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CONVENTION MAY NOMINATE TODAY

Fight Over Platform Failed to Come Off—Prospects for Deadlock and Dark Horse

The republican national convention will, in all probability, select its candidate for the presidency some time this afternoon or this evening. The expected battle over the adoption of a platform failed to come off as scheduled, and the convention met at 10 o'clock this morning for the biggest task it will be called upon to perform.

Congressman Moore of Pennsylvania presented to the convention resolutions of sorrow upon the death of Theodore Roosevelt, which were adopted by a rising vote.

Following this, the nominations began. Arizona, the first state on the list, yielded its place to Kansas, and Governor Allen placed Leonard Wood in nomination. Thereupon pandemonium broke loose. For forty-five minutes the cheering took place, the Wood delegates marching up and down the aisles. Chairman Lodge finally quieted the demonstration after it had gone on for forty-five minutes with a threat to clear the galleries. The New Hampshire delegation and Mrs. Roosevelt Robinson of New York seconded the Wood nomination.

Governor Lowden Nominated.

Arkansas yielded second place to Illinois, and Congressman Rodenberg of that state placed in nomination Governor Lowden.

Immediately following the Lowden nominating speech, a tremendous uproar arose. Iowa led the parade of Lowden delegates. There was a big display of Lowden portraits. The nomination was seconded by Pickett of Iowa, Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns of Illinois and Governor Morrow of Kentucky.

Hiram Johnson's nominating speech was made by C. S. Wheeler of California. The demonstration following was slow in rising, the enthusiasm seemingly pumping up rather slowly. The display of flags was a feature.

Harmony Platform Adopted

Indications yesterday were that there would be trouble over the adoption of a platform. The Johnson delegates had gone so far as to intimate that there might be a split unless the convention took the proper stand on the league of nations question. Harmony prevailed, however, due, so it has been intimated, to the efforts of Boss Penrose, who has no desire to see a good chance for a victory go glimmering.

The plank dealing with the league of nations is cleverly drawn. It declares that the republican party stands for "agreement among the nations to preserve the peace of the world" and hints that some sort of a league is necessary to insure this, but that this can be done without "the compromise of national independence." The league covenant signed by President Wilson "signally fails" to accomplish what is desired, for it repudiated the time-honored policies of peace of Washington, Jefferson and Monroe and "ignored the universal sentiments of America." The stand of the senators against ratification was upheld.

War and Peace

The democratic administration has shown itself alike unfitted for war and peace. It has "demonstrated its incapacity," according to the platform. President Wilson has been an autocrat, "insisting upon having his own way," and the platform promises to restore to the people their constitutional government.

Then follows a summary of the legislation the republican congress has been able to secure, some of despite the opposition of a democratic administration. It has repealed "vexatious" war legislation; it has stopped the waste of public money; it has provided for a woman's bureau in the department of labor. The oil leasing and water power bill; the national budget bill; the cuts in appropriation measures, are all set forth.

Strong for Woman Suffrage.

The platform devotes but little space to woman suffrage, but contains a strong endorsement, as well as the claim that the party submitted the woman suffrage amendment to the country and furnished twenty-nine of the thirty-five legislatures that have ratified the measure.

The farmer comes in for a share of praise and a raft of promises. The laboring man is cheered by a plank declaring for collective bargaining, and chilled by a general

pronouncement against the strike, as well as denial of the right to strike against the government. Compulsory arbitration is favored for public utilities, and voluntary mediation in other labor disputes.

The Economical Republicans

The usual claims of economy are introduced, as well as statements of democratic extravagance, the number of men on the federal payroll being cited as an evidence. The platform points out that taxes cannot be materially lowered at once, due to the heavy burden of debt imposed by the democrats, but that the methods can be changed. The chief changes advocated concern the income tax.

The platform pledges the republicans to an attack upon the high cost of living. It condemns the democrats for not stopping profiteering, but makes no definite promises.

