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ROBERTSON IS OUT FOR GOVERNOR

Yields to the Demand of Republicans and Allows His Name to Come Before the State Convention.

RESPONDS TO THE URGENT CALL OF HIS PARTY

He Hoped to Keep Out of the Fight but a Strong, Popular Man is Wanted and He Yielded to the Pressure.

Hon. W. M. Robertson of this city has decided to allow the use of his name as candidate for governor, subject to the decision of the republican state convention which meets in Lincoln on May 17.

For months Mr. Robertson has been persistently urged by the republicans in all parts of the state to enter the gubernatorial race, but he refused to do so, replying that so long as there appeared a probability that Mr. Mickey could be re-elected, he believed the present governor was entitled to renomination. But the idea has been growing that Mr. Mickey cannot be elected if placed on the ticket until it has become a settled belief among those who have the interest of the party at heart rather than the interest of any individual. This belief is not confined to any one locality, but is general throughout the state, the south as well as the north, and prevails in Dundys county, in Sioux county as well as in Douglas county.

The candidacy of Mr. Dinsmore did not seem to meet the requirements of the case and he withdrew. Mr. Harrison of Grand Island has gained a good deal of ground since he entered the race, but although he is in every way an honest, upright gentleman, worthy of any position which he may seek at the hands of the republicans, yet his acquaintance is limited to his immediate locality, and it was not believed that he could defeat Mickey. Such were the representations made to Mr. Robertson, but not until the whole state had been canvassed and figures produced which showed that unless a man of Mr. Robertson's state wide acquaintance and popularity would come to the front, Mr. Mickey would be renominated and would take the party to certain defeat, did Mr. Robertson give in and consent to throw himself in the breach.

Personally he has been averse to making the fight, but he is one of the old-time republicans who believes that a man should be subject to the call of his party, and when it was demonstrated to him that he was a necessity to the party he gave up the contest and authorized the announcement of his candidacy. Now that he is in the race he will assist his friends with his characteristic vigor to secure the nomination and election.

Two years ago Mr. Robertson was a candidate before the state convention for this position, and it was known that at that time he was the personal choice of three-fourths of the delegates, but combinations were made which resulted in the nomination of Mr. Mickey. When the delegates returned to their homes they found that their action did not give full satisfaction to the voters, who wanted Robertson and not Mickey, and Mr. Mickey's administration has not been of such a character as to make them want him again. It is probably a fact that Mr. Robertson has more friends among the rank and file of the voters than any other man in the state, and the representations that have been made to him are that he will easily be nominated, and if nominated that he will add very material strength to the ticket.

DESERTS ARMY IN THREE WEEKS

Former Battle Creek Man, Late of Tilden, is Caught.

Battle Creek, Neb., March 17.—Special to The News: W. E. Dietz of Tilden, who is well known here, having worked in Maher's barber shop, passed through on the train in charge of the U. S. marshal, enroute to Leavenworth Kan. About three weeks ago he enlisted and was stationed at Ft. Niobrara. He deserted and was captured. He will have to serve the balance of his three years, or more, in prison at Ft. Leavenworth.

PORT ARTHUR IS UNSAFE.

Repeated Bombardments Have Weakened Fortress.

Yin Kow, March 17.—The only reliable reports at the present moment from the main Manchurian cities show a quiet movement along the railway and such cities as Mukden which are off the main line are undisturbed. The people here are not in possession of definite news of outside events. The chief movement on the Fong Huang Cheng military road is the dispatch of riders to and from the Russian advance forces. A credible native arrived here bringing a report as late as March 12 from Fong Huang Cheng to the effect that the main body of the concentrated forces had crossed the Yalu, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to guard the river. A fortnight ago a few spies visited Antung, but since then no Japanese have been seen west of the Yalu. The continued attacks of the Japanese have compelled the steady occupation of the Liao Tung peninsula. The last bombardment of Port Arthur rendered every part of the fortress of Port Arthur unsafe. Residents assert that fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere and that some railways and buildings were destroyed, though most of the damage on the shore was unimportant. It is authentically reported that for a week past there has been only a small and changing military garrison at Haicheng, but that a large force has been stationed at the invulnerable fortified and strategic town of Ashan Shan, where the Japanese army concluded its advance during the war between China and Japan.

