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COMPETITOR CASES

High Handed Methods to Be Employed Against the Accused.

THEIR FATE IS SEALED IN ADVANCE

No New Testimony Will Be Admitted When Trial is Called.

ONLY FAVORABLE WITNESS IS IN PRISON

His Sworn Statement is Displeasing to Spanish Officials.

PRISONERS TO BE FOUND GUILTY AGAIN

They Will Not Be Executed, but Can Be Kept Indefinitely in Prison, Owing to Official Red Tape.

NEW YORK, June 28.—A dispatch from Havana says: Consul General Lee has finally been officially notified that Ona Melton, the American newspaper correspondent, Captain Laborde and others belonging to the captured American schooner Competitor, and 162 Americans incarcerated with them in the Cabanas fortress for treason will be called for public trial July 1. The hearing will go before civil judges and judgment will be entirely based on the declarations previously made within the walls of the military prison by a government official acting on behalf of the Spanish admiralty and War department. The court will listen to no new testimony.

George Ferran, the only witness the Competitor men were permitted to call, is still in prison here. His sworn statement was that the vessel was beyond the three-mile limit when fired upon and seized. This statement displeased the Spaniards, and Ferran was therefore detained, and stands charged with perjury.

Consul General Lee as yet has received no instructions from Washington to employ counsel to defend the prisoners. A Spanish magistrate said the men would undoubtedly be found guilty again and sentenced to death or long term imprisonment, but added: "Their friends need not fear their being executed or deported. Were the men shot," he said, "popular indignation in the United States would compel McKinley to act. On the other hand, were they declared innocent or pardoned, Spanish sentiment might drive the judges and magistrates from the bench. But they can be kept as prisoners indefinitely in Cabanas, through judicial and diplomatic red tape."

The rebel generals, Riveria and Bacalloa, will not be executed. The authorities have received a cable from the minister of war to suspend the sentences of death "pending the close of hostilities." At Matanzas, Santa Clara, Sancti Spiritus, Cienfugos and Pinar del Rio dozens of executions have occurred during the last three days. At Sagua two Cuban girls, Rosa Prieto and Josepha Borges, accused of sending out clothes to their brothers, were convicted of aiding the rebellion and sentenced to long imprisonment in the African penal colonies.

Leading Havana newspapers, commenting on Canovas' Cuban reform bill, insist that according to its provisions the franchise will be extended to loyal Spaniards only, and will exclude Cubans who bore arms against Spain.

WEYLER OUTLINES HIS POLICY.

Makes a Speech on Arrival at Santiago de Cuba.

HAVANA, June 28.—Captain General Weyler after a stormy passage on a coasting steamer from Manzanilla, arrived at Santiago de Cuba yesterday afternoon. The steamer was met by a number of tugs having on board the municipal authorities, the provincial authorities and General Linares, the military commander of the district. The port and shipping were profusely decorated in honor of the captain general, and he was cheered by large numbers of people, who lined the routes from the wharf to the cathedral and thence to the palace, in spite of the fact that rain was falling heavily. At the palace the captain general received all the local, civil and military authorities.

Addressing the local authorities last evening in the palace of Santiago de Cuba, Captain General Weyler said he remembered with pleasure that region where he had engaged in a campaign during the previous war in Cuba. He explained that he was coming to pacify that part of the island and that though he was strongly desirous of peace, his system of making war was to be rigorous toward the "rebels" who refuse to accept the clemency which Spain, through him, offered them. The general added: "Notwithstanding the examples in rigor set by other colonial nations I attend to the reconstruction of the wealth of the island. This was the purpose which inspired my last decrees, and I propose to continue this policy although I have been compelled in some instances to countenance destruction, owing to the fact that circumstances have made it necessary in some cases to destroy the resources of the rebels."

SUCCESS WAS ONLY TEMPORARY.

Garcia Captures Town of Gibara, but Is Driven Out.

NEW YORK, June 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Key West says: Private advices from Santiago province give further details of the fighting during last week around Gibara and Banes, between insurgents and Spanish forces. The advices state that the insurgents under General Garcia and Colonel Torres, numbering between 5,000 and 6,000 men, attacked both seaports simultaneously, but met with a stubborn resistance. The demonstration against Banes, which is less than ten leagues distant from Gibara, on the north, was only a ruse, and was partly successful, and Garcia, with his forces, entered Gibara. His success, however, was only of short duration, as he was subsequently driven out after a hot fight, during which many were killed and wounded on both sides.

Colonel Machado, a veteran of the ten years' war, says General Gomez has planned the campaign and put it in operation. He has distributed columns of men throughout Matanzas, Havana and other provinces.

Castellar May Succeed De Lome.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—No official information has been received at the State department in regard to the report from Havana that Senor Castellar is to succeed Senor de Lome as the diplomatic representative of the Spanish government at Washington. The officials of the Spanish legation decline to discuss the report in any way.

