

GEN. WHEELER SAYS NO

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HAS SEEN THE BLUE AND GRAY FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE FOR THE OLD FLAG

WILLING NOW TO RETIRE

Realization of Such Grand Conditions in America Sufficient Glory for a Lifetime—Wants Nothing More.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Gen. Wheeler's attention being called today to a suggestion of himself as a vice presidential candidate, he made the following statement:

"I do not think that my name has ever been mentioned in that connection, except as very many other gentlemen have been referred to, simply in the way of a personal compliment. I have appreciated those flattering allusions to myself, but never regarded them as at all serious or other than the kind expressions of partial friends.

"The greatest ambition of my life has already been realized. I have seen those who were once Confederate soldiers fight under the Stars and Stripes against foreign foes, as soldiers of the United States. I have seen the masses of the people of all the Southern states eagerly and earnestly offer their services to fight in the country's cause, and have seen them thus become participants in the events which have suddenly made ours the leading among the great powers of the world, and opened avenues which enable us to establish the most favorable commercial relations with countries containing nearly one-third of the earth's population. I have seen the cordial relations which existed during the first seventy years of our government firmly re-established between the people of all sections of our common country and in all this I believe I see the dawn of a new prosperity, in which the Southern States will be the largest beneficiaries.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

W. C. Whitney Had No Part in Admiral Dewey's Announcement.

NEW YORK, April 6.—William C. Whitney said today that all statements suggesting that he has had to do with the candidacy of Admiral Dewey for the presidency were without foundation. He said:

"I do not consider myself as so related to politics at present as to be entitled to assist in making choice of the profoundest admiration for Admiral Dewey. It came naturally to me from my acquaintance with the admiral when I was secretary of the New York committee in his reputation, but I have no knowledge of, and nothing to do with, his recent announcement. I believe it to be the act of the admiral himself. His nature is simple and straightforward, and he has doubtless been solicited to become a candidate by thousands of people who would like to see him president. I imagine that if you get at the real truth, you will find that to be the reason for his announcement."

HE IS A DEMOCRAT.

Admiral Dewey Reiterates Fact in an Interview.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Admiral Dewey was again interviewed tonight. "Can you confirm the statement, you are credited with making, that you are

ADMIRAL DEWEY MAY BE THERE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 6.—John R. McLean, brother-in-law of Admiral Dewey, has engaged elaborate quarters at one of the leading hotels for the Democratic convention in July. The rooms are very choice, and it is hinted that they are to be shared by Admiral Dewey. When the selection was made Mr. McLean, it is said, announced that the rooms would be occupied by himself and a friend.

DEMOCRATIC WORKERS.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Democratic congressional campaign committee have chosen Representatives McRae, of Arkansas, and Norton, of Ohio, vice chairman, and the following executive committee: Senator Cockrell of Missouri, chairman; Representative Hall, of Pennsylvania; Ruppert, of New York; Turner, of Kentucky; Daly, of New Jersey; Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, and Denny, of Maryland.

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—The Republican state central committee has issued a call for a convention to be held at Sacramento May 15 for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention.

MICHIGAN MEN WON.

Defeated Minnesota in Final Argument at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 6.—The University of Michigan debaters defeated the University of Minnesota team tonight, winning the championship of the Central Debating League, which is composed of the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Minnesota and Michigan. The decision of the judges was unanimous. Michigan defeated the University of Chicago in the preliminary contests, and the University of Minnesota defeated Northwest-

ern, so, by defeating Minnesota, Michigan won the series.

The question, "Are the economic advantages of trusts sufficient to justify their existence under the law," was debated.

Michigan took the affirmative. Its team was composed of Gustavus Chlinger, Martin H. Carney and Albert M. Cloud. Minnesota's team was composed of Halter B. Glaisyon, Owen P. McElmeel and J. Archie Burger.

CENSUS OF CHINESE.

Bureau Takes Steps to Make It Thorough.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—In order to secure a satisfactory enumeration of the Chinese population of this country the census bureau has procured a proclamation printed in Chinese characters and bearing the official seals of Chinese consular officers at San Francisco and New York, in which the Chinese residents of the United States are directed to make proper replies to questions put to them by enumerators. The proclamation states that it is a national custom to take a census every ten years, and they are requested to do so. It is proposed to distribute duplicate copies of this proclamation in all cities where it will be of advantage to the census bureau.