RUSSIAN MOVE UNCONFIRMED

Reported that Main Advance is Crossing the Yalu.

London, March 17.—No further news of the progress or hostilities in the far east has been received here. There is much interest in the report that the Russian main advance is crossing the Yalu, but this is not yet confirmed, and according to the Daily Chronicle's Ping Yang correspondent all the Russian troops have left north Korea, 20,000 of them being concentrated at Kullon Cheng, north of the Yalu river, in Manchuria. The Daily Telegraph's Sevastopol correspondent says it is semi-officially announced that Russia has abandoned the idea of sending her Baltic squadron to the far east by the way of Bering straits as impracticable. The Tokio correspondent of the Times cables that the latest reports say the Russians are occupying an area having a forty miles base from Wiju to Chang Tung and extending south to the Pakchon river.

Japanese Military Situation.

Paris, March 17.—The Tokio correspondent of the Matin sends this information, which he says comes from reliable authority, concerning the Japanese military situation up to March 10: The first army of 70,000 troops, under General Kuroki, occupies northern Korea. The brigade landed at Gensan forms part of a second army of similar strength. The mobilization of the latter has been completed and the troops will sail shortly for an unknown destination. The mobilization of a third army began on March 7.

SUICIDES WHILE WIFE PLAYS

Head of Commissary Department Ends Life to Music.

Omaha, March 17.—W. H. Bean, chief commissary for the department of the Missouri, killed himself today while his wife was playing the piano. Bad health and the fact that the officer had been ordered to report for duty in the Philippines are alleged to be the causes.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN OIL

Prairie Near Fort Worth is Raging and Loss is Heavy.

Fort Worth, March 17.—Fire is raging here in the oil fields this afternoon. The loss has already reached a million dollars. The blaze is on Batson's prairie.

Business at Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 17.—Business in Ainsworth has commenced to move. J. H. Hart sold his bowling alley and building on Main street to William Collins yesterday and the property changed hands at once. J. D. Cook rented the property and took possession today. The high license people will nominate a ticket next Saturday at Ainsworth hall.

WINTER WAS NOMINATED

Placed at Head of the Democratic City Ticket.

WILL MAKE RUN FOR MAYOR

Before They Could Catch Their Breath in Toto, the Democrats Had Placed a Candidate in the Field for the Mayorality Campaign.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
For mayor, H. W. Winter.
For clerk, M. B. Singer.
For treasurer, Carl Wilde.
For police judge, G. F. McCormick.
For board of education, D. Rees and W. C. Roland.

This is the ticket placed in nomination by the democrats of Norfolk last night. The convention met in the city hall at a little after 8 o'clock and before an hour was done the fireworks were all over.

Hardly had the delegates got seated in their chairs before the nomination of Winter had happened. It caught some of them napping. "When are we going to begin to nominate?" asked one.

"We're almost finished now," said his neighbor.

No other candidate was mentioned for the mayorality.

There was no apparent friction. All was Winter in the spring time.

No platform was adopted. "We don't need one," said one of the leaders. "Everyone knows what we stand for."

The convention was called to order by J. H. Hulff. J. C. Stitt recorded the doings of the assembly. The organization was made permanent.

Every nomination was by acclamation. It went off as smoothly as though they had planned it all out ahead of time. There was no opposition to the candidates put up. All was apparent harmony.

After the nominations, the candidates were called upon for speeches. They responded. They thanked the gentlemen of the convention for the honors thus bestowed upon them and pledged their best work in behalf of the democratic party. They threatened to win out in the coming election.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES

Candidates for Council and Delegates Named.

WARD CAUCUSES LAST NIGHT

Caucuses Were Well Attended Preliminary to the City Convention Which Will be Held Tomorrow Night to Name Municipal Ticket.

The republican caucuses for the various wards of the city of Norfolk were held last night and much interest was shown in the preliminary work of the coming municipal campaign. The politicians of the First, Second and Third wards convened in the city building and the Fourth warders met at the drug store of J. L. Hershiser.