More Troops for Cuba.

MADRID, June 28.—Senor Canovas del Castillo says that in case the Spanish forces in Cuba should suffer severely from sickness during the rainy season the government will send 20,000 additional troops to the island in October, in order to maintain the army at its full strength and to inflict a final blow upon the insurgents.

Lee Exonerates His Son.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The State department has received a statement from Consul General Lee at Havana, in which he declares that his son had no connection whatever with the premature publication some time ago of the Ruiz report.

EVERYTHING COMES M'LEAN'S WAY.

Ohio Democrats Not So Unanimous on a Candidate for Governor.

COLUMBUS, O., June 28.—The candidates and delegates are here in force today for the democratic state convention, which meets tomorrow and Wednesday. The delegates meet by congressional districts tomorrow afternoon and the committees tomorrow night, while the convention proper does not assemble till Wednesday. In addition to a full state ticket, members of the legislature are elected this year. There have been several aspirants for the senate, but John R. McLean, proprietor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, has secured such a large majority of delegates to the state convention that there is no more opposition to him here than there was to Senator Hanna at the republican state convention in Toledo last week.

Mr. McLean did not expect to attend the convention, but his friends today say they will try to get him here. McLean's friends do not want any senatorial endorsement resolution attached to the platform. They do not want any endorsement for any other senatorial candidate and are simply keeping clear the right of way.

No democrats have held state offices since McKinley was governor and a new class of aspirants is in the field. There are dozens of candidates for each place on the state ticket and they are all here today with headquarters open. Nominations will be made for governor, lieutenant governor, supreme judge, treasurer, attorney general, school commissioner and member of the Board of Public Works. Among the candidates for governor are: Robert T. Hough, Paul J. Sorg, John C. Welty, D. D. Donavan, E. A. Smalley, J. M. Van Meter, S. M. Hunter, A. W. Patrick, Horace L. Chapman, A. W. Thurman, John J. Lentz, C. P. Noble, John W. Winn, E. B. Finley, F. C. Layton, F. M. Marriott, John G. Reeves, Frank Southard.

Today Hough is the favorite, but the field is making a hard fight on him. His friends assert that he is such a strong silver man that he resigned as solicitor of the internal revenue department. His opponents say his resignation was asked for and that he wore a Carlisle gold button. The convention is almost a unit for free silver, and no candidate is considered whose record is not clear on that issue. An effort is being made to have nothing else in the platform except the one silver plank. This will avoid endorsing the Chicago platform as a whole and other questions on which there are differences of opinion. Owing to Senator Hanna voting against the Cuban resolution, there are some who insist on a stronger Cuban resolution than was adopted at Toledo.

With the unusually large number of candidates and their workers here tonight, the ante-convention contests were very animated. The field has concentrated against R. T. Hough as the favorite for governor and will fight him to a decisive ballot. There were very many reports circulated against him tonight. The Press-Post, the central democratic organ, in a leading editorial tonight questioned his orthodoxy on the silver question and the Dispatch, an independent paper, produced articles from the Hillsboro Gazette in which Judge Hough is interested and of which his brother is editor, to show that Hough was not an original silver man. Numerous statements have been published about Hough wearing a Carlisle badge during the contest between Blackburn and Hunter for senator in Kentucky and previous to the Chicago convention.

While many of the leaders are opposing what is being termed McLean's slate for the state ticket with Hough at the head of the list, none of them oppose McLean for senator.

TOBACCO CASE GOES TO JURY.

Lawyers Make Arguments and Judge Gives Charge.

NEW YORK, June 28.—Arguments were continued today in the trial of President Joseph B. Duke and other officers and directors of the American Tobacco company, on the charge of conspiracy to restrict trade. Joseph H. Choate addressed the jury in behalf of the defendants. District Attorney Olcott spoke for the prosecution, and the case was then given to the jury.

Judge Fitzgerald in his instructions to the jury said that the trial was an exceedingly important one. It was an action brought by the public at large in the name of the people of the state. He would impress it upon the minds of the jury that it was not a civil suit in which it was sought to establish private rights or remedy private wrongs. Whether or not the fact alleged in the indictment constituted a crime was a question of law with which they had no concern. It was for them to determine whether or not the evidence established the truth of the allegation. After ruling upon a number of requests submitted by counsel for the defense the judge directed the jury to retire.

DEBS' NEW SCHEME COLLAPSES.

Abandons the Idea of Founding a Socialistic Colony.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 28.—Victor S. Berger, editor of a socialist organ, gave out a statement tonight on his return from a conference with Eugene V. Debs. He says the scheme to plant a socialist colony in the west has been abandoned and to take its place there will be a small migration of unemployed men to the state of Washington. They will look for homes there the same as other settlers and the expense of their transportation will be paid through a per capita tax of 15 cents a month on members of the social democracy, Debs' new party. Debs will remain in the east and he and his associates will devote themselves to the cause of socialism through this political party and the ballot.

