

CITY POLITICS STARTED

Republican Primaries Last Night.

CITY CONVENTION TONIGHT.

Nominations to be Made for Mayor and Other Officers—Interest in the Outcome—Hard to Tell Who Will be Named.

[From Thursday's Daily.] The republican primaries for the city election were held in the various wards of Norfolk last night, for the purpose of nominating councilmen and electing delegates to the convention which will be held at the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

The democrats will hold their convention at the city hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Just who the man named for mayor tonight may be, is a hard proposition. There has been a great deal of interest in the city today over the nomination.

First Ward Caucus.

The first ward caucus was held at the city hall. W. H. Widaman was elected chairman and Al Johnson secretary. Dr. G. W. Wilkinson was nominated for the city council. The following were named as delegates to the city convention to-night: W. H. Widaman, Al Johnson, Chris Eger, E. Schoroggo and Julius Altshuler.

Second Ward Caucus.

The second ward caucus was called to order in the office of J. W. Ransom, Bishop block. J. W. Ransom was elected chairman and S. R. McFarland secretary. H. A. Pasewalk was nominated as a candidate for the city council and delegates to the city convention tonight were named as follows: H. A. Pasewalk, H. G. Bruggeman, L. M. Gaylord, Dr. H. O. Munson, Rev. J. P. Poucher, C. W. Braasch, S. R. McFarland, S. F. Dunn, E. N. Vail and J. W. Ransom.

S. R. McFarland was elected ward committeeman and given power, together with Rev. J. P. Poucher and H. A. Pasewalk, to fill vacancies.

Third Ward Caucus.

The third ward caucus was held at the city hall. C. C. Gow was elected chairman and M. C. Hazen secretary. A. H. Kiesau was nominated for councilman. The following were elected as delegates to the city convention to-night: R. H. Reynolds, M. D. Tyler, H. T. Holden, W. R. Hoffman, W. H. Johnson, S. L. Gardner, W. M. Rainbolt, W. H. Bueholz, J. S. McClary, P. H. Salter, J. S. Morrow, Mike Enders, W. F. Seiffert, David Baum, S. F. Sharpless, M. C. Hazen, C. C. Gow and Geo. W. Eckard.

Fourth Ward Caucus.

The fourth ward caucus met at the South Norfolk engine house. W. H. Livingston was made chairman and W. H. Rish secretary. The following delegates were elected to the city convention to-night: W. H. Livingston, A. H. Vie's and W. H. Rish. The nomination of a councilman was deferred until tonight.

MISS ROOSEVELT IN CUBA.

Thousands of Dollars Spent to Entertain Her by Citizens.

San Juan, March 19.—Special to The News: Miss Roosevelt has arrived here and is the guest of the family of Governor Hunt. A grand reception had been prepared for her and thousands of dollars will be spent by the people of the island to afford her entertainment. Among the features planned for her entertainment are several inland trips.

\$20,000 GOLD BAR STOLEN.

Taken From Express Car on Wabash Train in Michigan.

Detroit, March 19.—Special to The News: A gold bar worth \$20,000 consigned to Buffalo was stolen from the express car of the Wabash train. The shipment was under the supervision of the Pacific Express company and it is expected that a handsome reward will be offered for the detection of the thief.

No Change in Yard Fees.

Kansas City, March 19.—The Kansas City Stock Yards company, through whose yards the Kansas-Missouri state line runs, has taken steps to comply with the new law passed by the Kansas legislature, reducing feed and yardage charges. Speculators have been notified that their pens will be situated on the Kansas side of the line. The commission men who have sale pens on the Kansas side will receive their consignments in pens on Missouri soil, and there will be no change in the collection of the yard fees.

Land is Sold Too Often.

Clarion, Pa., March 19.—Bert McAlpine, charged with using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes, was taken to jail in Sioux City. He was held to the federal grand jury at a hearing here. McAlpine is charged with being implicated in a Tennessee land swindle which has been operated on a wholesale plan. Out of a single tract of 10,000 acres over 250,000 acres have been sold, of which it is claimed McAlpine sold \$3,000,000. Witnesses from several states were in attendance at the hearing.