DEATH BY THE GARROTE

FIVE PUERTO RICAN MURDERERS TO BE EXECUTED TODAY.

PONCE, Puerto Rico, April 6.—At an early hour tomorrow Simeon Rodriguez, Carlos Pacheco, Hermogenes Pacheco, Ezequiel Rodriguez and Rosaleo Santiago, who are condemned to death by garroting, will be executed. Their crime was the murder, in October, 1888, of Senor Prudente Mendez, at Auco. The murderers, who were originally sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, will have their term reduced to four years. The two men have passed the day in cleaning, oiling and otherwise preparing the two garrotes.

Gov. Gen. Davis had recalled an American convict and former soldier of the United States army, who had offered to superintend the execution on condition that he be subsequently released.

Each of the condemned, heavily manacled, now lies in a separate cell, with a priest attending him. Soldiers of the Puerto Rican army are on guard.

At the execution fifty additional regular police will be present. The Americans will take no part in the proceedings.

GRAND ARMY WANTS HIM

ADMIRAL DEWEY WILL BE INVITED TO CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Should the Dewey committee finally decide to invite the admiral to the national Democratic convention, his political aspirations, not to welcome him May 1, in Chicago, the Grand Army of the Republic will invite him, as a presidential candidate, to attend the grand encampment to be held in Chicago in August.

"The Grand Army men are anxious to have Admiral Dewey attend the encampment," said William H. Hatcher, chairman of the general committee, today. "We invited him when he first landed in New York, but he found May 1 more convenient, so the invitation of the Dewey committee was finally accepted."

NOVEL INITIATION.

Former Confederate Colonel to Enter G. A. R. Post.

CINCINNATI, April 6.—There will be a novel initiation at the meeting of Noyes-

WILL MAKE AN APPEAL

KENTUCKY REPUBLICAN CLAIMANTS WILL NOT ABIDE BY STATE COURT DECISION

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

THAT WILL BE THE NEXT MOVE MADE IN THE LONG-DRAWN-OUT CONTEST

DECISION FAVORED BECKHAM

Republican Judges Concur, While Expressing Sympathy for the Man Now Holding the State House.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 6.—Ex-Gov. Taylor, chief counsel for Gov. Taylor, tonight authorized the statement that an appeal on behalf of Gov. Taylor and Lieut. Gov. Marshall will be carried to the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Bradley and Judge W. Yost, counsel for the Republican state officers, were in consultation with Gov. Taylor for several hours this afternoon, and the above statement was made at the close of the conference.

It is stated that Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge and Republican leaders from different parts of the state will meet Mr. Taylor in conference here tomorrow morning. Ex-Gov. Bradley said:

"We will not take advantage of any technicalities to delay the progress of the case. The decision of the court of appeals is not disconcerting to us. We will ask for a writ of error to the supreme court at once, and these contests will now be at an end in a very short time."

RULING OF THE COURT.

The court of appeals today handed down its decision in the gubernatorial contest in favor of Beckham, Judge Durrell dissenting. The other two Republican judges, Burnam and Guffy, handed down a separate opinion, which differed in its reasons from the opinion of the Democratic judges, but agreed with them in its conclusion. Judge Hobson, one of the four Democratic judges, wrote the opinion of the majority of the court, affirming the decision of Judge Field, of Louisville. It recites the work of the state canvassing board and of the contest proceedings in the legislature, and all subsequent proceedings, and holds:

"We have no more right to supervise the decision of the general assembly in determining the result of this election than we have to supervise the action of the government in calling a special session of the legislature, or in pardoning a criminal, or the action of the legislature in contracting debts, or determining upon the election of its members or doing any other act authorized by the constitution.

"There is no conflict between the action of the state canvassing board and that of the legislature in these cases. The state canvassing board was without power to go behind the returns. They were not authorized to determine which candidate was elected, but were required to give a certificate of election to those who, on the face of the returns, had received the highest number of votes. Such a duty is not to be evaded by the board. It is the power vested in the general assembly by the legislature, for by its express terms only the general assembly can determine the contested election for governor and lieutenant governor."

