet and take a look or two at itself and then adjourn. The direct pressure of the leaders to "say nothing and saw wood" and then adjourn. It's a safe guess that the Populists will not make any decision for many months. The majority of the real politicians in that party are non-committal on almost everything.

The "agrarian" Populists are well satisfied with the present state administration, but the "business" Populists in the three large cities where the reports show much discontent. Complete disorganization exists in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and those who are in a disposition to do it. The Populist organization in Duluth, and it is said to be a splendid one. The midwesterners of that city are very busy spreading discontent among the fusion Populists, who have waited in vain for compensation. Should the fusionists lose Duluth, there is a strong probability of the three cities overpowering the country fusions in the next state convention. Duluth is the only country, as she did last year in the state convention, it is a certainty that fusion will prevail for the country is regarded as safe.

Minneapolis was half way midroad last year and will be solidly so next convention. The countless funds so long existing among the local leaders have disgusted the Populists everywhere and made Minneapolis Populism a most unsavory thing to contemplate in all parties in all parts of the state. This condition made it impossible for Gov. Lind to give them any recognition. There were many applicants for office, but no sooner would one announce himself than a flood of protests would pour in against him and he would be charged with all kinds of sins, both of the most serious and the most trivial. In St. Paul the condition is even worse. The Populists asked for no recognition, Dr. received little and will, as usual, make trouble in the next convention. It is expected to be a fight of the cities against the country, the next People's party state convention will be even a warmer thing than that of last year.

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It is understood that Gov. Lind first informed the committee that he would be willing to appoint the man that they might agree inasmuch as he was the only one serving of recognition and the best calculated to fill the position in a satisfactory manner. The committee met a few nights ago with that object in mind, and the selection of Mr. Brown was the result of their deliberations. They afterward called upon him and made known their wishes. The members of the committee were E. S. Corser, W. R. Dobson, Paul Fontaine, H. L. Chaffee, A. M. Bartlett and Messrs Moore and Parker.

IN THE CITY CHURCHES

PLANS COMPLETED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

THE PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRODUCED HIS CARD

REAL ESTATE MAN SELECTS MINOR FIRE ESCAPE FOR WATCH TOWER TAKEN FOR A BURGLAR

How a Peeping Tom Was Surprised While Attempting to Gaze Into One of the Apartments of the Buckingham—Evidently a Severe Case of Mismatched Confidence—All Kinds of Firearms Levelled at Him

The tenants of the Miner, the large apartment building on Summit avenue, were treated to a burglar scare last Friday evening that developed all sorts of hysterics and a form of disappearing down out to sea.

It had just grown dusk when one of the ladies in the building heard a scrapping noise outside her window, and looking out to see a form disappearing down the fire escape. A moment later a piercing scream rang out and echoed through the corridor.

At last the man reached the ground. He was immediately surrounded and requested to wait while some one went for a policeman. Firearms of all sorts were leveled at him and he trembled vigorously.

Behind the occurrence there proved to be a most interesting motive that the pseudo burglar afterwards imparted in confidence to his friends.

WARRENDALE. Miss Mary Elmer entertained a number of her friends in a party Thursday evening. Interesting features were music and games, of which the Archery of Hearts caused much amusement.

AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

The Globe's outing to Shakopee a very pronounced success.

DEAD IN MINNEAPOLIS.

St. Paul Girl, Whose Name is Given as Jennie Johnson.

WEBB YOUR BADGE

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STUCK BY A BICYCLE.

President of the St. Paul Trust Company Severely Injured.

REDETECTIVE PAGE

Advertisement for Redetective page.

SHOE STOCK BURNED

Charles Albrecht's Stock of Furs Slightly Damaged, and Chinese Novelties Injured by Smoke—Air Shaft the Focus of Danger, but Prompt Action by the Department Saved the Block.

WHOLE BLOCK IN DANGER

The Sherman block at Sixth and Washburn street, narrow escape from destruction by fire shortly before 11 o'clock last night, when a dangerous blaze broke out in Lovering's shoe store, 288 Washburn street. The fire spread so rapidly that before the department arrived flames were shooting up from the rear windows of the shoe store, and smoke poured in volumes from every window in the block.

The fire started in the basement of a seething furnace by the time the firemen got to work, and while they were fighting the fire in this location the flames found their way up an air shaft to the top of the building. Only an opportune discovery that the flames were roaring up the air shaft and effective work by the department prevented the fire from spreading throughout the entire building.

The Hanan Shoe company, occupying the corner store at Sixth and Washburn, sustained damage by smoke amounting to \$500, while Charles Albrecht's stock of furs, and the Chinese novelties in the store at 490 Washburn street was damaged to the extent of \$300 by smoke. The fire started in the basement of a seething furnace by the time the firemen got to work, and while they were fighting the fire in this location the flames found their way up an air shaft to the top of the building.

When the fire was out it was easy to understand its dangerous nature, as the shaft reaching to the roof was alight inside like a burned log. Had the flames once gotten without the shaft it is doubtful if the block would have been saved. The building belongs to the Sherman estate, and is under the control of R. P. Lewis. There are a number of offices on the second floor, the contents of which were slightly damaged by smoke.

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