

SPRING ELECTIONS.

Elections Held in Various Cities of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

A Surprising Result in Kansas City, Mo.—Quiet Election at Leavenworth.

The Effect of Temperance and Labor Questions—Warm Fights in Several Places.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.—The election yesterday went off with a hurrah. The result was mysterious and surprising. There were three regular tickets—Republican, Democratic and Labor. From the first two the Law and Order League selected a ticket, while Davenport, for recorder, ran independent. The Republicans will have the Council by one vote, if Paque, the only Labor candidate elected, votes with them. There was a large and unblushing amount of bribery and treating, the streets being filled with drunken men, but no disorder was reported. Two arrests were made of ticket peddlers for touting within two hundred feet of the polls. The result may be regarded as a victory for the saloon element. Kumpf, Republican, is elected by a majority of 946. Holmes, Democrat, is elected treasurer by a majority of 1,700, and Davenport, Independent, is elected by a majority of 2,700, and a plurality over Snow, who defeated him for the nomination, of 6,122. So Kumpf and Davenport are both endorsed. Winram, Republican candidate for auditor, wins through by a plurality of 1,533, and City Attorney Hawkins will have the pleasure of being set down upon for another year by Davenport. His call was a close one, but he got there by a plurality of 335 and will stay there another year. Lucas, the Democratic nominee for mayor endorsed by the Law and Order League, made a gallant but unavailing fight. J. W. Reese, the Labor nominee, received only 637 votes; Kumpf 7,633; Lucas, 5,633.

FRINGFIELD, Mo., April 4.—The Democrats won a victory at the election here yesterday, putting through nine out of fifteen of their candidates for city offices by majorities as follows: Mayor, Ralph Walker, 105; marshal, Robert P. Barrett, 76; collector, John Foley, re-elected, 93; attorney, E. A. Barbour, 107, and H. M. Heckart, Daniel B. Harbo, L. W. C. Hornbeck, F. J. Underwood and G. B. Bronson, co-councilmen, by majorities from 10 to 43. The Republicans elected William Mather recorder by 233 majority; E. D. Parce, treasurer, re-elected by 53, and T. E. Burlingame, J. L. Mooney and Alf Damas (colored), councilmen, by small majorities. McCracken, the colored Republican candidate for assessor, was elected, the Democrats having no candidate, as the office had no duties or salary connected with it. The City Council now stands nine Democrats and seven Republicans.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 4.—The hottest contest ever held in this city resulted yesterday in a sweeping Republican victory. The total vote polled was 4,919, which was about 1,000 short of that three years ago, which is accounted for by the fact that the special registration was not understood. Engelhart, Republican candidate for mayor, by a majority of 730, and six of the ten aldermen are Republicans. E. J. Evers, Democratic candidate for city attorney, is elected by a majority of 173. The ticket as elected is as follows: George J. Engelhart, mayor; Harvey Carter, auditor; George Coe, recorder; John A. Dolman, collector; George Rowe, city attorney. This is the most complete victory the Republicans have ever achieved in the city election, the administration last year having been Democratic.

CLINTON, Mo., April 4.—The election held here yesterday was warmly contested, notwithstanding the fact that it was conceded from the start that the Democrats would come out victorious. The local optimists had a ticket called the People's, containing the names of the majority of the Democratic nominees. The election resulted in the selection of every Democratic nominee with the exception of assessor, to which place L. A. Pearson, Republican, was elected. The new officers are: J. H. Britts, mayor; Amos Richardson, marshal; Charles A. Calvert, attorney; J. M. L. McBride, recorder; Charles S. Robinson, collector; C. C. Williams, treasurer; L. A. Pearson, assessor.

ATCHEISON, Kan., April 4.—The city election here yesterday passed off quietly. Four Republican councilmen and one Democrat were elected. The Republicans elected are S. Robinson, R. C. Steacie, J. W. Fisher and J. Conway; the Democrat, Phil Dunham. There were three tickets in the field—Republican, Democratic and Union Labor. The Democratic candidates were endorsed by the Union Labor ticket. The entire Republican School Board was elected. The biggest fight was in the Third ward where J. W. Fisher, Republican, defeated the combined Democratic and Union Labor vote.

SEDALIA, Mo., April 4.—Edward W. Stevens, Democratic candidate for mayor, was defeated for reelection yesterday by a bolt of the Fourth ward Democrats, by a majority of 113 after carrying three out of four wards. Joseph Avery, Frank Shultz and J. C. McClunhlin, Republicans, and Charles Carroll, Democrat, were elected to the City Council, which stands six Republicans and two Democrats. J. H. Pukinton, Democrat, was elected city collector by a majority of 67; Tom Prentice, chief of police, by 41; M. W. Stratton, police judge, by 22, and Fred Weitzel, assessor, by a large majority.