But the certificate of the state board of canvassers is no evidence as to who was in truth elected. Their certificate entitles the recipient to exercise the office until the regular constitutional authority shall determine who is the de jure officer. The rights of the de jure officer are not affected by the fact that he was not elected, although the result was unknown until it was declared by the proper constitutional authority. When it was so declared, the de jure officer was a fact, and he is entitled to the office until the result of the election could be determined.

COURT CANNOT INTERFERE.

"We are, therefore, unable to see how this case can be distinguished from any other legislative case in which a matter over which the constitution has given the legislature exclusive jurisdiction, and we are therefore of the opinion that the court is without authority to go behind the record made by the legislature under the constitution. Such a record seems to us entitled to every presumption in its favor which the records of this court, kept under its supervision, would be entitled to receive at the hands of the legislature in a matter before it."

It is also argued that the contest board was not fairly drawn by lot, that certain members of the board were liable to objection on the score of partiality, and that therefore this board was not properly constituted. If any of these objections were founded, the general assembly had full power to take such action as was proper in the premises. It does not appear that any of the objections urged were presented to the general assembly, but if they were and refused to be corrected, a matter may be presumed that it had sufficient reasons for its action. Besides the board that was only a preliminary agency to take evidence and report to the general assembly. The assembly itself finally determined the contest."

REPUBLICAN JUDGES CONCUR.

Judges Burnam and Guffy, Republicans, while concurring in the court's having no jurisdiction, dissented from the reasoning. Judge Burnam's separate opinion says:

"It is hard to imagine a more flagrant and partisan regard of the methods of procedure than is made manifest by the facts alleged and relied on by contestants, and admitted by demurrer, and I am firmly convinced from admitted facts that the legislature, in the heat of anger, and in the face of the fact that it had engaged by intense partisan excitement, had done two faithful, conscientious and able public servants an irreparable injury in depriving them of the office to which they were elected, and still greater wrong to the majority of electors who voted under difficult circumstances to elect these servants. But we are met at the threshold with the contention that the courts of the state under the constitution, have no power

to go behind the legislative journal and review the judgment of the assembly in the proceedings over them. They are given final and exclusive jurisdiction, and from whose decision no appeal is provided. I have been led with some reluctance to the conclusion, and not without some misgivings as to its correctness, that there is no power in the courts of the state to review the findings of the general assembly in a contested election for the office of governor and lieutenant governor as shown by its only authenticated records. Many questions have been raised and discussed by counsel for the appellants, but it will be unnecessary to consider them, since the conclusion we have reached on this fundamental question."

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BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Weather Forecast for St. Paul. Showers.

1—Wheeler on Vice Presidency. Kentucky's Legal Battle. Latest From Africa. Riot in Puerto Rico.

2—in the Political Field. Charter to Head Ticket.

3—Minneapolis Matters. Northwest News. Funds for Indians.

4—Editorial. Republican on Imperialism.

5—Sporting News. Working the "Con" Game. Financial Reviews.

6—Still Honoring Sigbee. New Charter Ready. Savings Bank Report.

7—Page Devoted to Women. St. Paul Social News.

8—Popular Wants. News of Railroads.

9—Markets of the World. Chicago May Wheat, 60 3/4c. Bar Silver, 50 5/8c. Stocks Irregular.

10—in the Labor Field. Call for Street Sprinklers. Many Seeking Pardons.



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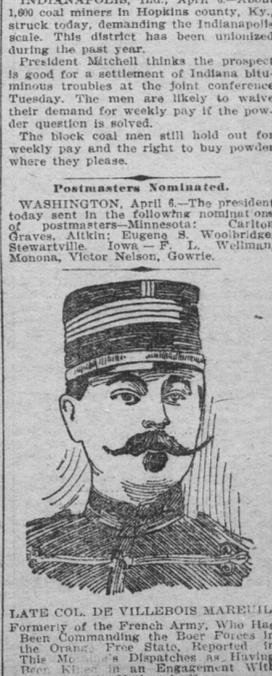
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LATE COL. DE VILLEBOIS MAREUIL. Formerly of the French Army, who has been commanding the Boer forces in the Orange Free State. Reports in The Morning's Dispatches as Having Been Killed in an Engagement With Sen. McQueen's Forces.