ENTERTAIN SOUTHERN VISITORS.

Panamerican Delegates Made Welcome to Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, June 28.—The official welcome of the city and its commercial bodies was extended to the Panamerican tourists today. At 10 o'clock there was a gathering in the Grand hotel of the representative business men, and, led by Mayor John A. Caldwell, they formally received the foreigners. The party was then escorted to the Chamber of Commerce, where there was another reception. The afternoon was devoted to an excursion on the Ohio river.

Tonight the Manufacturers' club gave a reception at the hotel, tomorrow there will be a trolley trip to the city's suburbs, and the guests will depart in the afternoon for Louisville.

Young Woman Abducted.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 28.—The little town of Downey, in the southern part of the county, is terribly excited today over a case of abduction last night. Miss Malire, the daughter of respectable, well-to-do people, was chloroformed and taken from her bedroom in her night dress by an unknown man, who entered through the window. At daylight this morning the young woman was found wandering in a dazed condition several miles from home. She has been unable as yet to give a clear description of her strange abductor, but a posse with bloodhounds is scouring the country about Downey.

Heavy Storm in Georgia.

MACON, Ga., June 28.—A wind and rain storm struck Cordele, Ga., today at noon, blowing down a Methodist church and the steeple of another church, prostrating telegraph wires and blowing down trees and many fences. There is also much damage to crops in the path of the storm. Advices from Carrollton report much damage to crops. Several people were badly hurt, but no one was killed.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, June 28.

At Hamburg—Sailed—Pennsylvania, for New York.

At Southampton—Sailed—Frederich der Grosse, for New York.

At Gibraltar—Sailed—Fulda, for New York.

At Antwerp—Arrived—Noordland, from New York.

At Philadelphia—Arrived—Pennland, from Liverpool.

At New York—Arrived—Manitoba, from London.

At Moville—Arrived—Furnessia, from New York.

PROCLAMATION IS COMING

President McKinley Assures the Exposition His Official Recognition.

FOREIGN NATIONS TO BE NOTIFIED

Senator Thurston Presents the Matter and Gets a Promise of Action from Executive or State Department.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—President McKinley, either through the Executive department or through the Department of State, will call attention of foreign governments to the exposition to be held in Omaha next year. Senator Thurston was instrumental in bringing this highly desired action about.

On Saturday the junior senator from Nebraska had an interview with the president along the lines of the Allen senate resolution introduced last week, calling upon the president to make an official proclamation of the Transmississippi Exposition. The State department taking the stand it did regarding the matter and the committee on ways and means of the house being opposed to the precedent which the concurrent resolution set, there was nothing else left but to seek presidential aid, and this Senator Thurston did. The president examined the senate resolution as proposed by Senator Allen and after some time, in which the whole history of the exposition was gone over, Mr. McKinley gave the junior senator from Nebraska to understand that either from the Executive or the State departments a proclamation would issue in behalf of the Omaha exposition. This assurance being given, one of the first things done in the senate this morning was to pass Senator Allen's resolution, introduced on Saturday, calling upon the executive to take official cognizance of the great show to be held in the Gate City next year.

Representative Mercer filed with the Postoffice department today a petition of business men of South Omaha, asking for an increase in the carrier facilities of the Magic City, and the showing made was of such a high character that in all probability three additional carriers will be given South Omaha about July 1. He also put in a strong plea for increased mail service, and this will probably be granted, an extra mail delivery being considered.

SOUTH OMAHA'S POSTOFFICE.

General Spaulding of the Treasury department stated today that the sketch of the South Omaha public building had been made, that working plans were now being drawn, that specifications were being prepared and that bids for the structure would be invited upon the whole plant within a month or six weeks. He said he has made this building special, and that it would be rapidly pushed to completion, and he hoped it would be ready for occupancy by the time Omaha had its exposition. Acting Architect Kemper stated the building was a beauty and that the sketch would be ready to make public in a few days.

Representative Mercer has taken another lead to secure arms for the Omaha High school cadets. He has asked Governor Holcomb to include in his annual requisition on the secretary of war for arms for the National Guard of Nebraska guns for the cadets. Mercer hopes that the governor will accept the suggestion, as the law does not permit the issuance of arms to cadets in any other way.

C. C. Hellman of Geneva, Neb., who has held a position in the Land department for a number of years, has been promoted to $1,800.

