

CHICAGO TO THE FORE

Windy City Falls Up Ahead of Kansas City in Race for Convention.

MISSOURIANS FIGHTING HARD

Bill Have a Show to Land the Big Republican Gathering.

PRIMARY LAWS ARE A PROBLEM

Victor Rosewater Presents Necessity of Modifying Form of Call.

COMMITTEE IS INCLINED TO BALK

Holds to View State Law Cannot Displace Form of Party Organization, but Indicates Are Conditions Will Be Met.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—It looks tonight as if the national republican convention would go to Chicago, notwithstanding Kansas City is getting up the gamest possible fight. Combustions were made today of such a substantial character that Kansas City began to take notice and instead of being the leader in the race dropped back to second place, the administration interests having quietly intimated that Chicago was as acceptable as Kansas City.

After the appointment of committee, Mr. Victor Rosewater, holding the proxy of Mr. Morrill, appeared before the committee to draft the form of the call, consisting of Messrs. Yerkes of Kentucky, Stroeter of Vermont and Kellogg of Minnesota, relative to an unusual situation in his state. He represented that the new Nebraska primary law would make it necessary to modify the call as usually formulated to permit of the selection of delegates according to the method prescribed by Nebraska law, which has vested the authority to call both state and congressional conventions in the state committee. The national call heretofore has provided for district delegates to be chosen in the same way as the candidates for congress which, with the nomination of congressmen by direct vote, would conflict with the requirement of the Nebraska law, that delegates be chosen by a convention.

The committee listened attentively to Mr. Rosewater's presentation of the Nebraska situation and asked him whether he had any suggestions to make on other complications arising under the new primary laws in the various states, some of which are at complete variance with the practice and procedure in republican conventions.

Committee inclined to balk. The member of the committee intimated that in their view the national committee of each party is supreme and that the form of party organization which cannot be legally modified or embarrassed by any state legislation, otherwise forty-six different legislatures might prescribe forty-six different methods of choosing delegates, prescribing qualifications and fixing their number to the practical destruction of the party organization.

To these suggestions Mr. Rosewater replied that it was not a question whether the legislature of Nebraska could exercise authority over the national committee, but that its authority over the state committee was undisputed. As far as the Nebraska law, said Mr. Rosewater, is concerned, it could easily be complied with, and it was the duty of the national committee to make it possible for the state committee to observe the law if it could be done without interfering with a proper representation of the state in the national convention.

The Nebraska primary law, Mr. Rosewater explained, was a party measure, enacted by a republican legislature, and it would be undesirable to compel a proper republican organization to disregard a republican platform measure. Mr. Kellogg of Minnesota declared that, in his opinion, the national committee had a right to ignore state laws attempting to govern or regulate the choice of national convention delegates, but he doubted whether it was good policy to do so except where it was absolutely impossible to reconcile these laws with republican practice.

The subcommittee under the proper auspices of the Nebraska law, which Mr. Stroeter of Vermont declared was the least objectionable of the laws brought to their attention.

Dinner with Secretary Straus. Victor Rosewater was the guest of Secretary Straus and family at dinner with Senator Brown and family at the Fortland tonight. During the course of the luncheon with Mr. Straus the secretary seemed most elated over the development of commercial bodies throughout the country, which he regarded as a splendid sign of business interests.

Schneider Cannot Remember. R. E. Schneider, Fremont, member of the executive committee of the republican national committee, reached Washington in time to join the national committee in calling upon the president and having his picture taken in front of the White House. Mr. Schneider has been brought into prominence in the fight over the convention city by telegram from Chicago stating that he, as treasurer of the national committee in 1904, knew how much Chicago put up for the care of the republican convention. When asked by The Bee correspondent tonight as to how much Chicago put up, Mr. Schneider vaguely replied: "They paid all the expenses of the convention and every check I drew against an amount deposited in a certain bank in Chicago was paid. I have no idea as to the amount."