The first ward meeting was presided over by W. H. Widaman, and Dr. H. O. Munson acted as secretary. C. P. Parish was placed in nomination as candidate for city councilman, and the following-named were chosen as delegates to the city convention tomorrow night: J. W. Edwards, Dr. H. O. Munson, C. P. Parish, W. H. Widaman, Al. Johnson, Dr. G. W. Wilkinson, I. M. Macy. W. H. Widaman was chosen as ward committee.

In the second ward caucus S. R. McFarland was chairman and J. W. Ransom was secretary. Gay Halverson was named as candidate for city councilman, with W. L. Kern as second choice. The following were chosen to represent the ward at the city convention: Rev. J. F. Poucher, C. E. Doughty, L. M. Gaylord, H. G. Brueggemann, W. L. Kern, J. W. Ransom, S. R. McFarland, Chas. H. Pilger, and H. M. Roberts. The following committee to fill vacancies was named: S. R. McFarland, H. G. Brueggemann, J. W. Ransom.

In the third ward gathering R. H. Reynolds was the presiding officer and M. C. Hazen secretary. C. C. Gow was placed in nomination as candidate for the city council and the following were named as the ward delegates to the city convention: I. Powers, Jack Koenigstein, Robert Utter, C. C. Gow, Wm. Beswick, W. H. Johnson, J. S. McClary, J. E. Simpson, G. T. Sprecher, W. H. Bridge, J. S. Mathewson, Dr. H. J. Cole, D. C. O'Connor, A. H. Kiesau and Dr. C. S. Parker.

In the fourth ward Lee Hershiser was chairman of the caucus and C. W. Potter secretary. No nomination for councilman was made as none were seeking the honor of making the race on the ticket and it was decided to concede the office to the opposition. The delegates to the city convention were: Frank Perry, W. H. Livingstone, G. W. Potter and L. F. Krinckbaum.

FRED HARVEY PLEADS GUILTY

He Will be Tried in District Court for Scribner Case

Fremont, Neb., March 17.—Fred Harvey of Scribner, a cousin of Eva Rich, pleaded guilty to the statutory charge filed against him and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500. The allegation states that the girl is but sixteen years old. Harvey did not seem to comprehend his crime, failing to understand that the age of the girl will put him behind the bars.

DAN CUPID IN ANTELOPE.

Married With the Groom Sick in Bed.

Neligh, Neb., March 17.—Special to The News: Cupid was unusually active in Antelope county yesterday and in one instance the little love god stood beside a sick bed while the stricken groom and his fair bride were made one. Three ceremonies were the record of the day.

John Uley and Miss Lillie Cormoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cormoney who live seven miles in the country, were the ones who were determined that the nuptials should not be postponed on account of sickness. The groom is the head line-man for a Council Bluffs electric company. He arrived on the Tuesday afternoon train and was taken suddenly sick after getting off the cars.

He was conveyed to the bride's home and there the ceremony making them man and wife was performed. Mr. Uley was very sick following the ceremony and his physicians determined that he had an acute attack of appendicitis. This morning Dr. Conwell drove out to the Cormoney home to perform the operation that is hoped to save the life of the determined groom and his friends hope that he will quickly recover and that he and his faithful bride may enjoy a long life of wedded happiness, begun under such adverse circumstances.

John Wright, manager of the Edwards and Bradford lumber yards at St. Edwards and Miss Mame Crady of Elgin were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Elgin yesterday afternoon. The bride's father is manager of the Hammond elevator at Elgin. Both are well known young people of Antelope county.

Herman Burdick and Miss Nellie Eliekignier, both of Elgin were married by County Judge Finch yesterday afternoon, and will make their home in Elgin.

Two other wedding licenses were granted, but the ceremonies did not take place.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY.

Observance by the Irish in a Number of Cities.

New York, March 17.—St. Patrick's day will be celebrated in New York with the customary parade this afternoon. A number of banquets and other demonstrations have been arranged for this evening by the several Irish societies of Greater New York.

Observed in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., March 17.—There was no parade in Chicago today in honor of Ireland's patron saint, but at the Auditorium Annex this evening there will be a banquet in celebration of the day that promises to be the most elaborate affair ever given by the Irish societies of this city. Among those who have accepted invitations to the function are Governor and Mrs. Yates, Mayor and Mrs. Harrison, General and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant and Mrs. Potter Palmer. Archbishop Quigley, Bishop Muldoon and other notables will address the assemblage.