AT TOPKA, Kan., April 4.—The city election passed off quietly yesterday and a very large vote was polled, the chief interest centering upon the two candidates for police judge—Curran, the colored Republican, and Isenhardt, the Democrat. Returns received thus far from three of the seven precincts give Isenhardt 201 majority. The general impression prevails that Curran is elected by a small majority, as the remaining precincts are Republican strongholds. The Republicans probably elect five of the six councilmen.

HOLTON, Kan., April 4.—The city election passed off quietly yesterday, only 443 votes being cast. John S. Hopkins was elected mayor; Ed Ross, police judge; J. C. Chase, J. H. Keller, W. A. Allen, Todd B. Wells, F. K. Koch and G. Bohannon, councilmen of the three wards, and J. W. Fleming, W. H. Robinson, C. S. Spover, M. M. Beck, E. L. McGrew and Samuel Crawford, members of the Board of Education. The woman's vote was somewhat less than 100.

CARROLLTON, Mo., April 4.—The election here yesterday resulted in the choosing of J. E. Drake for mayor. J. G. Woodland for

constable and E. Hines, sheriff. The election here yesterday was warmly contested, but political lines were not drawn. The Hon. Ashley W. Erving was elected mayor over J. M. Clarke by a majority of 57. F. E. Luckett was elected attorney over W. S. Lemmon by a majority of 14; W. B. Payne for recorder had no opposition; Colonel W. Q. Dallmeyer, W. K. Bradbury and J. F. Heinrichs were elected members of the Board of Education.

AT MARSHALL, Mo., April 4.—The city election here yesterday caused many fights for a dry town. There were two tickets in the field—the regular Democratic and the Law and Order. Most of the nominees on the Democratic ticket were anti-local option, and the fight was made on that issue. The vote was as follows: For mayor—Fisher, Democratic, 283; Wright, Independent, 211. For marshal—Colmer, Democratic, 336; Parker, Independent, 240.

AT NEVADA, Mo., April 4.—The election for city officers passed off quietly here yesterday, the whole Democratic ticket being elected by fair majorities. C. O. Graves was elected mayor over E. E. Kimball; J. A. Lovell, city attorney; W. I. Fisher, marshal; James Bridgford, recorder; Frank Anderson, collector, and O. K. Caldwell, treasurer. All the aldermen elected are Democrats.

AT LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 4.—An election for councilmen, members of the school board, justices of the peace and constables was held here yesterday and was the quietest known for years. Of the six councilmen voted for three Republicans and three Democrats were elected. With this exception the remainder of the Democratic ticket was elected.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., April 4.—About 350 voters voted here yesterday in the Fourth ward, where a woman ran for school director. A warm fight was made, the women being divided about evenly, defeating her by forty-two votes. The woman vote throughout the city cut no figure in the result, as there was no case where the husband or father and the wife voted differently.

GALLATIN, Mo., April 4.—At the city election here yesterday, the entire Democratic ticket was elected by an average majority of 70. This city elected Republican officers last year. The negro on the Republican ticket ran with the balance. The Democrats elected are George A. Henderson, mayor; I. B. Yates, Moses Brown, George Tuggle and A. F. McFarlan, councilmen.

WARRENBURG, Mo., April 4.—J. D. Eads, the Democratic nominee for mayor, was elected by a majority of 120 over W. S. Crissey, the Republican candidate. Theodore Young, Republican, and W. H. Anderson, Democrat, were elected councilmen. George Gilbert and G. S. Brinkerhoff, Republicans, were elected school directors over L. W. Jacks and Dr. J. A. Jackson.

MARYSVILLE, Kan., April 4.—In yesterday's election Andrew Fluhrer was elected mayor; Charles Brown, police judge; Charles E. Koester, city treasurer; Charles F. Pusch, school treasurer. Considering that this was the first election as a city of the second class a very light vote was cast.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 4.—The municipal election yesterday resulted in a complete Republican victory. The majority of Houston, the Republican candidate for police judge, over Whitmore, the Prohibition and Democratic nominee, was about 400. The Republican candidates for councilmen were elected by majorities ranging from 70 to 170.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 4.—Hastings witnessed the hottest city campaign in her history yesterday. The temperance people made a noble fight, but were defeated. For mayor A. D. Yocum, high license, was elected by 50 majority. The entire ticket was elected by majorities ranging from 25 to 101.