Railroad Ownership.

There is a flat-footed declaration against government ownership of railroads, the platform declaring that adequate transportation service both for the present and future can be furnished more certainly, economically and efficiently through private ownership and operation under proper regulation and control.

The document pledges the adoption of more strict tests for immigrants, and approves the Asiatic exclusion policy.

The protective tariff principle is again reaffirmed.

The platform reasserts the right of free speech, but expresses the belief that alien agitators should be deported. There is a stand taken against lynch law and for the impartial enforcement of legislation. Liberal appropriations for public highways are advocated, and a liberal reclamation policy commended.

The Soldiers' Bonus.

The soldiers who desire a bonus are left high and dry by the republican platform, which expresses its gratitude and debt to the soldiers, declares that the wounded and disabled should be liberally cared for, but neglects to mention the bonus at all. "Republicans are ungrateful," it reminds them.

The postal service comes in for a general condemnation, as does child labor. The civil service still needs reforming, the platform assures the voter. Federal appropriations for education are favored, and the public health department's scope should be enlarged. Measures for relieving the housing shortage are suggested.

PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING FREIGHT

C. R. Weirman was given a preliminary hearing in county court this morning and was bound over to district court on a charge of breaking into and entering freight cars. He was released under \$500 bond. Weirman said the door was open and that he entered, expecting to find booze.

Weirman's home was searched at 2:30 this morning, and his arrest followed when stolen goods were found there. There is some question as to whether he stole the stuff, but he pleaded guilty to entering the car. The arrest was made by Special Agent Smith.

The car entered was one filled with goods for interstate shipment, and this may mean that Weirman will be tried before a federal court.

REGISTER ROOMS WITH COMMITTEE

If you have any rooms that will be available for visiting Elks during the state convention, don't fail to let the chamber of commerce or the Elks committee know of it. There will be 1,500 visitors coming to the city to keep up its reputation for hospitality. If you haven't a spare room, put a bed in the kitchen—but let the chamber of commerce know of it.

A petition is being circulated in the city asking the Burlington to set out sleepers for the accommodation of race meet and Elk convention visitors, so that they can retire early and not have to wait till trains arrive. The petition has been signed by over one hundred to date and not one has refused.

The regular meeting of the Rotary club was held Wednesday evening at the Alliance hotel, about twelve members being present. O. E. Pearson, in charge of the transportation department of the Burlington, was the guest of the club at dinner, and later gave an interesting talk on the present car shortage. The president of the club being absent the meeting was presided over by Vice-president G. L. Griggs. A number of speeches were made by Rotarians and regular business of the club transacted.

YOUTH KILLED BY RUNAWAY TEAM

Clarence Macken Has Skull Crushed at Farm Southwest of Alliance Thursday Afternoon

Clarence Macken, twenty-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Macken of this city, met what is believed to have been instantaneous death at 5:30 Thursday afternoon, when the horses he was driving ran away. Young Macken lived at the old McCoy residence, twelve miles southwest of Alliance, with two younger brothers. He had leased some forty acres additional from Oscar Brush, which he had planted to corn, and at the time of the accident had finished disking this land.

Mr. Macken had been breaking in three colts, hitching them between two well-broken horses on a disk. After finishing his afternoon's work, he unhitched them from the disk and hooked on to a light farm wagon. He had just started for home when Roy Shanklin, a neighbor working in a nearby field, saw the horses start to run.

Just what happened is not known, but it is believed that young Macken dropped the reins and in attempting to recover them was thrown from the wagon. The five horses kicked themselves free of the harness and came back to the farm. The body was found about a mile and a half distant from the house, the face badly cut and bruised and the skull crushed near the base of the brain.

Clarence Macken had just gone to farming for himself this year, and was known as a hard-working, likeable young fellow.

