

A DEEP SCHEME LAID BARE.

Burlington and Union Pacific cohorts wish to capture today's convention.

GREAT INDIGNATION AMONG REPUBLICANS.

Every Effort Will be Made to Checkmate the Bold Conspirators and Prevent a Landslide.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At midnight it is an open secret that the Burlington and Union Pacific cohorts are to be massed tomorrow upon McColl, Benton and Hastings. Intense indignation prevails among republicans, who are deeply concerned in the success of the party, at this bold attempt to load the party down with railroad candidates in the face of the wholesale defection of republican farmers. The best informed men predict a landslide if this programme is carried out.

LIFE HOUNDS IN THE LEASH.

Politicians at Lincoln Restless, Eager and Anxious for the Fray.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—[Special to THE BEE.]—It was good, gay weather today. The thermometer stood at 65 on the street, while in the corridors of the Capitol hotel, the one that Lee Lansing wore on his back, registered 300. John Steen's weather machine exploded just as it reached the 40 mark, and just as Al Ewan was about to say "Isn't she a daisy?"

But there were more farmers than hay. Farmer W. T. Richardsen, as he followed despair across the meadow of disappointment, tried to make hay. Farmer Ross Hammond was a badge which read, "Make hay while the sun shines." Farmer S. Alexander wanted to insure Tom Benton's crop of hay. Farmer Jud Wright said that he wished that Charley Holmes and Jake Dew and Sam Davidson and Tom Appelget had brought their hay and come to Lincoln and baled it in Dan Osgood's headquarters. They were afraid Johnson county would get something, it seemed, and they made hay at home. Farmer Thayer tried to make hay. Farmer Palmer tried to make hay for him. In fact, it was the hay day of all the farmers and they are still in the field.

This afternoon there is a new combination on the boards that seems to have some strength. Leese has drawn his scolding knife and says that Benton, Cowdry and Steen must go—that Benton cannot, like Artemus Ward, who was willing to sacrifice his wife's relations in the war, save himself by throwing the others overboard. He wants Steen to offer to run for Andrew Steele, Nathan of Clay to run for him and commissioner and some other anti-slavery man for secretary of state. In this deal Leese ties up with Richards. The prohibition element, believing that Richards suits them better than any other man yet named, will unite with Richards, Stewart of Keene, candidate for attorney general and present a platform of Law and Order. Richardsen, and so it seems that Leese, in his desire to throw Benton, will take up Richards, who has friendly relations with the Fremont-Eldorado Valley road, and try to make him pay.

Henton is in favor of Jack MacColl, and MacColl's men in turn are Benton men. But Mr. Leese may fail to deliver his slate, but he is trying hard to make it win.

Another Richards and prohibition scheme has been hatched. The two editors of the semi-monthly editors of the country press held a secret meeting and formed a combination of editors, calling themselves the republican state press, and resolved that they would only support certain measures, which are supposed to be in the interest of Richards and prohibition. The fact is that there are over 100 men involved in this scheme in Nebraska, so far no figure. This handful of faithful, like the Tooley street tanners, resolved that we, the Nebraska editors, do so and so. Wednesday evening may show, however, that the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.

Ten Sycamore, Paul Ransom, Will Gargle, Ben Baker, E. W. Simeral, Dave Mercer, Judge H. J. Davis, J. W. Eller, John T. Clarke, H. T. Clarke, A. L. Wiggins, Henry Bell and Judge Stenberg came down from Omaha at noon. They are all at work for Dr. McColl. It is a hard working lot of politicians.

They will be reinforced on each arriving train.

There are a dozen combinations suggested, but all of them except the Leese matter will fall away and cannot be counted upon except as a faint hope.

Governor Thayer has been at his headquarters all day and many visitors have called to wish him success. Colonel Russell and Captain Palmer have been close at hand and whispers and earnest talks have been frequent.

I was struck with the appearance of Hyatt's room last night. He was seated at a wainscot table, and in a half circle, directly in front of him, sat a dozen delegates from Siltney and the sand hills. Rayner, with his highly wealth of hair, looked like a spiritualistic medium. Some of them had their heads in their hands, some trying to come into contact with the spirits of all politicians who have gone before. But there was a "nary a rap." The table did not move and the saint, who of all men, should have had the ear of deputes, had been mentioned.

George Hastings' room was held yesterday, as George had to be at home to see that Saline county did the proper thing. H. M. Wells, his lieutenant, telephoned at 3 o'clock that "haying was fine."

He stayed at home at large, and giving nervous slips on the situation.

At noon Governor Richard, had deserted his room, gone to dinner, and Will Hall Poor, MacColl's right hand man, wrote the following note and pinned it on the stomach of Ross Harlan, who was gracefully sleeping across the bed:

Step on, there's dry snow.

By nature safely duped,

Step on, and dream of victory.

Step on, and sleep safe.

In the meantime, Jack MacColl sat opposite Mr. Richards in the table taking soap with him, each declaring to the other that he would be the winner. Mr. MacColl has not lured any Union Pacific engines in order to collect Democratic county votes.

Have no reason, who held the office of surveyor general in its declining days, will come up from Richardson county. The haymakers are waiting for "Old Dave" to feel the pulse of that county. Whether it is for Abby or the original MacColl man, same down and brought a brass band with him.

Another Johnson county crowd arrived, bringing the delegates headed by John Roberts.

Jesse Gandy, the mayor of Broken Bow, a Custer man, was welcomed tonight by the delegation whom would save the country.

George Hastings came in from Crete late this evening, and at once adjusted his lighting rod.

The talk now is that Colonel Webster will be nominated for attorney general.

George D. Eisel of Holdridge is on the ground, and there is talk that he will try to get the nomination for state treasurer, being at the head of the bankers' combine.

At seven o'clock the Capitol hotel was amped. The mystery remained as deep as ever. The name of Keene, the original MacColl man, came down and brought a brass band with him.

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There are two contesting delegations from Saline county, one above the other, and promises a merry war. One or two other delegations have been predicted, but they have not materialized as yet. The Red Willow county contest, arising over the county seat contest between McCook and Indianapolis, will be upon the floor of the convention for settlement, and furnish the first bloodshed in the great convention.

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