

THE ST. JOE CONVENTION

REPUBLICAN FACTIONS FIGHT FROM THE VERY START.

FILLEY IN EASY CONTROL.

The Opening of the Convention Delayed by a Bitter Dispute as to the Control of the Hall—Thousands Kept Standing in a Jam for Three Hours—Anti-Filleyites Howled Down.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., May 13.—At midnight last night Major Warner and Chauncey I. Filley had a long conference over the plans for the Republican State convention to-day. Each talked in a friendly way, and it was hoped that a compromise could be reached. Later each consulted with his friends and at 1 o'clock it was declared that the deal was off. Filley was willing to make the slate himself, Niedringhaus, Bothwell and Warner, or Bittinger in place of Bothwell but Kerens he would not agree to. He was backed by a delegation from St. Louis bitterly opposed to Kerens. Warner and Bittinger refused to drop Kerens after having gone into a fight with him. Consequently this morning neither side expected anything but a fight.

When the delegates prepared to go to the hall this morning, it was found that Major Bittinger and the local executive committee had taken upon themselves to issue all tickets of admission. This added to the hard feelings, especially on the part of the Filleyites, who charged that the local committee was prepared to admit the Kerens men and refuse admission to the St. Louis Filleyites; in fact, that Bittinger was going to keep out every one he did not want admitted. A squad of police stood outside the convention hall to keep the crowd back. At 9 o'clock there were 1,500 people in front of the building. Filley hastily called a meeting of the State committee for 9:30 o'clock. He had 1,500 tickets circulating among his friends, and the delegates and the opposition had as many more. Then he sent John Armstrong, the sergeant-at-arms chosen by the State committee, to take possession of the hall. Lester M. Crawford, the proprietor of the opera house, refused to give him the keys, saying that he would give them to no one except Bittinger.

Shortly before 11 o'clock Bittinger went before the State committee. The members were angry and Zeigenheim of St. Louis charged the local committee with unfairness and with giving tickets to its friends instead of delegates. Bittinger replied: "You don't know what you are talking about." He said the committee had tickets for the State committee and would gladly give them to the committeemen when the committee was ready for them. He then gave the members from the different districts each a proportionate share of the tickets. He plainly charged that the local Filley men had printed and distributed thousands of tickets to the Filley workers, the sole purpose being to pack the convention. The committee remained in session after Bittinger left for a long time. Chairman Filley of the state committee, B. F. Russell, Albert Griffin, the temporary secretary, and Congressman Bartholdt, the temporary chairman selected by the state committee, were admitted to the hall at 12:18 o'clock through a side door. They took seats on the platform and began to arrange tables. The police outside were reinforced and five minutes later the front door was opened and the sergeant-at-arms began to admit delegates. The Kerens tickets were white and those of the central committee blue. The central committee's order to its sergeant-at-arms was to admit, first, only those who had badges prepared by Bittinger's committee, but distributed by the state committee. Nathan Frank and Kerens sent a bunch of fifty tickets to their supporters outside.

Everybody with a delegate's badge or a ticket was admitted. Most of the delegates had been standing for three hours in the jam against the theater doors. THE CONVENTION OPENED AT LAST. It was 1:05 o'clock before the crowd was seated and Chairman Filley of the State committee rose to call the meeting to order. His friends cheered wildly for a minute or more. The Filley delegates from St. Louis were seated as regulars in the body of the hall. The Kerens delegates, who had tickets, got seats in the gallery. Filley urged the Republicans to work for organization. He said that McKinley would be nominated in June and elected in November; that Missouri would elect a Republican governor, a Republican legislature and a Republican electoral vote. Filley then introduced Congressman Richard Bartholdt, the temporary chairman, who counseled harmony of action. George A. Neal of Kansas City offered a resolution providing that all resolutions should be sent to the committee on resolutions. It was carried and the convention proceeded to select committees by districts.

While the secretary was calling the roll of districts, a Filley man answered for the Eleventh district. Nathan Frank, leader of the Kerens faction, said that that district was in contest and undertook to read a list for his delegation, but was howled down and the chair ruled him out of order on an appeal raised by Spencer of St. Louis. James Moran of Buchanan county said that he objected to a man whose seat was contested sitting on his own case. He was silenced and the call by districts proceeded.

