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MERCER LOSES OUT

Gest, Graves and Ramsay Judicial Nominations.

CONVENTION HELD HERE TODAY

Delegates in Scrapping Mood From Start to Finish.

WILLIAM H. GEST, Rock Island, 120
EMERY C. GRAVES, Geneseo, 120
F. D. RAMSAY, Morrison, 62
W. T. CHURCH, Alton, 58

The above is the result of the deciding vote in the republican judicial convention for the Fourteenth district held at the court house in this city today. Messrs. Gest, Graves and Ramsay, having received the republican nominations.

The vote was strictly by counties, not a delegate getting away from the control of his chairman. Rock Island and Mercer counties were for Judge Church throughout and Henry and Whiteside counties were for Ramsay. Rock Island had 41 delegates; Henry county, 34; Whiteside county, 28; and Mercer county 17. Thus after the preliminaries had been disposed of and the method of procedure settled the majority of Henry and Whiteside counties carried all propositions.

Fight at Outset.
The fight came on the organization and was precipitated in the very beginning. J. B. Oakleaf, of Moline, as chairman of the judicial committee for the district, called the meeting to order at shortly after 11:30, and after the call had been read by Judge T. H. Chesley, of Whiteside county, secretary of the committee, he announced that he would call Hon. Isaac N. Bassett, of Alton, to the chair as temporary presiding officer if there were no objections. But there were objections.

Frank Baker, of Kewanee, Henry county, proposed the name of Judge J. W. Ward, of Whiteside county, as chairman and demanded a roll call upon the question. M. M. Sturgeon, of this city, State's Attorney Graham, of Alton, and others spoke in favor of Mr. Bassett. Mr. Graham in particular declaring that he was the proper man for the place on account of the manner in which he had received certain alleged propositions made to him by delegates who were not mentioned. Mr. Graham declared that Bassett had been offered the support of certain delegates if he would consent to calling the roll by counties alone and not by individual delegates. This, it was said, he declined to do.

A viva voce vote was taken on the matter of calling a roll and failed to carry. Then after an argument of some length upon the right of the chairman of the committee to appoint the temporary chairman, the motion of Baker was withdrawn and Mr. Bassett took the chair. The Henry and Whiteside county factions having conceded this point moved back to take a stand upon calling the roll by counties rather than by individuals so that there might be no possibility of a break of a stray delegate to Judge Church, particularly from Henry county, where some uneasiness was felt. On this proposition the upper end of the district was destined to be successful.

Committee Named.
Judge Chesley was retained as temporary secretary and the roll of counties was called for the naming of the committees, resulting as follows:

Credentials.—Oscar Wood, Whiteside; Theodore Becker, Henry; W. J. Graham, Mercer; Martin Schoonmaker, Rock Island.

Resolutions.—Harry V. Waite, Whiteside; R. C. Moore, Henry; Alex. McArthur, Mercer; J. M. Hutchinson, Rock Island.

Permanent Organization.—J. F. Utley, Whiteside; Fred H. Hand, Henry; Henry Crosby, Mercer; E. D. Sweeney, Rock Island.

After a brief recess the committee on credentials reported and a motion to accept the report without reading was passed, the object being to facilitate business in order that the delegates might get away on early trains. The report of the committee on permanent organization was then called for and that body stated that it could not reach an agreement. Then the trouble broke out afresh.

J. B. Oakleaf moved that the temporary organization be made permanent, and Henry county instantly offered a substitute that H. C. Ward, of Whiteside county, be declared chairman. The question now turned as to how the vote should be taken, and in a very short time the chairman found himself literally covered up with motions, amendments and substitutes, together with opinions of delegates as to how the whole thing ought to be decided.

Chair's Decision Reversed.

A viva voce vote was taken on the question of calling the roll by individuals and declared carried. A demand was made from the Henry county section for a division and one being taken the decision of the chair was reversed. A roll call of counties, the chairman voting the entire delegation, was then taken on the substitute question offering Mr. Ward as chairman, and carried by Henry and Whiteside counties voting for and Rock Island and Mercer counties against, the count standing 62 to 58.

William McManus, of Mercer county, and Judge Chesley being proposed for permanent secretary, the latter withdrew and the former was chosen

by acclamation. A motion then prevailed that the roll be called by counties for nominations and that nominating speeches be dispensed with. Henry county proposed the name of Emery C. Graves; Mercer county that of W. T. Church; Rock Island county William H. Gest, and Whiteside county, F. D. Ramsay.

There was but one ballot taken, each county voting for three candidates, and the result appears above. When the result was announced Judge Church arose and moved that the nomination be made unanimous, which was done after M. M. Sturgeon for this county and I. N. Bassett for Mercer county explained that there was no bitterness in the fight.

Judicial Committee.
The committee on resolutions presented a report that was adopted congratulating Judge Hiram Bigelow, who retires from the bench in this circuit, upon his career and wishing him well.

The roll was then called for the members of the judicial committee from the several counties and T. H. Chesley, of Henry county; W. T. Church, of Mercer county; J. B. Oakleaf, of Rock Island county, and C. H. Ward, of Whiteside county, were named.

A committee was sent to find the candidates, but being unsuccessful, the members returned and the convention adjourned at 1 o'clock.

The deal by which Judge Ramsay triumphed over Judge Church was fixed up at a meeting of the Henry and Whiteside county delegates held in advance of the convention. Rock Island and Mercer counties, by reason of their congressional and legislative relations, were allied against Whiteside, yet the combination of Henry and Whiteside proved sufficient to secure the re-nomination of the Whiteside jurist.