St. Patrick's Day in London.

London, March 17.—There was a rather general observance of St. Patrick's Day in London today. Society was much interested in the opening of the annual Irish bazaar, while others were reminded of the anniversary by the flying of the Irish flag from many public buildings and the holding of special services in all the Catholic churches. All the Irish troops at the various garrisons had a day's leave.

Willing to Stay.

Battle Creek, Neb., March 17.—Special to The News: A young fellow of Warrensburg, Mo., who has been working in Boone county for some time, arrived here the other day through the agency of your reporter and got a job with one of our most substantial farmers north of town.

The conversation follows:

"What do you want a month?"

"\$25."

"What else do you want?"

"Plenty to eat."

"Anything else?"

"Yes; plenty of work."

"All right. You stay. And if anything extra should happen in Johnson county, down in Missouri, you can read it at my house in the Norfolk Daily News."

SUMMERS WILL BE REMOVED

It is positively announced that the president will pre-emptorily remove District Attorney Summers from office.

DOUGLAS FOR ROBERTSON

Mickey Can Not Have Solid Support of County.

NORTH PLATTE HAS MAJORITY

For the First Time in Nebraska's History, Territory North of River Has Most Votes—Burlington Luke Warm For Present Governor.

Lincoln, March 17.—The News says concerning the gubernatorial situation: count these communities in their columns, not because he is the candidate of the Northwestern or because the Union Pacific may later swing into line, but for the reason that he is well known and has a winning personality with something of a silver tongue. They count much on his personal following. Boyd county is another which was yesterday said to be lined up for Mickey, but yesterday the Robertson men said that the delegates were unpledged, and would not be for the governor.

Say Mickey Can't be Elected.

They are frank in their claims that Mickey will fail of election if nominated, and insist that the Norfolk man came out only upon the most earnest solicitation of the members of the party. They acknowledge the hazard of his position as far as his aspirations to occupy the gubernatorial office are concerned. Confusion reigns supreme in gubernatorial politics. Yesterday there was but one topic of conversation in political circles, and that was the prospects which Governor Mickey has of overcoming the opposition of the Northwestern and Union Pacific.

The announcement of Robertson has added an element of uncertainty which has resulted in sending Mickey stock below par in quarters where prior to yesterday it was boomed at the top notch. The danger to him is conceded to come from the doubtful character of some of his Burlington support, together with the winning popularity of Robertson, who is expected at the psychological moment to combine his forces with those of Harrison to land the nomination. What adds to the danger is the prospect that Douglas county will be sold for Robertson. This is claimed now by his managers despite the fact that Douglas county two years ago was for Dinsmore against the Norfolk man. Conditions have changed, it is said, until the Douglas county delegation can be secured for him.

There the eighty-seven votes in the county which might turn the scale if the Burlington fails to line up every man. They could never go to Harrison, the Grand Island man, unless the Rosewater became reconciled to him, and his friends in Lincoln do not believe that such a thing is possible, unless Harrison went to him in the attitude of suppliant. On the other hand Robertson is persona grata at any rate to the editor, and it is more than a mere possibility that the delegation will be allowed to go to him.

There is not, however, entire unanimity as to the action which Douglas county will take and some of the state house officials who are unusually well posted on the situation there claim that it will be impossible to unite the delegations on any one candidate, and that on the contrary it is more than likely that Mickey will have a considerable following. But there is no hope even in Mickey circles that the delegation will give any large proportion of its strength to the governor. The fire and police board situation has added to the disaffection which existed two years ago, and recent suits involving the action of the board in allowing the operation of a gambling venture without interference is charged up by some of the Omaha reformers to the executive because he refused to call the members of the board to account. In addition to that the traveling men have had out their hammers, and the retail dealers who are sore on account of the veto of the proposed amendment to the exemptions law are also very strong there. The business men are also sore because of the governor's interference in the labor strike. To cap the climax the liquor dealers, who fought him two years ago, have a hand in the matter and will lend their not unimportant reinforcements to any one who can beat Mickey.

North Platte Leads for First Time.