Small Towns Want Better Rates.

St. Paul, March 19.—In response to a call issued by L. A. Rosing of Cannon Falls, representatives of about forty smaller cities and towns throughout the state met here to form an organization of municipalities for the

purpose of untiedly demanding freight rates equally favorable to those granted the big cities.

Navigation on Lake Opens.

Chicago, March 19.—The navigation season on Lake Michigan has been opened by the steamers Sioux City and Alice Stafford. The former made its first trip to St. Joseph, the latter leaving for Grand Haven. All the steamship companies are making preparations for a large business during the summer.

Dividend for the Creditors.

Des Moines, March 19.—The Iowa patrons of the Elgin Creamery company, which went into bankruptcy last August, will receive 40 per cent dividends on their claims. This is the effect of a decision rendered by Judge McPherson of the federal court, before whom the bankruptcy case was tried.

ARGUMENTS IN WABASH CASE.

Colonel Blodgett Makes Opening Address for the Railroad.

St. Louis, March 19.—Affidavits were finished and arguments commenced in the Wabash injunction suit. Colonel Wells H. Blodgett, the leading counsel for the railroad, was the first to address the court. In opening his argument, Colonel Blodgett declared: "Our contention is that the employees of the Wabash are not dissatisfied, that no alleged grievances originated with them, but with the defendants in this case."

Colonel Blodgett then read numerous extracts from the record, which he asserted, showed that the two labor organizations, working together, demanded recognition and threatened trouble in case it was denied them.

Among the affidavits submitted by the railroad were those of John W. Schrader, who said that he was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and declared that he had heard Grand Master Morrissey threaten to bring about a general tie-up of all the Gould lines unless their organization was recognized officially by the Wabash road. Robert J. Robinson and C. W. Smith gave similar testimony concerning Mr. Morrissey, Grand Master Hannahan of the firemen and Vice Grand Master Lee of the trainmen.

In rebuttal, Messrs. Morrissey, Hannahan and Lee offered affidavits of energetic denial. They declared the affidavits charging them with uttering threats to tie up the road or injure its business false in every particular.

PRESIDENT BONILLA IS WINNING

His Forces Succeeding Everywhere Against Those of Sierra.

Panama, March 19.—According to advices received here from Honduras, the forces of General Bonilla, the president-elect of Honduras, who is fighting against General Sierra, the retiring president, who refused to hand over the post to Bonilla, have captured the town of Santa Barbara, while his generals, Miguel and Davilla, with 1,200 men, and Generals Carlos and Alvarado, with 2,000 men, are now threatening Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. General Sierra is evidently in a desperate situation, as he has sent his wife into Nicaragua by land after she had made several ineffectual attempts to break through General Bonilla's lines and reach the coast. Generals Villilela and Valleres, who were supporting General Sierra, have been tried by court-martial and shot by the latter's order because they did not fulfill his instructions and thus brought about his defeat at Acetuno, several days ago.

WRIGHT PAPERS ON THE WAY.

Extradition Documents for English Promoter Are Coming on Celtic.

New York, March 19.—The extradition papers in the case of Whitaker Wright, director of the London and Globe Finance corporation, who is under arrest in New York, were mailed from the steamer Celtic, which sailed from Liverpool. The hearing in the case was adjourned by United States Commissioner Alexander until March 30. John Flower, chairman of the shareholders' committee, which instigated Wright's prosecution, informed a representative of the Associated Press that by the advice of his lawyers he declined to reply to Wright's cable message to G. S. Barnes, the official liquidator of the corporation, saying that Wright's enemies seek to create prejudice against him by circulating untruths, taking the ground that it would be highly improper for him to say anything which might prejudice the result of the trial.

Alton Trainmen Accept Schedule.

Bloomington, Ill., March 19.—Trainmen of the Chicago and Alton railroad have formally accepted the schedule of working regulations submitted by the company after weeks of negotiation. The section in regard to wages is left blank, both sides agreeing to abide the outcome of the Wabash controversy. This is the first schedule ever adopted by the Alton company and its employees. The brakemen and switchmen are not satisfied with all the sections of the schedule, but the conductors voted to accept, and rather than prolong the controversy, the other men acquiesced.