PERSONAL POINTS.

H. J. Buckley has returned to his home in Chicago.

John T. Marron went to Washington, Iowa, on business.

Miss Edna Brown, of Clinton, visited with friends here yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Frizzelle has returned from her visit at Jacksonville, Ill.

William Sigmund, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, is visiting friends in the city.

Gust Nelson, of Galesburg, has been visiting with friends in Rock Island.

Miss Sadie Strawhorn, of Provo City, Utah, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Strawhorn.

Congressman and Mrs. George W. Prince, of Galesburg, are guests of Postmaster and Mrs. T. H. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and son, of Rock Island, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin, 312 East Second street.—Muscatine News-Tribune.

PRESIDENT SEXTON IS ABOUT TO RETURN HOME

A telegram received at baseball headquarters from President M. H. Sexton, now on the Pacific coast, where he went with President Hickox, of the American association, indicates that he is about to start on the return home. From this it is inferred, in the absence of more direct information, that the mission of pacifying the warring leagues there has been given up, as it is scarcely possible that there has been time for anything to be accomplished since the two eastern men reached the scene of the conflict. The lateness of the season and the fact that litigation is now understood to be pending are thought to have offered obstacles to a settlement that may have been considered insurmountable.

STEAMER YOUNG TO OPEN SEASON NEXT WEDNESDAY

The short line packet season will be opened on this section of the river Wednesday of next week, when Capt. Walter Blair will start the W. J. Young in the trade between here and Burlington. At the same time the Silver Crescent will be started between Keokuk and Quincy. The Helen Blair will be put in the trade later in the season, first receiving a painting and overhauling. Then the Silver Crescent will be run opposite her and the Young will go below. The local packet warehouse will be open for business next Monday morning.

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Taxes Due

Taxes for the year 1902 are now due. Parties having no real estate will be expected to pay their personal property tax without delay. The law in regard to the collection of personal tax will be strictly enforced if prompt payment is not made. Office with S. S. Hull, real estate and insurance agent, room 15, Mitchell & Lynde building.

J. W. TUBBS, Township Collector.

Dancing School.

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WILL TAB SHERIFF

County Board Wants Report Hereafter On All Foreign Fees.

CRALLE SETTLES FOR \$250

Messrs. Gordon and Hemenway to Be Asked to Give Accountings.

The finance committee, which was instructed at the last meeting of the county board to look into the matter of the foreign fees collected by the sheriff, reported at the session this morning stating that no records had been found in the sheriff's office.

A conference was held with Mr. Cralle, who agreed to settle the matter with the payment of the sum of \$250 into the county treasury, which was done.

The board then voted to instruct the committee to examine into the disposition of the foreign fees during the administrations as sheriff of C. D. Gordon and F. C. Hemenway and demanding that the sheriff hereafter keep a detailed record of all receipts on this account.

Telephone Proposition Received.
Yesterday afternoon a communication was read from the Central Union Telephone company for the maintaining of the present system of telephones in the court house at a rental to the county of \$306 annually.

A motion by Supervisor Kolloff to lay on the table was lost and it was then referred to the committee on public expenditures to report at the present meeting.

A. L. Martensen, of the upper end of the county, presented a petition for the board to take up the matter of securing the vacation by the government of a tract of swamp land in the Mercedosa that has been improved and settled upon, the operation being necessary in order to perfect the titles of those who occupy it. This was referred to the judiciary committee to report at the present meeting.

A proposition from the Tri-City Sprinkler company offering the same rate as last year for the sprinkling of the streets about the court house block, \$6 a week, was referred to the committee on public expenditures to report.

The appointment of George H. Manlove as deputy supervisor of assessments was approved.

WATERTOWN ROAD TO HAVE VIADUCT AT EAST MOLINE

By an agreement between officials of the Moline, East Moline & Watertown railway and the Rock Island system, the interurban company will erect a steel viaduct at East Moline for the crossing over the C. & N. W. P. tracks on the street car's line to Watertown.

The crossing which has been under dispute is south of the Union Mailable Iron company's shops, where the proposed extension of the interurban on the way to Watertown crosses the Rock Island tracks and enters the Watertown road.

The decision arrived at in this matter insures the rapid progress of the extension of the interurban to Watertown and Campbell's island. Until terms could be made with the railroad company the entire work of the extension was held up pending settlement of the crossing.

Just as soon as the weather opens up and will permit the work of construction on the new line of road will be started.

JOHN W. FINDLEY IS HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER

The coroner's jury that investigated the shooting of Lieut. Arthur Bradley, of Moline, returned a verdict this morning that death was due to a gun shot wound "believed to have been inflicted by John W. Findley." Findley was held on a murder charge preferred by Coroner Eckhart and was removed to the county jail, where he will be held without bond pending the action of the May grand jury.

Police Points.

When the hour for the hearing of John W. Palmer, charged with abandonment by his wife, Turah Palmer, arrived yesterday afternoon the parties announced a settlement of the trouble and Magistrate Johnson dismissed the proceedings.

John Smith, a drunk, was fined \$3 and costs by Magistrate Johnson last evening.

Meeting of First Ward Democrats.

Democrats of the first ward are hereby requested to meet at Kroeger's barber shop at 8 o'clock Friday evening for the purpose of canvassing the situation with reference to delegates to the city township convention and a candidate for alderman.

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1.25
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1.58

Other very special petticoats of rich imported mercedized Italian cloths, at \$1.95, \$2.25 and \$2.45. We place no limit on the quality you may buy at this sale, but as some of the best lots are not large, would advise an early selection to get your share at these very low prices.

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