TRAINS DELAYED BY DERAILMENT

Quick Action by Engineer Reid Saved Lives When 43 Left Track Tuesday Afternoon

The presence of mind and quick action of Engineer George Reid of Alliance, veteran railroad man, undoubtedly saved many passengers on Burlington train No. 43 Tuesday afternoon from serious injury when four cars of the train left the track at a point five miles west of Ardmore, S. Dak.

The cause of the wreck, which happened at 4:55 o'clock, is unknown. The train consisted of eight cars and Engineer Reid had slowed down to fifteen miles per hour at a point where a large amount of ballasting was being done. A front truck on the chair-car left the rails. The chair car, two sleepers and diner were derailed.

Traffic was tied up both east and west for twelve hours. About one hundred and fifty ties were broken. The passengers, none of whom was injured, were transferred to the front chair cars and taken on west to Edgemont. Had the train been running at its usual speed of forty-five miles per hour at this point there undoubtedly would have been loss of life. The temperature was 96 in the shade at the scene of the wreck.

PIONEER COW PUNCHER STOPS IN ALLIANCE

J. M. Coleman, a pioneer cowboy who used to punch cattle in this region before Alliance had a railroad, was going through here Thursday from Channing, Tex., to Harlem, Mont., with twenty-eight loads of matador cattle. Coleman came here in 1880 from Texas. He was then with the Shiedley Cattle company in the Black Hills, but the roundups often reached here. At that time this country was open range.

He remained with the Shiedley company eighteen years, then the railroad came to Alliance and they moved farther north. Later he went to Montana and was a resident of that state for twenty years. Mr. Coleman stayed in Montana until the drouth a year ago, when he moved his family to Texas.

He is now sixty-five years old and feels just as young as he used to but says he can't do as much work.

A new house is being built by Joseph Robbins on Platte avenue. That part of the city is building up very rapidly. The lot was purchased Wednesday evening and the contractor started building operations bright and early Thursday.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES QUORUM QUESTION

How Many Members Have to Be Present Before Legal Action Can Be Taken?

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening, but no business was transacted. Not that there wasn't plenty to do, and a willing disposition to do it, but because the mayor, city and attorney and the members of the council couldn't decide offhand whether they were legally entitled to go ahead. It hinged on the question of how many councilmen it takes to make a quorum.

The state law reads that for councils in cities of the first class—Alliance is included in this lot—two-thirds of the members elected shall constitute a quorum. Eight councilmen have been elected. Two-thirds of eight is six, or five and a fraction, if you want to be technical about it. Having no fractional councilmen, the Alliance council have always held that six was a quorum.

Councilman Hughes is taking his summer vacation, touring in an automobile along the dusty Missouri roads. Councilman Hills was somewhere in Wyoming, the odds favoring Casper. Councilman Henry is no longer a councilman, although his resignation hasn't been handed in. He removed from the ward where he had been elected several weeks ago, but hasn't handed in a resignation, and the council has never appointed his successor. Some say that he doesn't have to hand in a resignation, but was automatically disqualified the minute he moved the furniture to the residence once the pride of Judge Tash.

All the remaining five councilmen were on hand, but couldn't turn a wheel. This made it awkward, for being the first regular meeting of the month, there were ordinances to pass, bills to allow, petitions and petitioners to receive and other things of importance on the calendar. Chief among these was the buyer for a Deaver bond house, who made a reasonably attractive proposition to buy the city's bonds. This brother, whose name was Brown, first started the quorum argument.

"Why," he expostulated and ejaculated, when Mayor Rodgers told him that the council's hands were tied because of a lack of quorum. "There is a quorum here. It all depends on how you read that law. It says, just as plain, that a quorum is two-thirds of the members elected. Now, if one man is disqualified, he isn't elected. That leaves just seven councilmen, and two thirds of seven is five. Five councilmen are here. You have a legal quorum, and my house will accept your action as legal."