An agreement has been reached by the finance committee of the senate on the lead schedule after a hard fight on the part of Thurston of Nebraska and Baker of Kansas, in which the committee stands by its report, 1½ cents on lead in ores, and amends its former recommendation to 2½ cents on pig lead. It is understood to be made for conference purposes. Here the real fight will be made, the house committee believing that its schedule is far preferable and more equitable than the senate schedule. It will not surprise anyone to find when the tariff bill is agreed to, the bill as it came out of the house is but little changed when definite comparisons are instituted.

Nebraska postmasters appointed today: Loomis, Phelps county, W. A. Forsythe, vice J. W. Jackson, removed; Sumter, Dawson county, W. L. Grant, vice J. M. Frantz, removed; Wood River, Hall county, S. A. Sherrard, vice P. Finan, removed.

SETTLE ON THE LEAD ORE RATES.

Senate Committee Decides to Let House Provision Stand.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The senate committee on finance today settled several vexed questions in connection with the tariff, including lead and iron ores. The decision is to leave the rate of 1.5 cents on lead ore as fixed by the finance committee and also to leave iron ore as originally determined by the committee and passed by the house. The tea paragraph was again passed over for future consideration and the decision on coal was reserved until after a hearing to be given to the conflicting interests tonight. The committee decided to advance the rate on pig lead to 2¼ cents per pound. This is an increase of one-half cent over the house rate, which the committee did not originally disturb, and was made as compensation for the increase on lead ore.

The receipt of the news that the senate committee had decided to leave the duty on lead ore at 1.5 cents was not received with any degree of joy at the offices of the Omaha & Grant Smelting works in this city. Officers in charge said that if such an agreement had been reached it meant a black eye to the lead smelting business in this country, as smelting companies would go into British Columbia and Mexico and do their smelting there. They also said that it would limit the smelting of silver to some extent, as lead was required in the process of refining, and if such a heavy duty had to be paid, there would also be less silver smelted in the United States.

FOREIGNERS ARE TO BE INVITED.

Senate Passes Resolution Regarding the Exposition.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—In the senate today the resolution authorizing the president to invite foreign governments to participate in the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha was agreed to.

Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

State—Soren Listoe of Minnesota, consul at Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Treasury—Henry Fink of Wisconsin, collector of internal revenue for the First district of Wisconsin.

Justice—Clarence W. Ide, Washington, marshal for the district of Washington.

Navy—Captain F. L. Denny, assistant quartermaster marine corps, to be major and quartermaster; Charles L. McCaskey, captain and assistant quartermaster marine corps; Assistant Engineer J. H. Rowen to be a passed assistant engineer. Naval Cadet Stuart of Pennsylvania and Naval Cadet William G. Groebeck of Ohio, as assistant naval constructors in the navy.

Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations: Henry Fink, to collector of internal revenue for the first district of Wisconsin; Irving B. Dudley of California, to be minister to Peru; Thomas C. Dawson of Iowa to be secretary of the legation of the United States at Rio De Janeiro; Frank Dillingham of California, to be consul at Auckland, New Zealand; M. W. Sutton, to be collector of internal revenue district of Kansas; Colonel C. H. Carlton, Eighth cavalry, to be brigadier general; Captain C. G. Reisy, to be commodore in the navy and numerous other naval promotions, and First Lieutenant Herbert Iwakyne, corps of engineers, United States army to be a member of the California debris commission.

SENATE MAKES FAIR PROGRESS.

Disposes of the Paragraph Relating to Hides.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The senate made fair progress on the tariff bill today, disposing of the paragraphs relating to hides, which have been the source of much controversy. As finally agreed on, the duty on hides is placed at 20 per cent ad valorem, in place of 1½ cents per pound, as originally reported by the finance committee. The discussion was protracted, drifting into a general debate on trusts and from that back to the Sugar trust. Mr. Smith of New Jersey spoke at length against the duty on hides, while Mr. Allen of Nebraska supported the duty. The new paragraph was agreed to, 39 to 20, one democrat, Rawlins of Utah, and several populists and silver republicans voting with the republicans in the affirmative.

The incidental debate on trusts led to severe arraignment of the Sugar trust by Messrs. Caffery and Lindsay and a general discussion of means to deal with trusts by Mr. Hoar. Among other paragraphs disposed of during the day were all those relating to gloves, a substitute for the paragraph on live animals, iron ore and stained glass windows.

Referring to Cuba, Mr. Smith spoke of the remarkable fact that a resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cubans had been passed by the senate and sent to that catafalque or tomb, the house of representatives, to be buried by a republican house, a republican speaker, at the solicitation of a republican president. It was an insult to the American people, which they would rebuke at the polls next November.

Mr. Vest of Missouri reviewed the legislation on leather and hides and presented a letter written by James G. Blaine to Mr. McKinley when the McKinley bill was being framed, protesting against a duty on hides as a slap in the face of the South Americans and as likely to legislate the republican party out of office.