Moran renewed his objections, but was howled down. Another delegate who tried to make a similar protest was silenced on a point of order, and the convention took a recess until 3 o'clock. The votes by which Nathan Frank was silenced and Chairman Bartholdt sustained in his rulings and the subsequent vote to adjourn while Kerens'

friends were trying to get the floor showed that Filley was stronger than the opposition in his effort to seat his St. Louis delegates, at least so long as the St. Louis delegation voted on its own right to sit in the convention. The fact that the St. Louis delegation was allowed to vote on all questions in the temporary organization apparently insured their being ultimately seated in the permanent organization. Bartholdt's rulings are condemned as arbitrary.

THEY GO FREE.

Kansas City Ballot Box Stuffers Saved by the Supreme Court.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13.—By a decision handed down by Judge Burgess in the Supreme court at Jefferson City this morning the indictments against John May, Charles S. Owsley, John Moran, H. G. Bristow, R. L. Krueger, O. W. Krueger and other principals accused of the conspiracy to steal the election of 1894, stand for nothing and the alleged conspirators are to go free.

The Supreme court reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of Ralf L. Krueger and discharged him. In the same decision the case of O. A. Clark, one of the judges of Precinct No. 5, who was convicted and sentenced to nine months for falsifying returns, was reversed and the case remanded to the lower court. The decision in the Krueger case holds that, under the existing law, only the judges and clerks can be convicted of the crime of election stealing or ballot box stuffing. The court held that "other persons" meant only election officers in fact.

A. P. A. S. IN CONVENTION.

Credentials Being Examined and Speeches Heard—Lively Contests Expected.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The supreme council of the American Protective Association held an informal meeting this morning, but no business was transacted except the appointment of a committee on credentials, which at once began making up the roll of the council.

Supreme President H. J. Traynor declared that if the old party refuses to recognize the principles of the A. P. A., a call will be issued for a national convention to organize a new party which will be joined by citizens who are tired of ring rule.

A meeting of the full advisory board will be held to-night, when the action of the executive committee of that board on McKinley's candidacy will be considered.

A WOMAN IN THE CHAIR.

Denver Republicans Quarrel Bitterly Despite a Fair Presiding Officer.

DENVER, Col., May 13.—The Arapahoe county Republican convention, to elect delegates to the First congressional district convention and to the State convention, was in session until 3 o'clock this morning without accomplishing anything more than organization. Although for five hours Mrs. Carrie O. Kitter was in the chair, the convention resembled a beer garden and numerous personal altercations occurred. The water and tramway companies' adherents finally obtained the upper hand and beat Mayor McMurray's followers. Both sides profess to be in favor of sending Senator Teller as a delegate to the national convention.

Kansas Templars Meet.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 13.—Marshall's Military band of Topeka led the Knights Templars this morning. It marched up the main street, ending at the Masonic hall. Lawrence had forty-six Knights in line, Topeka forty-two, Newton twenty-seven, Wichita twenty, Parsons twenty, Ottawa sixteen and Junction City seventeen. Following these were the grand lodge officers in carriages.

Burned by Tramps.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 13.—Kirchendall's elevator at Americus, ten miles north of here, which contained several thousand bushels of oats, was burned with its contents last night, as was also a freight car, to which tramps set fire and from which the flames spread. The city officials say that seventy-five tramps are fed here every day and the central part of the State seems to be full of them.

Divine Scientists Meet.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13.—The anti-Eddy "Divine Scientists" met in international conference at the Academy of Music this morning. The full official title of the conference is, "The Third International Congress of Scientists, called by the International Divine Science Association." It continues throughout the week. Delegates from all over the United States are present.

William A. Simsrot Dead.

CHICAGO, May 13.—William A. Simsrot, ex-secretary and treasurer of the Switchmen's union, died last night of quick consumption. In 1886 he was elected to the important position in the Switchmen's union which he held until 1894. His disappearance during the summer of that year caused a great deal of excitement when it was found that his accounts were short to the extent of \$40,000. After two weeks' search he was located in the Washington home. There was no prosecution and soon the Switchmen's union went to pieces.

Presbyterianism Abandoned.

St. LOUIS, Mo., May 13.—The committee appointed by the Presbyterian board to look into the affairs of Grace Church, which has been involved in pecuniary trouble with its pastor, the Rev. Mr. Mulholland, reported yesterday morning in the presence of Mulholland and his son at a meeting of the board. Thereupon the St. Louis Presbytery voted to dissolve the pastoral relation. Mulholland dumb-founded the assemblage by presenting his resignation from the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

IN HONOR OF HANCOCK.