Those who are connected with the inner circles of republican politics say the amount raised by Chicago was \$75,000. He said that as it may be the combination believes that that amount is sufficient to again invite the national republican convention to the Windy City.

Miner Moves at Capital. J. H. Wiles of South Omaha is in Washington. He has secured several contracts for constructing public buildings and comes to Washington to consult the supervising architect regarding these contracts.

The general land office has approved the selection of the state of South Dakota as a school land indemnity lands embraced within its limits number 11, Pierre land district, aggregating 2,738 acres, and No. 15, Rapid City district, aggregating 900 acres.

Electricity Versus Steam. CLAYTON, N. D., Dec. 6.—A Pennsylvania electric locomotive will be tested for speed here today in an attempt to beat the run made by a steam locomotive yesterday when it was a fraction over 200 miles an hour was made.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Saturday, December 6, 1907.

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THE WEATHER. Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday. FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Saturday; no important change in temperature.

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DOMESTIC. Chicago now the favorite for location of the republican national convention. Victor Rosewater asks committee to modify call to comply with Nebraska primary law, and this probably will be done, though the committee is inclined to balk.

Banks of Kansas City appear in good condition and business is resuming normal course. Fort Pitt National bank of Chicago suspends payment.

Harry New elected chairman of the republican national convention. Probably 500 miners were entombed in the workings of the Consolidated Coal company at Monongahela, W. Va. The explosion that resulted was heard eight miles.

President Roosevelt listens to the request for troops from Goldfield and nine companies have been sent. It is feared that the miners have planned practical civil war in resistance.

Comptroller Metz has a plan whereby franchisees are to be auctioned off. H. H. Tucker, Jr., has been freed from the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Baron Kaneko writes his appreciation of the message to President Roosevelt. Tuberculars of three countries reach an agreement to prevent competition.

Mrs. Nethaway dies of the wounds inflicted by her husband. Heads of the institutes for the deaf and for the blind file reports with governor. Suits to be filed against telephone and stock yards companies.

Stock Oscar is slightly better, though his general condition is not favorable. State offers strong corroborative evidence against Charles Humphrey, charged with murder of Ham Pak, and case will go to the jury this afternoon.

Chief Donahue believes he has a clue to whereabouts of Joseph Williams, wanted in Omaha for murder committed fourteen years ago. Omaha bank statements show up better than those of Kansas City institutions.

Attorney of E. E. Buckingham in leaving Oregon Short Line believed to be due to discord among officials of the line. Promise of better pay and improved condition in army cause increase in number of recruits enlisted.

Approach of Christmas causes Mrs. Provident to consider recipes for plum pudding. Fall brides and brides-elect are receiving conspicuous attention in Omaha society.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL. Live stock markets. GRAIN. Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS. NEW YORK. Tientsin. St. Paul. NEW YORK. Manila. NEW YORK. Hongkong. NEW YORK. Yokohama. NEW YORK. Kobe. NEW YORK. Shanghai. NEW YORK. Canton. NEW YORK. Hankow. NEW YORK. Peking. NEW YORK. Tientsin. NEW YORK. Harbin. NEW YORK. Vladivostok. NEW YORK. Seoul. NEW YORK. Manila. NEW YORK. Hongkong. NEW YORK. Yokohama. NEW YORK. Kobe. NEW YORK. Shanghai. NEW YORK. Canton. NEW YORK. Hankow. NEW YORK. Peking. NEW YORK. Tientsin. NEW YORK. Harbin. NEW YORK. Vladivostok. NEW YORK. Seoul.

BY WIRELESS. Brownhead and Burgess, Victoria 30 miles southwest at 1:20 p. m. Will probably reach Plymouth at 7:30 a. m. Friday.

BUSY DAYS FOR WATER BOARD

At Least, Times Are Good for the Attorneys of This Body.