When Mr. Vest spoke of oppressive action by Mr. Armour to compel butchers to use his dressed beef Mr. Allen of Nebraska remarked that the evidence seemed sufficient for an indictment and why, then, was not something done toward prosecution. This developed a warm controversy between Mr. Hoar and Mr. Allen as to the right of federal prosecution for an offense wholly within state lines, which at times became rather personal.

A reference in Mr. Smith's remarks to trusts led Mr. Stewart of Nevada to make an extended arraignment of the money trust, which, he asserted, was the worst of all trusts. Mr. Stewart argued also that if there was to be a protective tariff bill all sections should share in the advantages it gave.

Mr. Allen of Nebraska said that while not an advocate of a general protective system, yet he concurred in the view that if there was to be such a bill every section should share in the benefits it gave. He spoke of the benefits of a hide duty to the farmers and in particular of the extent of the industry in Nebraska.

The discussion branched off to the prosecution of trusts, in which Messrs. Allen and Hoar discussed the law. Mr. Allen declared that the country was "rotten with trusts," every article we eat and wear and use being controlled by trusts while congress, the judiciary and the executive authorities are impotent and powerless to act, according to those who argued that the federal laws cannot reach the trusts. He maintained that the laws are sufficient if energetically enforced, but that the authorities have not executed them with zeal.

The vote was then taken on the hide paragraph, as amended by the committee, and it was agreed to, 39 to 20. One democrat, Rawlins of Utah, and Messrs. Allen, Butler, Heitfeld, Jones of Nevada, Stewart, Mantle and Teller voted with the republicans in the affirmative. The balance of the vote was on party lines.

The bill was laid aside at 5 o'clock and after an executive session the senate adjourned.

SHAFROTH HAS A NEW SCHEME.

Would Tax Office Holders to Help the Government.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Representative Shafroth of Colorado introduced in the house today a measure entitled a bill "to encourage the economical administration of the government." It provides that "in order that each officer and employe of the United States shall have a direct interest in the economical administration of the government, the secretary of the treasury is directed for each month the expenditures of the government are greater than the receipts, to deduct and retain in the treasury from each salary in excess of $200 per month, 20 per cent thereof, and from each salary under, 10 per cent thereof." It provides that in no case shall the amount so deducted be repaid, unless at the end of the fiscal year the receipts for the year have exceeded the expenditures. The present justices of the supreme court are the only officials exempted from the operations of the act.

Anti-Trust Amendments.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The republican members of the senate committee on judiciary will meet tomorrow to consider the various forms presented in an anti-trust amendment to the tariff bill. There are a dozen anti-trust amendments in print and others have been suggested. The judiciary committee is striving to secure a form that would be acceptable to all republican senators and that will also stand the test of the courts.

Discuss Rates on Coal.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—There was a large gathering of republican senators at the meeting of the senate finance committee at the Arlington hotel tonight. Most of the time was spent in discussing the rates to be imposed on coal, and the proposition to fix them so that a reciprocal arrangement may be arrived at with the Dominion of Canada. No formal conclusion was arrived at, the committee deferring final action until the meeting tomorrow morning.

Pettigrew and Harris Recover.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The condition of Senator Pettigrew, who was taken ill in the senate Saturday, continues to improve. His physician believes he will be able to resume his senatorial duties in a few days.

Senator Harris of Tennessee, who has been unwell for some time, but who was gradually recuperating, suffered a setback yesterday, which at first caused some apprehension, but tonight he is reported to be better.

Reed and the Committees.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Speaker Reed said today that he had the matter of the appointment of the committees under consideration and that unless something unforeseen occurs to change his personal inclination, he would prepare the list and submit them prior to the final adjournment.

Calls in Republican Members.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—In anticipation of the passage of the tariff bill by the senate this week, Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, chairman of the republican caucus committee of the house, has issued a request to all republican members of the house to be in their seats next Monday, July 5.

President Will Visit Canton.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Unless the condition of public business prevents, President and Mrs. McKinley will leave here Friday for a visit to Canton. They will remain until Monday.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $235,142,085; gold reserve, $140,857,968.

WINTER FOR PRESIDENT

Endorsed by Douglas County Delegation to Republican League Convention.

C. J. GREENE FOR DELEGATE AT LARGE

Three Hundred Delegates Agree Upon Organization and Prepare Slate of Their Desires to Present to Convention.

Delegate-at-Large.....CHARLES J. GREENE
Delegates from Second Congressional District.....W. F. GURLEY
.....E. J. CORNISH
.....JAMES WALSH
For President of the State League.....
.....CHARLES E. WINTER

It required nearly three hours of the warmest sort of work for the Douglas county delegates to the state convention of republican clubs to construct the above slate last night as an indication of what the local republican clubs will ask for in the state convention which meets at Boyd's opera house tonight. The delegates were called together in caucus at Creighton hall and nearly 300 of them labored and perspired through a session of lively politics. There was a big field of candidates for the honor of representing Nebraska at the national convention at Detroit and most of the aspirants were represented by a lively crowd of supporters. The contest was exceptionally good natured, but it was fought out as earnestly as though a national campaign depended on the outcome, and there was as active trading on the boards as would be seen at the hottest sort of a state convention.

