

ENDORSED JUDGE CROUSE

Douglas County Speaks for the "Sage of Calhoun" as Her Choice.

HAPPY AND HARMONIOUS CONVENTION

Earliest Discussion of All Issues Presented Terminated in a Peaceful and Satisfactory Solution of the Problem—The Delegates Chosen.

Douglas county has spoken. "The works of the state at large has been looking eastward, awaiting the action that has now been taken, and openly saying to the world, "As goes Douglas county this year, so goes the state."

And plainly with due dignity Douglas county said yesterday afternoon: "Lorenzo Crouse for governor."

He was the unanimous choice of the 100 delegates, and the convention was marked with such harmony as had not before for many a day been apparent in a gathering of similar character in this county.

The constant trend of sentiment had been toward the right, and the delegates began to arrive in the city until the hour the convention was called to order.

The convention was called to order in Washington hall promptly 2 o'clock by Chairman D. H. Mercer of the county central committee.

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question of choice must be met first or last, and it made an amply long list of difference in the selection of delegates as to whom the choice for governor might be.

Judge Eller again said he was opposed to a secret ballot. He was not afraid to openly voice his preference, and he wanted to vote openly and he wanted to vote the motion down, elect delegates and instruct them as to how to vote.

A parliamentary tilt between Baker and Troup convinced Mr. Troup that there were several things in the books with which no man was to quarrel.

Mr. Charles Wehrer of the Third. Mr. Baker then proceeded to give his attention to Mr. Eller. He remarked that he was no coward himself, and thereby attracted the attention of Charles Wehrer, who was endeavoring to hold himself upon a chair in the rear part of the hall.

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AMID GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Numerous Republican County Conventions Select Candidates and Delegates.

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Clay County's Faithful Endorse the Administration and Declare for the Party of the Ballot—Reports From the Various Districts.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Aug. 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Clay county republican convention was held here today with all the precincts represented by a full delegation.

Following is a list of delegates: State—C. H. Epperson, D. M. Nettleton, A. B. Perkins, G. W. Churchill, Alex. Bauer, J. J. McDer-mott, T. J. Jensen, John Peterson, E. Up-dyke, Frank Young, N. W. Johnson, L. R. Lefest, M. N. Morrill and G. S. Thomas. Senatorial—C. W. Bertis, Wil-liam Ashby, E. E. Burlingame, H. H. Shaw, G. W. King, Ashley Barnett, C. S. Bradley, S. V. Phelps, A. H. McBride, S. W. Christy, T. B. McClelland, J. Everett, J. R. Shaw, Leo P. Schwab.

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BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Gage county republican convention was held here today, 171 delegates in attendance.

McQueen of Adams was made chairman and Ed S. Miller of Harroton secretary. The convention adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

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GATHERING FOR THE FRAY

Independent Leaders Laying Their Wires for the State Convention.

NUMEROUS CANDIDATES TO BE SATISFIED

How Kearney Will Entertain Her Guests—Thousands May Be Comfortably Seated in the Mammoth Tent—All Can Be Accommodated.

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The independent van-guard began to arrive this evening to set lines for the forthcoming convention. All is in readiness for their reception so far as the city is concerned.

W. C. Holden of Lincoln, editor of Liberty, came last evening, and has his scalping knife ready for the fray in which General Van Wyck will, it is supposed, play a prominent part.

Among the leaders already in the field of battle is General Van Wyck who is comfortably established at the Midway. J. B. Y. Wolfe of Lancaster, Neb., with a large sized gubernatorial bee in his hat and it is asserted by those who claim to know that he would be satisfied with the state treasurer's pig-plum or even anything which may drop up.

The badges that have been prepared for the independent delegates are printed on cotton made at the Kearney cotton mill. This will be a practical demonstration to the brethren that McKinleyism has made it possible to manufacture cloth in Nebraska.

MICHIGAN'S GERRYMANDER

Action Commenced to Test the Last Apportionment's Legality.

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PLATTSMOUTH'S COSTLY FIRE

Waterman Opera House Block Completely Destroyed by the Flames.

Believed to be the Work of Incendiaries—Efforts of the Fire Department of Little Falls—Nebraska State News.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Plattsmouth suffered a disastrous fire yesterday. Between 1 and 2 o'clock Waterman's opera house was discovered to be on fire, and within two hours the huge and slightly building was a mass of ruins.

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