Attorneys for the Omaha Water board are looking for considerable work between now and the beginning of the new year. In ten days John L. Webster will appear before the supreme court of the United States to argue the meter rate case; before Christmas the suit on the report of the appraisers will be argued before the court of appeals at St. Louis and the lawyers are preparing for a new trial of the hydrant rental case which is expected to take place in Omaha at the April term of court.

The meter rate case is in the supreme court in somewhat irregular form. It was brought before the United States court in Omaha, which rendered verdict giving the Water board the right to regulate rates. It was appealed to the circuit court of appeals, which reversed the opinion of the lower court and remanded the case for a new trial. In place of coming back to Omaha with the case the attorneys for the Water board carried it immediately to the supreme court on appeal and it may be the highest court will order the trial of the appellate court to be complied with before it will consider the appeal.

PLAN TO AUCTION FRANCHISES

Comptroller Metz of New York Will Make This Recommendation. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A plan to auction off all municipal franchises was proposed yesterday by City Comptroller Metz. He says he will formally recommend the plan in a written report within a few days. The matter came up on the application of a company for a lighting franchise in Queens borough. Comptroller Metz said that although there was every prospect that the franchise would soon be very valuable, the company only offered \$1,000 for it.

EX-SLAVE LEAVES ESTATE

Thomas Campbell Wills Property to Church and Lodge to Which He Belonged. The will of Thomas Campbell, an ex-slave who died about six weeks ago, was probated Thursday in the county court, and it was found he had left his property to his church, Frank Crawford, attorney, is executor of the will. The property amounts to real estate and other property, the value of several hundred dollars. Campbell's wife died years ago and they had no children, so he left his property to the associations with which he was connected. Campbell at one time owned the southeast corner of Twentieth and Harney streets, where the street car barn is now located.

SINGERS AVOID PANIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The coolness of a number of the chorists at the Metropolitan Opera house last night prevented a panic on the stage which might have caused a panic. "La Boheme" was the opera, and while Miss Scherbin and Bonet were singing a duet, a paper lantern, part of the stage decorations, burst up. A chorus man quickly seized the lantern and it was quickly extinguished. The singers hesitated for an instant.

HARRY NEW NEXT CHAIRMAN

Republicans Select Indianapolis Man to Follow Cortelyou.

KANSAS CITY IN HARD FIGHT

Chicago Alive to the Necessity of Hastening for Location of Next National Convention—Battle Royal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The national republican committee met at the Sherman hotel in this city at 11 o'clock today with Chairman Harry S. New presiding and Secretary Elmer Dover at the clerk's desk. The principal purpose of this meeting is the naming of a time and place at which the next national republican convention should be held. It was also evident that the contest over the place of meeting would be one of the most generally attended of recent years. It was also evident that the contest over the place of meeting would be one of the most generally attended of recent years.

For some time before the committee was called to order the lobbies of the hotel were filled with members and it was apparent from the beginning that the meeting would be one of the most generally attended of recent years. It was also evident that the contest over the place of meeting would be one of the most generally attended of recent years.

Indeed, the friends of that city were loudly claiming a majority of the committee. The Kansas City delegation was by no means willing to concede this lead. It developed that for some months that city had representatives visiting all the committee members at their homes to secure pledges and it is said that many of the committee members have become committed to the Missouri city that they would not change. It was urged for Kansas City that the city being in the midst of what is termed the "Bryan country," it would be of vast advantage to the republican party to have the convention held there in case of Bryan's nomination. The fact that the location there of the convention makes a material influence upon holding Missouri in the republican column, also was urged, as were many other conditions supposed to be favorable to Kansas City.

The only other city prominently spoken of was Denver, but the contest between Chicago and Kansas City is now so spirited that little is said of the third place. The friends of the Colorado city are hopeful that the fight between the Illinois and Missouri locations will grow so animated that it may be necessary to shift from both of them, and in that event they think that Denver offers a desirable advance. There will be one or two votes at the beginning for Seattle and some other cities.

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EMPEROR'S LIFE IN DANGER

Rumor that Anarchists Have Gone to Hungary with Full Intent.