THE WASHINGTON STATUE OF THE SOLDIER UNVEILED.

GREAT AUDIENCE PRESENT

President Cleveland, Vice President Stevenson, Supreme Court, Diplomatic Corps, Both Houses of Congress and Other Notables Witness the Imposing Ceremonies.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The heroic equestrian statue of Major General Winfield Scott Hancock was unveiled here this afternoon before an immense gathering, which included President Cleveland, Vice President Stevenson and representatives of the Supreme court, the diplomatic corps, both houses of Congress and many army veterans and colleagues of the late general. Four companies of artillery, marching as infantry, four companies of marines, with the Marine band, light battery C, Third artillery, a squadron from the Sixth cavalry, the full district militia and numerous military organizations, including the Second army corps, at the head of which General Hancock achieved his greatest victories, participated in the parade. Brigadier General Brooke, commanding the department of the Dakotas, U. S. A., was the grand marshal of the day.

The exercises opened with a prayer by the Right Rev. James Y. Satterlee, bishop of Washington. The principal address was delivered by Senator John M. Palmer of Illinois, major general of the United States volunteers during the war. A salute was fired as the unveiling of the statue took place.

Senator Palmer's address was devoted to a eulogy of the manly and soldierly qualities of General Hancock and contained a beautiful tribute to his wife, who was his biographer. The statue stands in the heart of the business district of Washington. It is the work of Henry J. Elliott, the noted sculptor, and its total height is 33 feet 8 inches. The distance from the plinth to the top of the hat is 14 feet 6 inches, and the height of the pedestal from the ground to the plinth is 19 feet 2 inches. The proportions of the rider are such that if standing erect he would measure ten feet in height.

THE BOYCOTT FORBIDDEN.

Federal Courts in Ewo States Protect the Armour Company.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13.—The Armour Packing Company, through Attorneys Pratt, Ferry and Hagerman, went before Judge Philips of the United States court in this city last night, and applied for a restraining order to prevent the striking firemen and the local labor organizations from declaring a boycott against the Armour products. The temporary restraining order was granted, and late last night and to-day the United States marshal and his deputies served papers on the defendants. The injunction is directed against the forty-four striking firemen, the grievance committee, President Duffy and the heads of the various unions. At Topeka this morning a similar application was made to United States Judge Foster, and a temporary restraining order was granted for the Kansas side, the hearing being set for Monday next at 10 o'clock.

IMPORTANT TO BONDSMEN

The Chicago Bankers Sureties for Ex-Treasurer Ramsey of Illinois Liable.

CARLEYS, Ill., May 13.—Judge Wall of the circuit court has decided that the ten Chicago bondsmen of the late State Treasurer Ramsey are not entitled to reimburse themselves out of his estate for \$363,000 paid into the state treasury to make good his defalcation. The court held that the loaning of state funds to the banks by his sureties is illegal and against public policy, and that the arrangement with his bondsmen tended to malfeasance in office. According to this opinion the bondsmen are liable to prosecution under the criminal code and it is said the Carley creditors of the state treasurer will attempt to have the bondsmen indicted for conspiracy.

THE FEDERAL PRISON.

The House Judiciary Committee Reports Favorably the House Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The House committee on judiciary to-day ordered a favorable report on the bill to establish a site for a federal penitentiary to cost not exceeding \$150,000, on the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth.

China Settles Missionary Claims.

TIENTSIN, May 10.—United States Chairman Reed, the chairman of the Cheng-fu commission, has succeeded in securing payment in full of the Baptist missionary union claims for property losses in the Se-Chuen riots. Thus all the American claims have been settled in a friendly manner, China paying the whole amount demanded.

Bond Investigators Appointed.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—At a meeting of the committee, Chairman Morrill appointed as the subcommittee of five to investigate the bond sales, Senators Harris, Vest and Walthall, Democrats, and Platt, Republican, and Jones of Nevada, Populist.

Macoon's Postmaster Dead.

MACOON, Mo., May 13.—Postmaster Frank A. Dessert died this morning of dropsy of the heart, at the age of 47. He had been postmaster before, and a delegate to nearly every State Democratic convention for twenty years.

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THE MARKETS.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close May 12, Close May 11. Rows include WHEAT, CORN, OATS, PORK, LARD, SHORT RIBS, SUGAR, LIVE STOCK, etc.