

TOWNE IS INDORSED

BY MINNESOTA DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

L. A. Rosing, T. D. O'Brien, P. B. Winston and C. O. Baldwin Are the Democratic "Big Four" in the Kansas City Convention—Delegates Are Instructed to Vote for Bryan for President and Towne for Vice President—Platform Denounces the Administration.

Minneapolis, June 22.—The Democratic state convention met at the exposition building in this city yesterday. Delegates to the national convention at Kansas City were selected to vote for Charles A. Towne for vice president. Minnesota's "big four"—L. A. Rosing, T. D. O'Brien, P. B. Winston and C. O. Baldwin.

Chairman Rosing, of the state central committee, called the convention to order. He made a short speech in which he congratulated the delegates on the fact that

For the First Time in the history of Minnesota a Democratic convention had assembled under a Democratic governor. He dwelt upon the splendid record of John Lind as governor and elicited storms of applause by referring to the recent Democratic victory in St. Paul. He delivered a splendid eulogy of W. J. Bryan, who, he said, would be nominated and elected. He denounced the present administration and charged that the Republican party had violated every pledge made. He brought the delegates to their feet by the mention of "Mr. Towne, the next vice president."

T. T. Hudson of Duluth was by acclamation selected for temporary chairman. E. Barton of Minneapolis and J. D. Wood were made secretary and assistant secretary.

Mr. Hudson speaks. Chairman Hudson delivered a speech in which he said that the question of the hour was whether this nation should be ruled by the people or whether a portion of the people should be ruled by force. "Wherever the American flag flies, there the people shall be free," he said. Reference to Bryan and Towne aroused considerable enthusiasm.

The committee were then named and the convention took a recess. On reassembling the committee on credentials reported and the report was accepted. Temporary organization was made permanent. The committee on resolutions then reported and considerable debate followed before the platform was finally adopted.

The resolutions praise in highest terms the statesmanship of W. J. Bryan; declare absolute confidence in his patriotism, honesty, courage and ability. C. A. Towne is highly commended for his broad statesmanship, unselfish patriotism and great public services. The delegates to the national convention are instructed to vote for Bryan for president and Towne for vice president. The platform deprecates the tendency of the Republican party toward the establishment of militarism in the United States and the transformation of this republic into an imperial system, forcing its authority upon unwilling peoples and ruling subject nations against their consent.

Free Coinage Favored. The resolutions favor the free coinage of silver at the existing legal ratio, denounce trusts, demands that trust articles be placed on the free list, express sympathy with the Boers, demand independence for Cuba, ask the repeal of war taxes, favor postal savings banks, favor the income tax, the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and the system of initiative and referendum. The present national administration is denounced and an alliance with Great Britain is laid at its door.

The convention then proceeded with the election of delegates to the national convention. The following were elected:

The Delegates. Delegates-at-large—L. A. Rosing of Goodhue, P. B. Winston of Hennepin, Thomas D. O'Brien of Ramsey, Charles O. Baldwin of St. Louis, alternates—Arthur Col. J. J. Thornton of Watonwan, George F. Porter of Hennepin, Wm. Powers of Ramsey, D. C. McGriffin of St. Louis.

First District Delegates—C. F. Buck of Winona, and Senator William Grosswitz of Steele, alternates, S. Smith of Mower and James N. Hawley of Waseca.

Second District Delegates—Henry Himmelman of Blue Earth and S. B. Nelson of Rock, alternates, Dr. M. C. Triplett of Lac qui Parle and James A. Green of Brown.

Third District Delegates—R. T. Daly of Renwick and Frank L. Glatzback of Rice; alternates, Dr. B. Gorman of Kilkenny and G. Faber of Scott.

News of the Northwest

ELKS' BIG SHOW.

It is Formally Inaugurated at St. Paul.

St. Paul, June 20.—Thousands of marching men paraded through the principal streets down town yesterday afternoon to formally inaugurate the Elks' fair and carnival and begin the two weeks of amusement and pleasure that will last till the close of June. Perhaps the most numerous portion of the procession was made up of the marching members of secret societies. Most of the marchers were from St. Paul, but there were hundreds that came from other places. Chief among these were the Minneapolis Elks and other Elks societies from other neighboring cities. The commercial travelers represented the whole state and the Dakotas, for they had come down for their annual convention at Duluth to join the procession in a body.

FOREST FIRES.