WEBB CITY, Mo., April 4.—The election yesterday was a hard contest between the Citizens' and the Labor tickets, and resulted in the election of McKelvey for mayor on the Labor ticket, over China, by forty-eight majority. The total vote polled was 253. This assures the adoption of local option in this city.

AT MARYVILLE, Mo., April 4.—At the municipal election held here yesterday, Charles A. Ellis, Democrat, was elected mayor over S. R. Beech, Republican, and A. H. Hoyer, Democrat, was elected marshal. The Democrats and Republicans each elected two aldermen.

HAMILTON, Mo., April 4.—The Citizens' ticket was elected here to-day without opposition. W. J. Ery and W. V. Walker, aldermen, and William Partin, Dr. E. Vannote and G. Prentice, school directors.

CAMERON, Mo., April 4.—The following candidates were victorious in the city election here yesterday: C. L. Ford, mayor; W. H. Worley, city marshal; O. H. McGee, police judge; and William Dinwiddie, G. W. Chue and F. G. Isbell, aldermen.

AT ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., April 4.—In yesterday's municipal contest the Union Labor party scored an overwhelming victory with the exception of one councilman, all of their candidates being elected by large majorities.

GARNETT, Kan., April 4.—The entire Democratic city ticket is elected by from 14 to 20 majority. Three hundred and sixteen women voted—20 for the Democratic nominees.

AT LAMAR, Mo., April 4.—In the city election yesterday the wet captured all the offices, aldermen and school directors. The drys made a good fight. There were no politics in the contest.

AT BEATRICE, Neb., April 4.—At the city election yesterday, E. O. Keetsinger, the Prohibition incumbent, was elected mayor over O. H. Phillips by 121 majority. Both tickets were unopposed.

The Milwaukee Election. MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 4.—The Citizens' municipal ticket was elected here yesterday over the Union Labor ticket by majorities ranging from 5 to 1,000. Returns show that Thomas Brown, for mayor on the Labor ticket, has a majority of 1,850 over Herman Kroeber, the Labor candidate. The Citizens' nominees comprised two Republicans and two Democrats. There was also Prohibition and Socialist tickets in the field but neither cut much of a figure, polling less than 700 votes together. The Citizens' elected ten aldermen and the Labor party the same number.

RICH HILL CATASTROPHE.

Keith & Perry's Shaft No. 6 the Scene of a Terrible Loss of Life.

Powder or Gas Explodes While Over Thirty Men Are at Work—Twenty-one Dead.

Fourteen Taken Out Wounded—Fifteen Others Imprisoned and Thought to be Killed.

RICH HILL, Mo., March 30.—An explosion of natural gas occurred in mine No. 6 of the Keith & Perry Coal Company, located about three miles west of the city, near the Rich Hill Gas Company's natural gas well, shortly after twelve o'clock noon yesterday. There are about 100 men employed in this mine, but at the time of the explosion only about thirty were below. Attempts were made at once to rescue the unfortunate men, and eight miners had been brought to the surface alive when a second explosion occurred at 3:30 o'clock, at which time Superintendent George Sweeney and five miners were in the shaft at work, all of whom were more or less burned, but none dangerously.

The scene about the mouth of the shaft, where the wives, mothers and relatives of the miners, wild with the agony of suspense over the unknown fate of their loved ones, were collected was heartrending. The mines were reexamined about two weeks ago by Mine Inspector Wolfe and pronounced safe.

At two o'clock this morning a telephone message was received from the mine to the effect that fifteen men had been taken out of the mine, fourteen of them alive. Mr. Maxwell, who is alert and doing all possible, is of the opinion that so long as the men taken out are not all dead it could not have been due to gas but to powder. He holds that gas always burns the oxygen and no one could live under such circumstances.

A reporter called at the residence of the superintendent at eleven o'clock last night and found him propped in a chair with his face and hands bandaged and scarcely able to talk, but he made the following statement:

At just seven minutes after noon I was telephoned that an explosion had occurred at No. 6, which is four miles northwest of town. I went out as soon as possible and found the south cage on which the men always ascend, stuck in the shaft about half way from the bottom with eight men on it.