OMAHA BANKS SHOW BEST

Local Institutions Make Statement Shadows Kansas City.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 6.—The Nap, a newspaper of this city, publishes a sensational story today to the effect that an anarchist plot upon the lives of Emperor Joseph and Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the heir to the throne, has been discovered. The story would appear to be true, for the fact that the Hungarian police were informed recently that four well-known anarchists had left Geneva for Hungary with the object of making an attempt upon the lives of Francis Ferdinand. The police were instructed to watch the frontier closely, but so far as is known no anarchists have yet entered Hungarian territory.

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OMAHA BANKS SHOW BEST

Local Institutions Make Statement Shadows Kansas City.

NEVER CAN COMPARE

Country Deposits Formerly Held by Failed Bank Available to Omaha, but Not Acceptable Until Conditions Settle.

Banks of Omaha are shown to be in far better shape than the banks of Kansas City by the statements of the nine clearing house banks of that city which were received Friday. In cash resources, deposits and total resources, the five national banks of Omaha and three national banks of South Omaha are far ahead of the nine financial institutions of Kansas City. While the deposits of the Omaha banks have decreased but \$18,000, as compared with the statement of November, 1906, the banks of Kansas City have lost \$123,500 during the year and more than \$2,000,000 since the August statement. Cash resources of the Omaha banks have increased \$2,377,000 since November of last year, while the cash of the Kansas City banks have decreased \$5,000 in the same time.

Loans of Kansas City banks were but \$47,000 less than a year ago, when the statement was called at the close of business December 3. Loans of Omaha and South Omaha banks are \$1,971,000 less than when the statement was called in November last year.

What the Records Show. Despite the fact that the Kansas City bank which failed has boasted that it carried more deposits than all the national banks of Kansas City, which was somewhat of a surprise to Omaha bankers, shows the total resources of the nine institutions have decreased \$6,500,000 since November a year ago, while the total resources of the Omaha clearing house banks have increased \$1,971,000. With the possible exception of Denver, it is expected the Omaha banks will make the strongest showing of any banks in the west and justify the remark of Chairman Hepburn of the American Bankers' association currency commission that "Omaha has been the one bright spot on the financial map since the flurry." Other New York bankers have been extravagant in their praise of Omaha banks, but in a recent map published in New York and given circulation by daily papers, Kansas City was shown to be "the clear" and a black spot as big as a horse blanket was spread over Omaha.

As a result of the Kansas City failure, banks of Omaha may secure a number of new accounts from the country banks of southeastern and southern Nebraska, which have been carried by the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City, because of the interest and free collections which that institution offered. But the accounts will not be accepted under any condition by Omaha banks, until after the flurry is over. It is not the desire of Omaha bankers to take deposits from country banks which are withdrawn from other banks during a financial stringency and which have been offered during the past week to be accepted with thanks. It is believed that such an extent banks in Omaha and St. Joseph have assisted the Kansas City banks in retaining many balances.

Sympathy for Dr. Woods. Many Omaha bankers know Dr. Woods, president of the National Bank of Commerce, sympathize with him and other officers of the bank, who believe, "make the fight of their lives" when the institution was threatened.

"The National Bank of Commerce was the only 'high finance' bank on the Missouri river," said Victor B. Caldwell, in speaking of the institution.

But the bankers do not believe the "protection" scheme of Dr. Woods was as much to scheme for the failure of the bank as the high price paid to secure accounts, which were quickly withdrawn as soon as suspicion rested on the bank. The president is known up and down the Missouri river where he has been interested in many banks. In the panic of 1893 the "Woods" bank at Sioux City, known as the "Sioux National," failed. The institution was in charge of a relative of Dr. Woods, named Chandler. The same year the "Woods" bank at Wichita, closed its doors. It was succeeded by a relative of President Woods of the National Bank of Commerce.

FIGHT TO ESCAPE THE FIRE. Many Men Injured While Battling to Go Down Fire Escape at St. Louis