

PORTER NAMES THE PARTY

Secretary of State Christens the Mid-Road Populist Ticket.

GRAND ISLAND CONVENTION WAS LEGAL

Objections of Boss Edmisten Overruled in Part and Ticket May Go on Ballot with the Secretary's Designation.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—As anticipated by nearly everybody who attended the hearing, Secretary of State Porter today made public his decision that the use of the single name "populist" as the designation of the mid-road and populist party is in violation of the election laws and therefore can not be placed on the official ballot. He holds that the convention of the party met all the requirements of the law as to attendance, but after considering the various names generally applied to the people and pending party, holds that it would be unfair to use the name chosen at Grand Island without the prefix "mid-road." He announces in his opinion that if the name is so amended it may be placed on the ballot.

Another opinion handed down by the secretary of state today declares in substance that the state republicans do not come under the law which provides that a portion of an old party name shall not be used as the designation of a new party. Secretary Porter states that the law can be applied only to political parties organized after its adoption. In making this ruling Secretary Porter overrules the objection of Samuel T. Cochran of this city in placing the name of the silver republican party on the official ballot. The grounds upon which the objection was based were practically similar to those urged in Chairman J. H. Edmisten's protest with the additional allegation that the party did not receive 1 per cent of the votes cast at the last general election.

Edmisten Does Not Like It

The two protests were argued before Secretary Porter Wednesday and Thursday and when the cases were submitted it was announced that an opinion would be handed down today. Secretary Porter at first contended that he could not decide the matter for at least a month, but when pressed agreed to announce his decision at the earlier date. This morning J. H. Edmisten held a long private consultation with Secretary Porter and at its conclusion the latter said something entirely unexpected had arisen that might delay his decision until next week. Chairman Edmisten was informed in advance what the decision would be and it is understood that it did not meet with his approval. He had hoped to have the name "populist" stricken off, but was unable to induce the secretary of state to observe his wishes.

Following are the decisions of Secretary Porter:

In the case of J. H. Edmisten, protestant, against allowing the names of certain candidates nominated at Grand Island, August 1900, by the so-called middle-of-the-roads, I find:

Convention Was All Right

First.—That a convention consisting of 29 voters did assemble in the city of Grand Island on the 18th of August, 1900, that they did then and there nominate candidates for the different state offices and presidential electors, that they did so in conformity with the provision of the law which requires at least 25 delegates in the state to constitute a legal convention, that they are entitled to have the names of their candidates placed on the official ballot. That under the head of second objection, which refers to the party name and to which the secretary of state has attached the word "populist" being misleading and in violation of law, it already being by application to a party now in existence, the opinion of the secretary of state is well founded and the objection is well founded and the objection is well founded without any qualifying word or words to designate wherein they differ from the original party, that they have a right to elect to elect many voters, and would be a direct violation of section 13, chapter xxxi, Session Laws of 1892, and while this is true, we also recognize the fact that many of the voters who attended the Grand Island convention were what are known as "middle-of-the-road" populists, and it seems to us that they should have such name applied to them and their candidates at the time of the convention. And, while the use of the word "populist" even with a qualifying word, would be misleading and in violation of law, it already being by application to a party now in existence, the opinion of the secretary of state is well founded and the objection is well founded without any qualifying word or words to designate wherein they differ from the original party, that they have a right to elect to elect many voters, and would be a direct violation of section 13, chapter xxxi, Session Laws of 1892, and while this is true, we also recognize the fact that many of the voters who attended the Grand Island convention were what are known as "middle-of-the-road" populists, and it seems to us that they should have such name applied to them and their candidates at the time of the convention.

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In the case of Samuel Cochran, protestant, against allowing the name "silver republican" to be used on the official ballot, after having been previously used, and after having been examined by the attorney and carefully examining the law bearing on this case, viz., section 13, chapter xxxi, Session Laws of 1892, providing for the formation of new parties and the adoption of party names, an inquiry of the opinion of the secretary of state is well founded and the objection is well founded without any qualifying word or words to designate wherein they differ from the original party, that they have a right to elect to elect many voters, and would be a direct violation of section 13, chapter xxxi, Session Laws of 1892, and while this is true, we also recognize the fact that many of the voters who attended the Grand Island convention were what are known as "middle-of-the-road" populists, and it seems to us that they should have such name applied to them and their candidates at the time of the convention.