I went down in a tub lowered with ropes and found them all badly burned and in a frenzy. In fact, they were crazy, some howling and some singing. I found it difficult to have this cage hoisted as the timbers were all blown out of position. We finally managed to get hoisted by means of ropes and pulley, in a fainting condition, and it was then ascertained that the north cage could be worked by clearing away some timbers which had been driven through from the south shaft. This was done by sawing them short off. I then called for volunteers to go down with me to see if any of the poor fellows at the bottom could be got out. Robert Beck, George Henry, Charles Smallwood and Mat Dule-hall responded.

When we reached the bottom I looked through into the entry, and saw a light, and I asked who was there, and a voice responded: "Gray," and I told him to put out his light. I then asked him to crawl to me, but he was so exhausted that he could not do so, and I reached through the small aperture and dragged him out to the cage. Just as this was done a wind rushed with the velocity of a cyclone up the entry, putting out our lights and blowing us. This was followed by two loud reports and a seething flame of fire, which came with a deafening roar, completely enveloping us for a length of time which seemed like an age, and shot out of the mouth of the shaft, two hundred and forty feet above our heads, and we were all horribly burned, and thought our time had come, but the flames receded as suddenly as they had come, and we had to abandon the attempt to save the others. I called to the men on top to hoist away, but it was some time before they got the signal of understanding my meaning. The moment this spent were a living death. I thought they could not bear me and concluded we would have to crawl through the south shaft and undertake to climb out that way.

I was just in the act of doing so when I felt the cage move and we ascended about thirty feet, when the cage began descending. I thought the machinery broken and that we were falling to an awful and certain death. Oh! the wail that went up from those men was heartrending and I shall never forget it. The knowledge that at the top was their wives extending their arms ready to clasp and shield them from further danger was maddening and enough to destroy reason. All at once, however, the cage came to a sudden stop and again began responding to the pressure of rope and pulley and we were soon at the top.

A LATER ACCOUNT. RICH HILL, Mo., March 30.—It was just 12:10 o'clock when a low rumbling noise was heard in mine No. 6, owned by the Keith & Perry Coal Company, four miles from Rich Hill. It was quickly followed by a fearful report which shook the earth for many miles. Had the explosion occurred a few minutes sooner it would have imperiled the lives of over a hundred instead of thirty-five, who were in the shaft. The excitement was as nothing compared with the suspense which prevailed.

Immediate steps were taken to rescue the miners who were imprisoned by the explosion and as soon as it was safe to do so, and the fire resting from the explosion had been subdued, a rescuing party descended into the shaft. They had scarcely got to work when another explosion occurred and the would-be rescuers narrowly escaped with their lives. One of them was George W. Sweeney, superintendent of the mine, and he was badly burned about the hands and face.

The work of rescuing was thus delayed for many hours. The cries of the imprisoned men could be heard, but they grew fainter and fainter, and by nine o'clock ceased altogether. Thus far five have been taken out dead and fifteen alive. Most of the latter have suffered intensely from the fire and suffocation, and their recovery is very doubtful. The dead are: Charles Smith, George May, C. McPherson, Frank Toller, Jordan Smith. The injured are: Joshua Strickle, C. J. Nepline, William Taylor, C. W. Young, R. Mason, Frank Jackson, W. Richards, J. L. Williams, J. Fernando, John Roberts, C. W. Roberts, Arca Marshall, John Lucas, D. C. Jones.

Frank Carr, foreman of the mine, was in it at the time of the explosion, but was not injured. Fifteen men remain in the mine, being in the west end and it is believed that most of them will be taken out dead. The work proceeds very slowly, being attended with great danger.

Twenty-one Dead Taken Out. RICH HILL, Mo., March 30, 3 p. m.—The work of rescuing the imprisoned men in Keith & Perry's No. 6 mine is progressing

readily. There were fifty-two men in all in the ill-fated shaft. Fifteen were rescued before the second explosion occurred and sixteen afterwards, all of whom were alive but one has since died. It is thought the others will recover. Twenty-one dead bodies have been taken out. State Mine Inspector Wolfe is universally condemned by practical miners. On March 6, he pronounced this mine safe. The cause of the explosion was the accumulation of foul gases without proper ventilation.

RICH HILL EXPLOSION.

Death Roll Numbers Twenty-six—A Startling Statement.

RICH HILL, Mo., April 2.—Yesterday was the saddest Easter Sunday in the history of this young city, occasioned by the funeral service and burial of several of the victims of the fatal mine disaster. No authoritative record of the number of miners in the exploded mine could in any way be secured, as new men were constantly being employed in the place of those more experienced, who feared the danger of this mine, and it was not unexpected news when word came in last evening that two more dead bodies had been found in the search continued after it was reported that all the missing had been recovered. The death roll now numbers twenty-six, and there yet may be more dead found.

