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H. HUNTER LOSES OUT

Fails to Land Nomination For Sheriff Owing to The Fact That The Miles City Ring Had Everything Fixed.

The Republican convention in Miles City Monday and Tuesday proved to be a lively session from start to finish. The Montana delegation maintained their reputation as fighters and in several instances very nearly ousted the Miles City slate. The republican ring in Miles has been controlling county politics for so long that they still entertain the idea that their word is supreme but they will realize before the next convention that the county districts will be able to make the biggest side of political medicine which will without doubt be a good thing for the county.

The convention endorsed the following candidates:

State Representative, Geo. Burt and A. J. Freeman.

County Commissioner, Charles Daily.

Treasurer, Carl Calvin.
Auditor, A. H. Swerdfiger.
Assessor, Geo. Robbins.
Attorney, Sharpless Walker.
Clerk & Recorder, O. C. Haines.
Sheriff, Ben LaValley.
Surveyor, H. E. Fearnall.
Superintendent of schools, Mary Lee Wilson.

Of the Representatives, Geo. Burt of Ismay is well known and is successful in getting into the House will look after Ismay's interest in county division legislator. Mr. Freeman is a manufacturer of Miles City and stands well with the laboring classes.

Charles Daily of Pumpkin creek, if elected, will succeed Mr. Hocking, whose term expires this fall.

Mr. Walker, Miss Wilson, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Fearnall and Mr. Haines were nominated to succeed themselves in their respective offices.

A. H. Swerdfiger landed the chance for the newly created office of auditor by a narrow margin, winning over Carter Snell by two votes.

The nomination for sheriff was given to Ben LaValley after a lively skirmish. The informal showed no majority with Hugh Hunter in the lead. On the formal ballot the Miles delegation bolted and this resulted in a stampede for LaValley, Ekalaka precinct staying with Hunter. The Miles ring evidently thought that Hughie did not show enough strength in their end of the county to swing the election so switched to a man they felt sure of.

The Democratic convention will be held in Miles City the 16 of this month and from present news their ticket will be a strong one. The fight this year promises to be fast and furious and from now until November 8th there will be something doing in local politics all the time.

ENGINE ACCEPTED

New Outfit Proves Satisfactory.

At a special meeting of the Ekalaka fire department last Friday afternoon the new engine, hose cart and equipment, recently received from the Watrous Engine Company, was formally accepted and purchased. The company's engineer, Mr. Joe Helget, spent a day here instructing the members of the department in the operation and care of the apparatus. Mr. Helget is a practical fireman and his words of wisdom were gratefully received.

A very satisfactory exhibition of what the engine could do was given Saturday morning when a trial alarm of fire was turned in. The chemical company had their stream going in three minutes after the alarm was sounded while the hose and engine companies had two lines of hose stretched and were pumping water in six minutes. This is not by any means a fast run and no doubt the company will be able to cut this time in half with practice, but considering the fact that this was the first call responded to with the new apparatus and that the men were not familiar with their various duties, the demonstration made was good.

A centrally located engine house with a large well is to be built soon and a night watchman will be in charge to keep the hose cart and the apparatus ready for instant use. When the plans are perfected the department will be in excellent shape to protect the town from fire losses.

At the special meeting held Friday, temporary selections were made to fill the necessary positions and the department divided into three sections as follows:

Max Rickard, Chief.
O. A. Dahl, Asst. Chief.
P. A. Mahnquist, Captain.
Members of section A. (Engine Company)-
June G. Olsen, Foreman.
A. B. Johnson,
G. A. Baker,
C. K. Putnam,
J. Cory,
Wm. Berger,
J. H. Coonan,
Geo. D. Grant,
James Mallough,
A. W. Lucas,
T. J. Martin.
Section B. (Hose Company)
A. E. Dague, Foreman,
G. G. Grant,
Wm. Walker,
Matt Carey,
J. E. Hagl.
Section C. (Chemical Co.)
W. C. Smith, Foreman,
W. H. Peck,
Fay Richards,
Conrad Myhre,
H. Cory,
J. W. Grant.

With this apparatus in good working conditions and wells in outlying districts to furnish ade-

quate water supply Ekalaka will be equipped with the best fire fighting system of any town of similar size in the state. Great credit is due to members of the department who have spent time money and a great deal of energy in making the system possible and to the citizens who have so loyally supported them in their efforts by aiding financially.

AN EXTRA PURSE OFFERED

On behalf of the Waitt & Lake Commission Co. of Sioux City, Iowa the Eagle will give \$17 in purses to the "Queens of the Prairies" at the fair next week. The money to be divided as follows: \$10 to the best lady rider appearing on the streets during the fair, \$5 to the second best and a years subscription to the third. The equipment of the horse and costumes of the riders to be taken into consideration by the fair judges. The extra purse comes to the fair committee unsolicited and shows that this up-to-date commission company appreciates its patronage in this section and believes in boosting any proposition that will help to entertain their patrons and friends. The judges will be appointed later.

OFF FOR A TRIP EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Lambert accompanied by Miss Josie Barber left Tuesday morning for Atlantic City, N. J. where Mr. Lambert will attend the annual encampment of the G. A. R. Before returning the party will visit the national capitol at Washington, D. C. and many other points of interest and will be absent from Ekalaka for nearly six weeks. Mr. Lambert enlisted in the army at the beginning of the civil war, at the age of 16 and remained in active service from the first to the last. That he will enjoy himself and meet many of his old comrades is the wish of his many friends.

FAIR NEXT WEEK

Every Thing In Readiness For Big Event.

Next Thursday is the time of the commencement of the Ekalaka fair and race meeting which continues for two days. Final arrangements have been made and everything is in readiness to show the visitors a good time and to pull off one of the best programs in the history of "pump-town". A glance at the program will give one an idea of the doing that are to be held, there being one \$200 relay race, four \$100 races, two \$75 races, two \$50 races and several other events with purses ranging from \$15 to \$50. All told, the purses for the several races already advertised will amount to nearly \$900., which still assures us that the best horses in the county will be here to enter the races and compete for first money. A. W. Lucas and L. F. Kennedy will have entire charge of the program for the days and propose to keep something doing all the time. For the first time in several years we are to be without a ball game on the fair days, something which will be regretted by the many fans who always look for an exhibition of this national sport on these days.

The band boys are putting in all their spare time practicing and expect to be in better shape than ever next week to render the music. Dancing will be held each evening in the hall and it has been rumored that a theatrical troupe is to be here to put on several up-to-date plays. Another event that promises to furnish amusement for the visitors is the water fight. This "stunt" will be pulled off by the members of the fire department who will respond to an alarm of fire and then let the hose men settle all disputes among themselves with the assistance of the two streams.

These different events promise you two days of fun and frolic and you should now prepare to lay all cares aside and come to Ekalaka next week.

Fruit! Fruit! Fruit!

Of All Kinds.

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Wilson & Olsen.