The council listened intently to this exposition, but they weren't particularly convinced, especially when City Attorney Metz, after looking over the laws and ordinances, announced that it might be so, but that he wouldn't advise taking the chance. Mr. Brown continued his argument, and even went so far as to make his proposition a little better, but the council wasn't interested. He urged a vote, but when the mayor and several councilmen insinuated that if it went to a vote, they'd defeat his proposal, he agreed to wait till the following evening, in the hope that Councilman Hills might return.

The next day, Mr. Brown showed up at the mayor's office with a telegram quoting Colorado law to show that his stand on the quorum question was correct, and also with a much better proposition as regards the city's bonds. Neither of these was accepted. The council has a much better offer from a Lincoln firm. There are \$35,000 worth of bonds to dispose of, and the council expects to realize every possible cent on them.

In the meantime, no date has been set for the next council meeting. It may be perfectly true that a legal quorum, under the circumstances is five, but the mayor isn't worried. When Councilman Hills returns, another councilman will be chosen, and until then, Colorado law or no Colorado law, the legal quorum in Alliance is six.

The Alliance paving gang is having the best of luck these days, inasmuch as the rains have been missing them. For the last three nights there have been showers sufficient to delay the game had they hit here, but each one has passed over. The gang is moving dirt from Box Butte avenue in rapid shape, and the curb and gutter lads are making a nice string of it.

THE WEATHER

ALLIANCE, Neb., June 11.—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; continued warm.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS MEET IN ALLIANCE

A number of railroad officials of the C. B. & Q. were in Alliance this week, in connection with different phases of work done on this division. Among these here were the following:

General Superintendent of Motive Power Torrey, of Chicago.

Assistant Superintendent of Motive Power T. Roope, of Lincoln.

William Tiehoff, general manager of lines west, of Omaha.

Ed. Bignell, fuel supervisor, of Chicago.

Tom O'Neill, general boiler inspector, of Lincoln.

Superintendent Cone and Master Mechanic G. E. Johnson, of Sheridan.

Superintendent Grelsenger and Master Mechanic Davenport, of Sterling, Colo.

Superintendent Aydelott and Master Mechanic Melcher, of Casper.

Master Mechanic H. E. Culbertson of McCook.

DORAN ACHIEVES FINE OF \$10 AND COSTS

Chief of Police Oscar Reed Thursday evening picked up Eddie Doran, boiler maker, at the Everett Cook pool hall, and escorted him to the police station, where he was released after putting up an appearance bond of \$20. The charge placed against his name on the police blotter included fighting, drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Mr. Doran had been engaged in beating up a friend, Mr. Sharlock, when the police intervened. Sharlock, it is said, was in no condition to put up a scrap, having recently been released from the hospital, where an injured shoulder sent him a few weeks ago.

Doran told Chief Reed that Sharlock had been boarding with him for some time. A day or so ago, Sharlock told Doran that he had been "holding him up" for this board, and asked for a refund of some of the money. He was given \$10, but was asked for \$10 more, and, so Doran claims, when this was refused, proceeded to help himself while Doran slept. When Doran discovered it, he proceeded to punch Sharlock's nose.

The trial was held this morning in police court, and Judge Roberts assessed a fine of \$10 and costs against Mr. Doran on the intoxication charge.

TRAINS HELD UP BY WASHOUT NEAR BEREA

Burlington west-bound trains were delayed several hours Thursday by a washout four miles east of Berea. The heavy rainfall Wednesday night took out a small bridge and a long fill, washed out during the last big rain, was so weakened that it was considered unsafe. All trains were held up for some hours. No. 41 did not get out until 10:45 and No. 35 until 11:15.

Alliance escaped this rain, just as it did the night following, but over in the vicinity of Berea and Marsland the downpour was something terrific. Jim Kennedy, blacksmith at Berea, has just completed the installation of a new gasoline filling station. The rain washed out the dirt and filled the hole, so that when he showed up after the storm, he found his new gasoline tank floating serenely on a puddle of water.