ONE SLATE BROKEN.

The outcome was a foregone conclusion long before the vote was polled, but the delegates had become so thoroughly entangled that every candidate believed he had a fighting chance and fought stubbornly to the end. The slate which had been prepared by one faction was completely knocked out of the box. It was represented by a printed ticket which bore the name of E. J. Cornish for delegate-at-large and Harry Brome, J. H. Van Dusen, Dr. M. O. Ricketts and Theodore H. Johnson for district delegates. Mr. Van Dusen withdrew his name, stating that he would be unable to go to Detroit at the time the convention was to meet, and the remainder of the district delegates on the slate were left several laps behind in the race.

The caucus was called to order by John Lewis, who stated that the object of the meeting was to arrange for united action in the state convention on the following evening. In response to a call for nominations for chairman, A. J. Lunt nominated J. M. Gillan and John H. Butler named A. S. Churchill. Mr. Gillan was elected, and the organization was completed by the election of Tom Davis as secretary and W. R. McLain as assistant secretary.

There was some confusion incident to the organization and this was increased when Pat O. Hawes moved that the caucus adjourn to 3 o'clock today. He urged this for the reason that Sarpy and Washington counties were not represented, but his logic was lost on the delegates, who defeated his motion by an overwhelming vote. A motion that the delegates present cast the full vote to which the clubs they represented were entitled was carried without objection.

WINTER IS ENDORSED.

W. F. Gurley offered a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Charles E. Winter for president of the state league. The resolution recited the fact that Omaha had never had the honor of securing the presidency of the league and urged the importance of having the headquarters in Omaha during the next year in view of the expectation of securing the 1898 national convention for this city. A motion to table the resolution was severely sat on, and after the chairmen of nearly all the delegations present had seconded the resolution it was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Pete Schwenk was not so successful with his resolution, which was to the effect that the present immigration laws were good enough, and that any change would be injurious to the property of Nebraska. The convention took the position that this subject did not properly belong to the caucus and the resolution was tabled.

H. T. Leavitt moved that the convention proceed to select a delegate-at-large from this county, and H. C. Brome suggested that the secretary call the roll of the clubs for nominations. Lee Estelle headed off what promised to be a tedious proceeding by naming Charles J. Greene in behalf of the Union Veterans' Republican club and moving as a substitute for all motions that he be endorsed by acclamation. This went through with a whoop and Mr. Greene was called to the platform, where he briefly expressed his thanks and intimated that he would make his speech tonight if he should be elected.

MANY ARE CALLED.

After the caucus had extricated itself from a parliamentary snarl which resulted from the effort to decide on the quickest way of naming the district delegates, nominations were allowed. Charley Unitt nominated A. J. Lunt, W. W. Bingham named E. J. Cornish, and the list was filled out with the names of W. F. Gurley, Theodore Johnson, J. C. Cowin, E. M. Bartlett, James Walsh, Dr. M. O. Ricketts, J. H. Van Dusen, George Collins, Pat O. Hawes and J. A. Beck, who was named as the choice of the South Omaha delegation. Mr. Van Dusen stated that he was not a candidate and withdrew in favor of Mr. Beck.

T. W. Blackburn then moved that the convention proceed to select three delegates, of which two should be from Omaha and one from South Omaha and the country, thus leaving the fourth district delegate to be selected by Washington and Sarpy counties. This opened the way for an avalanche of motions and amendments and the situation became chaotic.

R. C. Jordan moved that James Walsh be named by acclamation to represent the country, and John G. Kuhn wanted E. J. Cornish and W. F. Gurley selected in the same manner as the Omaha delegates. This did not satisfy the delegates, however, and they spent over an hour in reaching the same result. The secretary finally called the roll of clubs and the result was as follows: Walsh, 502; Cornish, 405½; Gurley, 319½; Johnson, 182; Collins, 134; Lunt, 172; Beck, 79; Bartlett, 76; Ricketts, 85; Hawes, 57.

At the request of Mr. Beck the South Omaha vote was changed to Walsh, and Messrs. Walsh, Cornish and Gurley were declared elected.

FOR PERMANENT CLUB ROOMS.