As was pointed out yesterday by a Northwestern leader, the North Platte, for the first time in recent history, will have a majority of the votes in the state convention, but the majority is only one. However, they figure that Mickey will be bound to meet with disaffection in some of the South Platte counties which were in the race for the western normal are expected to lend their strength to the anti-Mickey columns, although his friends claim that this defection will be offset by Buffalo county's eighteen votes. Normally these votes would go for Harrison. Some of the more enthusiastic of the governor's supporters even claim that they can divide Hall county with Harrison. There are other counties north of the river which the Burlington Mickey allies

are claiming. Sherman and Valley counties are in this list, but independent republicans claim that the railways will not be able to dominate them if the question is really put before the people. The Robertson menial chair are concerned. He is getting old and must hasten to carry out his ambition, but failure now must be fraught with danger for his future. It is taking big chances with a large stake to win. Should he fail now he might never again be eligible to enter the race, and by the danger which he incurs in this respect do his adherents gauge his confidence in his success in the May convention and they are correspondingly confident.

Some objection to his candidacy has been urged on the ground that he lives at Norfolk, the home of J. B. Barnes, who has only within two months been inducted into office as a justice of the supreme court. This point will be urged against him as a bar to his aspirations, and the old precedents requiring the selection of donees of public plums from different communities will be invoked, but his friends contend that the gubernatorial situation requires the choice of the best man whether he be the best from a territorial point of view or not. The traveling men have been striking away at the political iron in the days when it was hot and likewise other interests have found fault with Mickey, and they insist that Mickey, steady-going, conservative, sometimes hesitating, but generally honest, will succumb to the onslaughts of the democrats if he is given another chance.

Clerkship Has Deep Significance.

Although more than two months have passed since Judge Barnes succeeded Sullivan on the supreme bench and the republican party gained the power to name the clerk of the court, the matter is still undecided and now it is hinted that the hot fight which has been waged for the place which is the fatest plum in the state will be prolonged until the date of the convention in order that the interneecine contest which may be provoked when the announcement is finally made may not have serious results in that body. Jackson, the Neligh man, who has long been slated for the office was in town Tuesday and although hopeful, is uncertain as to the event. His friends regard Chairman Lindsay's candidacy is due to the result of the contest with Summers and the Dietrich embroglio, both of which made it necessary to find him another berth, and would be greatly disappointed if he should land it to the detriment of Jackson. Judge Sedgwick is said to favor delay. The term of Lee Herdman will expire about May 1, and the appointment is long past due if the new incumbent is to have an opportunity to learn the ropes before that time.

A failure to take action will lead to a great uproar in the convention, which is expected to take some hand in breaking the deadlock with its advice. This possibility is regarded as evidence that the appointment will be made before, but the calculation must be based on a deadlock, and the time during which the least obstinate of the two judges with the appointing power is willing to allow it to continue. Barnes is still standing pat for Jackson, and those who know his disposition claim that he will hold out until the last. Sedgwick seems equally insistent upon Seymour. By delaying the matter until after the convention it might be possible to co-operate with Judge Holcomb in selecting one of the rival candidates, without danger of leading to a demand for the resignation in the convention of the judge who should enter such an alliance. This is regarded as only the remotest of a possibility.

AT THE AUDITORIUM THEATER

Miss Marie Wainwright.

It was a large audience of conservative theatergoers that attended the performance of Miss Marie Wainwright in "Twelfth Night" at the Auditorium last night. And they were glad they went. Miss Wainwright, graceful, pretty and attractive withal, won her way into the hearts of the hearers before many minutes had passed and her playing was enjoyed throughout. The support given Miss Wainwright was for the most part all right. One great difficulty was in hearing. The audience had to strain its ears to catch the lines of the players, which may have been due to the crackling of peanuts in the gallery or to the rumbling in the foyer or to the dramatic tendencies of Shakespearean voices. While Miss Wainwright is not the frail and delicate Viola that one might picture, she nevertheless has other qualifications which peculiarly fit her for the portrayal of the part. The star was suffering severely from a bad cold and it was almost impossible for her to at times speak. All of the special scenery was not used, but what of it was brought out, had good effect. Miss Wainwright deserved the compliment paid her in the attendance of so select a crowd of people as attended last night's performance.

Pope's Greeting.

Rome, March 17.—The pope sends St. Patrick's day greetings to the world today.