Attorneys Will Meet in Hastings

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How's Condition Improves

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Martin D. Howe, who was seriously injured last night by a blow from a billiard cue in the hands of Charles Gant, a colored man, remained unconscious today, but it is believed that his condition is slightly improved. Gant is confined in the county jail and the police entertain some fears that an attempt will be made by citizens to inflict punishment without waiting for the process of the law. When arrested a crowd of people surrounded the officers and a lynching was threatened. As Howe has shown signs of improvement, it is not believed, however, that their threat will be carried into effect. The trouble arose from the attempt of Howe, acting as special policeman on the reunion grounds, to keep Gant from interfering with a bicycle race. After being ordered off the track he returned and inflicted the blow with the butt end of a billiard cue.

Requisition Out for Hall

LINCOLN, Aug. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Requisition papers have been issued by Lieutenant Governor Gilbert for the return of Robert W. Hall of Omaha, now under arrest in California. The complaint charges Hall with embezzling \$92.32 from the Nebraska Telephone company. Miles Mitchell of South Omaha has been deputized to bring the fugitive back to Omaha.

Hastings Ready for Encampment

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Everything is in readiness at the camp ground for the entertainment of the Nebraska Guard encampment, which will be here from next Monday morning until Saturday.



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WOODMEN FLOCK TO PLATTSBOUTH

Keys of the City Are Delivered to Local Members.

PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—This has been a gala day for the Modern Woodmen of Cass county and their friends. All the morning trains coming in were crowded to their utmost capacity. The crowd was estimated at 1,500 people. The grand street parade formed on Main street as follows: Plattsmouth B. & M. band, camps from Eagle, Alvo, Elmwood, Washah and Avoca, Weeping Water band, camps from Weeping Water, Nebraska, and from the following: High Hook, Greenwood, South Bend, Cedar Creek, Louisville band, camps from Louisville, Manly, Murdock, Plattsmouth and other visiting Woodmen, and marched to the beautiful, shady park of C. F. Armeloff. After investing a few minutes in a few well chosen words, cordially welcomed the Woodmen and in presenting them the key to the city he said: "The city is yours." After a selection by the B. & M. band County Attorney James B. Wagoner gave an address of welcome. The parade and street and flags bearing the emblems of the order floated everywhere.

In the tug-of-war the Washah team won from Greenwood. The game of base ball between Louisville and Union was won by the former. In the seventy-five-yard foot race S. A. Morrison won first, E. W. Hurst second and John Klawens third. In the competitive drill of Uniformed Foresters Plattsmouth won \$20, Greenwood second, \$5. In a name of base ball the Greenwood High school club defeated the Omaha Modern Woodmen club—score, 9 to 0. In the hand contest Weeping Water won first and Greenwood second at 5 o'clock this evening. The second annual roll calling has been a grand success in every way.

CONCERT BY THE SAENGERBUND

Second Day of Gathering at Stanton is Grand Success

STANTON, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The second day of the Nebraska Saengerbund has been a grand success. Today the weather has been unusually fine, the attendance large and everybody is having a good time. All the streets and business houses are in gala attire. The street parade this afternoon was a success. The organization gave a fine concert tonight and the attendance was very large and appreciative audience. Every number on the program was fine, but those of unusual merit were the soprano solo of Mrs. Wagner Thomas and the violin selections of Prof. Hans Albert of Omaha. The weather promised fair and a very large number of people attended the picnic, which closes the festival, tomorrow.

Sunday School Workers Meet

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—

Tecumseh is full of Sunday school workers, the occasion being the annual session of the Johnson county Sunday School association. Among the workers from abroad are State President W. R. Jackson and Field Secretary R. H. Pollock. The session opened at 10 o'clock this morning, with a song and prayer service, followed by the reports of the various schools and the reports of the last meeting followed. "How to Get the Most Out of a Sunday School Convention" was the subject of a timely address by Mr. Pollock, and he was followed by a talk on "Normal Bible Lessons" made by Prof. Jackson.

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