The following resolution was offered by J. J. Boucher and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, There is no permanent republican club or association in Douglas county which has or contemplates having permanent quarters open at all times to republicans; and

Whereas, During the exposition year especially we may expect prominent republicans from all parts of our country whom it will be desirable to tender formal courtesies; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of seven to devise ways and means for the organization of a central league or club, which shall keep open house and provide a place of meeting for clubs, members and visiting republicans, and shall be headquarters for republicans regardless of factional differences; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of each club here represented, be and he is hereby requested to communicate with the chairman of the committee herein appointed to the end that any plan of organization adopted by said committee may be communicated to the local clubs in Omaha and Douglas county.

Phil E. Winter moved that the caucus select the Douglas county member of the committee on resolutions, and the honor was accordingly thrust upon himself.

Chairman Gillan was made chairman of the delegation, and the caucus began the selection of alternates. George Collins and J. A. Beck were nominated, but as most of the delegates were leaving the hall, a motion to adjourn was carried before the nominations were closed.

A vote of thanks was tendered Messrs. Paxton and Burgess for the free use of the hall.

Selection of Delegates.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The following delegates were elected to represent Central City McKinley club at the State League of Republican clubs in Omaha: L. H. Reynolds, A. J. Bowle, W. C. Kerr, J. W. [illegible], L. G. Comstock, W. T. Thompson, N. [illegible]ersinger, W. E. Letcher, W. G. Stutz[illegible], H. Holen, George D. Beckes. The delegation was instructed to use every legitimate effort to elect L. H. Reynolds the next president, as a delegate to the national convention at Detroit.

LINCOLN, June 28.—(Special.)—The following delegates to the state convention of republican clubs at Omaha have been selected. In addition to those already announced:

Fifth Ward republican club: R. D. Stearns, John P. Maule, E. R. Siser, J. A. DeVore, E. P. Pettis, Adna Dobson, J. C. Johnston, George Woods, George Kimmel, S. T. Cochran, M. W. Folsom, Fred Moormyre, F. M. Hall, George Williams, H. M. Bushnell, Julius Reusch, J. J. Kelley, W. H. Clark, M. R. Beman, W. Q. Bell, C. J. Olson, John Thompen, John Giesler.

Sixth Ward republican club: A. W. Scott, W. D. Willdman, F. M. Tyrrell, Sam A. Adler, Roy L. Stewart, J. J. Roberts, J. G. Bowers, Ernst Hunger, Dr. F. A. Graham, Mark Woods, Dan Kelley, Silas Sprague, S. A. Swanson, Paul Clark, M. M. Starr, Will Phillips, Dr. R. A. Holyoke, Walter Housewerth, W. G. Roberts, J. C. Harpham, H. C. Eddy, W. A. Woodward, E. R. Guthrie, John M. Stewart, J. B. Cunningham, Sam McClay, W. L. Fryer, G. W. Davenport, J. W. Johnson.

Union Veteran Republican club: J. W. Winger, J. E. Hill, J. W. Bowen, H. C. Russell, H. W. Davis, A. M. Trimble, H. V. Hogeland, James Stevenson, A. L. Sullivan, J. D. Garner, Jesse Chappell, Amasa Cobb, Adam Bax, John M. Thayer, Samuel McClay, Perter Hedge, J. H. Westcott, Samuel Grant, W. J. Blystone, L. W. Billingsley, G. W. Davenport, Harry Johnson, F. W. Redford, S. S. Bell, W. M. Paris.

Third Ward McKinley club: L. L. Lindsey, A. L. Bowen, W. C. Austin, I. M. Raymond, David Givens, W. P. Dinsley, F. R. Waters, Homer Houck, Theodore Hurtz, Harvey Bell, S. P. Vanderbeck, Theodore Schlabitz, L. Westermann, Frank Castor, W. M. Russell and W. H. Adams.

Third Ward Republican club: Fritz Westermann, George Farwell, T. C. Munger, F. A. Graham, R. S. Young, C. N. Spears, J. S. Bishop, C. W. Chambers, J. R. Jones, C. N. Benson, L. J. Byer, Clem Steiner, Frank Duteil, J. E. Rait, Ed Young, Ed Unland, Webster Eaton, George Campen.

Representatives of the last two clubs unanimously indorsed E. P. Brown and A. J. Cornish for delegates to the national convention at Detroit.

Delegates to League Convention.

The German-American Republican club has selected the following to represent that organization in the State League convention of republican clubs: George Helmrod, William Mack, Ernest Stuht, C. W. Britt, Charles W. Haller, Philip E. Winter, E. E. Zehan, Philip Andres, F. W. Lessenting, August Carstens, Friedrich Schnake, August Specht, Jacob Hauck, John G. Kuhn and John Volka.

GOES GUNNING FOR RELATIVES.

Man with a Revolver and Razor Runs Amuck.