To Hunt for Blue Bear.

New York, March 19.—To seek in Alaskan wilds the blue or glacier bear, an animal so rare that so far as is known only one has been killed and none captured, two English sportsmen, Captain Charles Eustace Radcliffe, a retired officer of the Life Guards, and Richard Fitzgerald Glynn of the First Royal dragoons, having been commissioned by the British museum to get a specimen of this animal, have arrived here on their way to Alaska.

FLOOD SURROUNDS TRAIN

Passengers Caught Between Washouts Near Memphis.

TOWN OF MARION IS CUT OFF.

Eight White Families and Two Hundred Negroes Remain in Second Stories of Buildings—River Situation is Somewhat Relieved.

Memphis, Tenn., March 19.—The flood situation shows a number of new and serious developments, and there is scarcely a ray of hope for improved conditions except in the fact that tributaries of the Mississippi to the north of Memphis are reported to be falling. One of the most serious developments of the last twenty-four hours is the washing out of all lines of railroad entering the city from the west and the complete tying up of railroad traffic through the Memphis gateway to that section. There have been no trains either into or out of this city over the Memphis bridge and there is every indication that traffic cannot be resumed until the flood has subsided to a considerable degree.

So suddenly did the rise come in the section of Arkansas across the river from Memphis after the St. Francis levee broke at Trice's Landing that two passenger trains were caught between washed out points, and are now surrounded by water on blind tracks in the overflow territory about three miles west of Bridge Junction, Ark. Aboard each of the trains were about seventy-five passengers and the crew and over 100 of these persons remain on the trains. However, they are not considered to be in any danger and those who have returned from the surrounded trains report that the other passengers are being well cared for by the company. The Cotton Belt train had proceeded but a few miles when it encountered a section of flooded track. In attempting to cross the rails spread and the engine was partially derailed, preventing the train moving in either direction. While in this condition the Frisco's fast Kansas City train approached from Memphis and with its assistance the Cotton Belt engine was pulled back on the track. In the meantime a serious washout had occurred between the trains and Memphis and retreat to this city was completely cut off. All night the passengers were compelled to remain in the coaches, while the water rose on every side, and in the morning there was not a particle of land in sight within a mile of their position.

The trains are on the track of the Iron Mountain, near Altmar, Ark. By taking risks several handcars succeeded in reaching the water-bound trains and about fifty passengers were brought to this city over submerged and shaky tracks. The remainder refused to attempt the return and are housed in the coaches, being fed by the railroad companies. Attached to the Frisco train is a dining car and adequate supplies were sent to them on the handcars. Some persons were rescued from Marion, Ark., by means of skiffs and the situation there is somewhat relieved. Eight white families and fully 200 negroes remain there in the second stories of buildings.

Rains Swell River.

LaCrosse, March 19.—Special to The News: The recent heavy rains in this locality have caused the Mississippi river to make a rise of three feet during the past few hours, and with the surplus of water already on the lower river it is feared that this rise will occasion large damage.

Miners Win a Victory.

Cripple Creek, Colo., March 19.—The Western Federation of Miners has thus far won a signal victory in the battle which it is waging in support of the striking millmen at Colorado City. With very few exceptions the mines approached by the executive committee have agreed not to ship ore to the mills of the United States Reduction and Refining company. Manager De Lavergne of the Elkton mine agreed for the present not to ship to the mills.

Fatal Collapse of Roof.

Cincinnati, March 19.—By the collapse of the roof in Cane's dining mill one man was killed, one fatally, two seriously and over a dozen slightly hurt. The dead: William Sellers. The injured: Harvey Walters, fatally, skull fractured; Clark Gilbert, leg broken and seriously cut; James Gardner, skull fractured and legs crushed.

Liberal Elected to a Seat.