The coroner's jury will continue their work of examining witnesses to-day and State Mine Inspector M. L. Wolfe will be summoned to testify. The evidence will most likely develop the fact that at no time since the February fire in this mine, when it was flooded, had the fire been put out, but that in one of the west galleries the smoldering fire was banked and hermetically sealed and in this way had been manufacturing carbonated hydrogen gas, around which a gallery was being driven to eventually cut it off. This gas when mingled with nine parts of air is very explosive, and it is conjectured that a shock created in blasting the entry around this hidden furnace, caused a break, letting the pent up gas into the mine, causing the explosion and its terrible results. Some of the best citizens are invited to the jury and they are determined to reach all the evidence relating to the cause of the disaster.

Hopkins Sentenced.

CINCINNATI, April 2.—Benjamin K. Hopkins, late assistant cashier of the Fidelity National Bank, who has been in jail for two months awaiting sentence under a conviction for violation of the National Banking laws, was brought into the United States court this morning, upon motion of District Attorney Burnett, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years and two months. He appeared broken down from illness, but did not manifest deep emotion upon receiving his sentence. When the judge was saying it would be better for him to be at Columbus during his illness than at the county jail, because he wouldn't have to pay there for extra attention he might require, he interrupted the judge to say that that disadvantage had been removed by the jailer, who had ceased to make extra charges.

Founder of the Republican Party. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 2.—David N. White, ex-editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette and founder of the Republican party, is seriously ill at his home in Scotchcreek, near this city, and is not expected to survive the night. White was born in Wareham, Plymouth County, Mass., August 22, 1813. In 1841 he came to this city and purchased the Gazette. He was an uncompromising opponent of slavery and in 1855 published a call for a county convention to form a new party. The call had few signers, but when the convention met every district in the county was represented by duly elected delegates. A strong ticket was nominated and from this sprang the great Republican party.

Kansas Farmers. TOPKA, Kan., April 2.—A large meeting of farmers, representing Shawnee, Jefferson and Jackson counties, was held at Meridian Saturday to further the project for the organization of the Farmers' Trust. Colonel Walter N. Allen, president, and Judge W. A. Peffer, of the Kansas Farmer, addressed the meeting. Resolutions were adopted to hold a convention in Topeka, May 1, and circulars were sent to the Government of all the States west of the Mississippi river, and to Illinois and Wisconsin to send delegates to the convention.

Fire in the Tribune Office. NEW YORK, April 2.—Fire broke out in the office of the Home Life Bank Note Company, on the eighth floor of the Tribune building, at four o'clock yesterday morning, and despite the supposed fire-proof floors, and its way to the floor above. On this floor are located the rooms of the reporters and the city editor of the New York Tribune. The fire destroyed the files, manuscript and valuable papers in the Tribune office, which can not well be replaced. The loss is estimated at \$100. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Fashionable Society. WASHINGTON, April 2.—Yesterday marked the close of the Lenten season, and throughout the city the churches were thronged with fashionable society. The floral displays in the pulpits of the leading churches were superb. The gaieties of social life at the capital will be resumed to a great extent during the week. Mrs. Cleveland, it is expected, will renew her morning receptions, and there is gossip of several grand affairs to occur in the way of dinners and receptions before the season is declared at an end.

Earthquake in Arizona. HOLBROOK, A. T., April 2.—Last night a slight shock of earthquake was felt here, lasting ten seconds. The vibration was from east to west and was quite perceptible. Houses trembled. A strong wind from the south was blowing at the time.

Narrow Escapes. CHICAGO, April 2.—Fire broke out in the stables adjoining the Adams House at the corner of Lake street and Michigan avenue early this morning. The hotel adjoining fortunately had but few guests. Most of those and the servants were stupefied by the smoke and it was only by the greatest exertions on the part of the firemen and police that all were saved. Thirty-three horses were cremated in the stables.

A Village Fire. HARTFORD, Conn., April 2.—A fire started soon after nine o'clock last night in the basement of the Second Congregational Church in the heart of the village of Rockville and in the midst of business hours. The church, which was of wood, burned like tinder. The loss, which includes several adjoining buildings, was about \$100,000, with \$25,000 insurance.

Head and Collar. WATERLOO, Ia., April 2.—Two freight trains on the Chicago & Northwestern came together in a head-on collision near Lansary yesterday and both engines and ten cars containing stock were demolished, many of the stock being killed. Four men were injured. The train dispatcher is said to be responsible for the accident.

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