CHICAGO, June 28.—William H. Copp, foreman of the glazing department of the Pullman company, armed himself this afternoon with a revolver and a razor and went to the home of his wife's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Rankin, with the intention of murdering them and his wife and his wife's sister, who were living with them. He locked the front door of the house and then entering by the rear door, he locked that also. He first attacked Dr. Rankin, who is 70 years of age, and recently recovered from a serious illness. He fired one shot at him, but missed. Dr. Rankin grappled with him, and was beaten him fearfully on the head with the butt end of the revolver. After a savage struggle the men fell to the floor, Copp uppermost. He slashed the old physician across the throat with his razor, and the hands of both men were nearly cut to pieces as they fought for the weapon. Feeling his strength going, Dr. Rankin struggled to the mantlepiece, where his own pistol lay and shot Copp through the side, the ball glancing from a rib. During the fight between the men Mrs. Rankin was struck on the head by Copp and severely cut, and her daughter, Mrs. Hermes, was pounded about the face and one of her eyes destroyed.

Mrs. Hermes finally managed to reach the street and call for help. The members of a fire engine company, headed by Fred Rankin, a brother-in-law of Coop, broke in the front windows and overpowered the would-be murderer, who was just preparing to attack the doctor a second time. The latter, although bleeding from a gash in his throat was standing in front of his wife, his revolver in hand waiting for the attack. In Copp's pocket, after his arrest, was found a note saying that he intended to murder Dr. Rankin, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Hermes and Mr. Copp and then kill himself. He claims his wife's relatives have made trouble between himself and his wife. The latter was not at home. It is expected Dr. Rankin will die.

KEARNEY YOUNG MAN IN TROUBLE.

Arrested in Denver on a Charge of Seduction.

DENVER, Colo., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—A young man 21 years of age, well educated and of nice appearance, was located at 1730 Lawrence street this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Deputy Sheriff DeLue and placed in the county jail. Charles E. Pickering is the youth's name, and he hails from Kearney, Neb., where his father conducts a large wholesale grocery business. The charge is seduction.

The sheriff's office yesterday morning was in receipt of a telegram from Sheriff D. Wort of Buffalo county, asking that the boy be placed in custody. In a few hours the surprised young man was boarding at the county's expense. A sheriff's officer has left for this city and will return with Pickering to Kearney. The prisoner has but little to say other than that he was mixed up in some sort of a scrape with the girl, and he will go back without requisition papers. His victim is said to be a maiden of 16, who lives at Kearney. She is about to become a mother and names Pickering as her betrayer.

DASHED DOWN TO INSTANT DEATH.

Two Men Killed by a Frightful Fall at Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 28.—A derrick on the roof of a new building fell at 1 o'clock this afternoon, knocking three men from the scaffolding on the third story. Two of them were dashed to instant death, 125 feet below, and the third was saved in a most miraculous way. The killed are:

PALMETTO AYRES, colored, aged 40, living at Austell.

CHARLES CARGILL, aged 35, of this city.

William Brown, a carpenter, was saved by catching hold of a rope.

Death Blow to Gambling.

LEADVILLE, Colo., June 28.—Public gambling has probably received its death blow here. Acting under orders from Judge Owens of the district court, a posse of deputy sheriffs raided every gambling establishment in the city, seizing over $1,000 worth of tables and implements which will be destroyed. All of the proprietors of the gambling houses were arrested. The raid has caused a great sensation, as it breaks up an industry that has flourished here since 1879.

Another Negro Lynched.

ABERDEEN, Miss., June 28.—A negro named Harvey Gilliam was forcibly taken from the Monroe county jail late last night, carried five miles from town and hanged to a tree in the middle of the road, where his body was found early this morning swinging a lifeless corpse. He was the negro charged with having robbed a white woman in Okolona Saturday afternoon and attempting a criminal assault upon her.

CLEAN OUT THE BANK

Masked Robbers Make a Raid on a Belle Fourche Institution.

BLACK HILLS BANDITS GET IN THEIR WORK

Butte County Bank Looted in the Most Approved Style.

CASHIER LOSES PART OF ONE OF HIS EARS

He Did Not Elevate His Hands Quick Enough to Suit.

ALL OF THE CASH IN SIGHT IS TAKEN

Posse of Citizens Pursues and Captures One of the Robbers After a Hot Fight for Several Miles.

DEADWOOD, S. D., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Four masked men this morning made a desperate attempt to rob the Butte County bank at Belle Fourche. Entering the bank with revolvers drawn they ordered the customers present and bank officials to hold up their hands. A little hesitancy on the part of Cashier Marble drew a shot from the gun of one of the robbers, which clipped off a large portion of the cashier's right ear and enforced compliance with the command.

The safe and counters were relieved of the cash they contained and the robbers, mounting their horses, which had been conveniently stationed near, rode away. An alarm was immediately given and in a few moments a well mounted and armed posse was in pursuit of the bandits. Within a short distance from town the posse came up with the fugitives and