London, March 19.—The conservatives suffered a crushing defeat in the division of Sussex, where a bye-election was held for a successor to A. L. Brookfield, conservative, who has been appointed British consul at Montevideo. The result was the return of C. F. Hutchinson, liberal, by a majority of 534 over Edward Boyle, conservative.

Worst Blizzard of Winter.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 19.—The stockmen consider the worst blizzard of the winter is raging in this section. The air is full of wet snow and a high wind is drifting it badly. The weather is cold and stockmen say that unless the storm subsides soon the losses among stock will be enormous.

Another Earthquake in Montana.

White Sulphur Springs, Mont., March 19.—Another severe earthquake occurred here. The shock was accompanied by loud discharges. A number of people at first thought the sound was from the blasts of the mines adjoining White Sulphur Springs.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Major A. George Courtney, one of the crack shots of the country, is dead at Syracuse, N. Y., aged sixty-three. General Schuyler Hamilton, a class mate of General Grant at West Point and a distinguished veteran of the civil war, died Wednesday at his home in New York, in his eighty-third year. King Edward has sent Colonel Cody (Buffalo Bill) a handsome scarf pin with the royal cipher in diamonds surmounted by the crown, as a souvenir of his visit to the wild west show. Nelson Morris & Co., the packers, will soon begin the construction of a \$1,000,000 plant at Riverside, near the Kansas City stock yards. It will have a capacity of 1,000 beef cattle daily, with other live stock in proportion, will employ 1,000 persons and probably will be ready for occupancy by next fall.

Tragedy Due to Jealousy. Newcastle, Pa., March 19.—John Genkinger, a well known man of this city, died in the Shenango Valley hospital here from the wound received a few minutes before at the hands of George Merkle, proprietor of a hotel at Darlington. The shooting occurred at the apartments of Mrs. Eva Rumberger, in the Genkinger block, on Apple alley, and is supposed to have been the result of jealousy.

Five Hurt in Collision.

St. Louis, March 19.—Five passengers on an East St. Louis and Venice trolley car were injured in a collision with a train of flat cars on the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railroad, near the stock yards. The injured: Miss May Abernathy, Mrs. Halley, Jacob Nolts, Henry Kehler and Ralph Valentine. None of the fifteen passengers on the trolley car had time to escape before the crash.

License Law in New Hampshire.

Concord, N. H., March 19.—By a vote of 214 to 107 the house of representatives put itself on record as in favor of a license law in preference to the existing prohibitory system, which has been in force since 1848. The majority reported a license law, while the minority recommended that it was inexpedient to legislate. The bill reported by the majority was given its first reading.

Body Found in River.

St. Louis, March 19.—The body of Herman J. Horstaniel of Westphalia, Mo., was found in the river at the foot of Fillmore street, in a badly decomposed condition. Horstaniel came to St. Louis six weeks ago to attend a business college. He disappeared several days later. Money was found in his pockets and the police are trying to discover how he met his death.

Pope Leo's Condition.

Rome, March 19.—The condition of the pope has undergone no change during the past few days. He is still a little hoarse and Dr. Laponi has recommended him to suspend his audiences, merely to save strength. His holiness, however, received Cardinal Cossiga.

To Be Bishop of Los Angeles.

Washington, March 19.—Information of the appointment of Bishop Conaty, formerly rector of the Catholic university in this city, as bishop of Los Angeles, is confirmed by private advices received here from Rome.

Burdick Inquest Postponed. Buffalo, March 19.—Police Justice Murphy announced that owing to the illness of District Attorney Coatsworth the inquest into the murder of Edwin L. Burdick would be postponed until next Monday. It is stated that the district attorney will place in evidence a letter alleged to have been written to Mrs. Burdick by Arthur R. Pennell some months ago. In the letter the following occurs: "I feel that I must kill Ed Burdick."

Furniture Van is Wrecked. Pittsburg, March 19.—A Fort Wayne freight crashed into a furniture van of a transfer company at the Sandusky street crossing, Allegheny, wrecking the van and killing two men. Two others were seriously injured. The names of the killed were John McKnight and Albert Carnelius.

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