VICTIM OF SHOOTING NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

The first fatality resulting from a shooting affray in the Osage field seems near at hand, according to the condition of Fred Walker as stated by the attending physician. Walker has been in the state hospital at Sheridan since the wound was inflicted and the alleged assailant, Harry N. Sim, is still in jail at Newcastle. Walker was until a few years ago a resident of Sheridan county, making his home at Ranchester. His wife and mother are with him at the hospital where everything possible is being done for his relief and recovery.

The dispute over an oil lease which is said to have led to the shooting, has not been settled by the unfortunate affair.—Sheridan Post.

The Christian church is receiving a new coat of paint.

ULTIMATUM BY CITY PHYSICIAN

Dr. George J. Hand Says Mayor and Council Are Back of Him in Sanitary Scrap

City Physician George J. Hand announced Friday morning that the case brought against R. T. Morgan, grocer, and tried in police court last Monday, would be brought up in the county court, either by appeal from the justice court or by filing a new complaint with the county attorney.

Morgan was arrested last Monday on complaint of Dr. Hand, charged with the violation of the health ordinances by allowing bones and meat from his market to collect in the alley back of his store. The defense was that Morgan had a contract with Sam Shelton, city scavenger, to keep the refuse hauled away. Police Judge Roberts found Morgan not guilty.

Following this decision, Dr. Hand tendered his resignation as city physician, but was persuaded to recall it, Mayor Rodgers assuring him that the mayor and council were back of him.

Dr. Hand, in a signed statement sent to The Herald, declares he has set out to make the city of Alliance sanitary, and that all violators of the sanitary laws may expect prosecution. He says further that future cases will be prosecuted, not in justice court, but in county court under the laws and regulations of the state board of health. His statement follows:

"Monday morning I filed complaint against the Morgan Grocery company because Saturday morning about 50 pounds of meat and bones were thrown from the rear of the store. The complaint was filed for two reasons, first, an ordinance of the city prohibits the throwing of meats and bones of any kind in an alley or elsewhere about the city; and second, it was placed there at an hour after the city scavenger's regular time for collecting garbage. In placing it there at that time they should have known that it would have to stay until Monday morning, as the scavenger does not regularly work on Sunday.

"The butcher employed by Morgan admitted having thrown this in the alley and not in a closed container, as provided by law. Despite this testimony, Police Judge Roberts dismissed the case, advancing the reason that the fault was the scavenger's. He held to this point despite the late hour that this refuse had been thrown in the alley, the defendant and his butcher both claiming that they were not familiar with the hours of the scavenger's daily visit.

"I hold that the ruling of the police judge was wrong, and will further prosecute these cases in police court, but in county court, under the regulations laid down by the state board of health. I wish to say to all similar violators of the law that, despite adverse rulings, rigid prosecution will follow. I have set out to make the city of Alliance sanitary and regardless of all obstacles, so long as I remain city physician, I will rigidly prosecute all violations similar to that of the Morgan Grocery company."

REDUCED FARE FOR ELK'S CONVENTION

The railroads have made a special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip for Elks and their families to attend the national convention at Chicago. This figure but \$39.70 for the round trip from Alliance. This rate applies to all members of the family, not to Elks alone. The purchaser of tickets must have a certificate from the secretary of the lodge. One certificate covers a family.

Charles Brittan is chairman of the convention committee. If you will be able to go, let him know about it in plenty of time.

Mrs. R. N. Anabel, who has been visiting her parents in Chadron, returned the first part of the week.

Mrs. N. G. Eubanks returned to her home in Bridgeport Thursday from a shopping trip in Alliance.

Mrs. M. L. Hendricks is spending the week-end with relatives in Antioch.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Easton returned Thursday to Plainview after having spent a few days here.

W. S. Chase of Antioch was in Alliance Thursday on his way home from a business trip to Kansas City, Mo.

L. S. Holsum of Lead, So. D., arrived Thursday on business for the Publishers' Promotion company.