What Was Left of Virginia Is Now in Danger of Being Wiped Out.

Duluth, Minn., June 20.—What is left of the city of Virginia is threatened by another serious fire. Yesterday a telegram was received from Virginia stating that forest fires were threatening the lumber piles of the Moon & Kerr Lumber company south of the mill which was burned in the last fire. There was not much wind and it was from the south, but if it should rise in velocity and shift toward town the balance of the city would be wiped out. A request was made that help be sent from Duluth. A fire engine and good supply of hose was sent. A letter telegram said that the fire was burning the lumber piles, and was raging, though it had not advanced toward town, which is still in danger.

BRYAN AND TOWNE.

They Fish in Kawagusaga Lake With Indifferent Success.

Minneapolis, Wis., June 20.—W. J. Bryan and party spent yesterday morning on Kawagusaga lake fishing. Master Bryan proved the champion fisherman, and, in fact, if it had not been for his skill the party would have returned with very few fish. Charles A. Towne succeeded in capturing a good sized bass. Mr. Towne left on the 2:50 train for his home in Duluth, and at 4 p. m. the entire party again sallied forth in quest of the gamey Muskellunge. Col. Bryan took a large amount of reading matter along in case the fish were not biting well. The railroad will run excursion trains for to-night's big meeting at which Mr. Bryan will speak.

STOCKHOLDERS PAY UP.

Compelled to Make Up Bank's Shortage to Depositors.

Janesville, Wis., June 20.—M. G. Jeffries, of the law firm of Jeffries, Jeffries & Mead, went to Edgerton yesterday to pay over to L. H. Towne, receiver of the defunct Bank of Edgerton the sum of \$54,000, the amount fixed by the court to cover the liabilities of the depositors. Dividends amounting to 50 per cent have already been paid, and when the depositors receive this additional amount they will have received 50 per cent on their claims.

JOHNSON FREE.

Discharged From Custody Because of Lack of Evidence.

Anoka, Minn., June 20.—Ben Johnson, who was arrested June 9 for the murder of the Wise family, was brought before the municipal court yesterday and dismissed on motion of County Attorney Hammons, there not being sufficient evidence to convict. Johnson was congratulated by his friends.

Shot by a Woman.

Green Bay, Wis., June 20.—G. A. Smith of Milwaukee, a fireman on the Northwestern road, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded at Maple Grove, a few miles north of Seymour. The shooting was done by a woman who claims to be Smith's wife. Two shots were fired, one entering the left lung. Domestic trouble is said to be the cause.

Croake Got the Decision.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 20.—Eddie Croake of Clinton, Iowa, last night whipped Johnny Graham of Des Moines in the tenth round of what was to have been a twenty-five-round bout. The bout between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Jim Adams was declared no contest after five rounds of fouling and wrestling.

Brakeman Killed.

Ely, Minn., June 20.—Otis Willigmann, brakeman on the logging road here, was run over and instantly killed. His body was shipped to his widowed mother. The accident occurred while Willigmann was attempting to reach a brake from a load of logs piled on a flat car. His body was badly mutilated.

High School Banquet.

Ellsworth, Wis., June 20.—The fifth annual banquet of the Ellsworth High School Alumni association was held at the Hotel Lane Saturday night. Covers were laid for seventy and very elaborate viands were served. A literary and musical programme was rendered at the close.

General Diment in Charge.

Owatonna, Minn., June 20.—The postoffice changed hands, Gen. James M. Diment assuming charge. George D. Holden, ex-register of deeds, has been appointed assistant postmaster. Free delivery, for which examinations for carriers were recently held, will be inaugurated July 1.

Killed in a Runaway.

Sloux City, Iowa, June 20.—Anthony Kauffe, a packinghouse employe, was killed in a runaway here. He was thrown out of a carriage, breaking his neck. He was a member of Soo camp, Modern Woodmen.

In Nick of Time.

Madison, S. D., June 20.—A fifteen-hour rain has visited this section just in the nick of time and will make grain at least a good half crop. Corn is doing finely and feed for stock will be plenty.

ANOTHER SUSPECT RELEASED.

John Donahue Found to Know Nothing of the Wise Murder.

Anoka, Minn., June 21.—Yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock John Donahue, the man who was brought to Anoka from the Minneapolis jail, was given his liberty. Any report that he had made a confession is absolutely false. Donahue was an enigma, and it is believed that he is not just right mentally. All day he was in the sweat box, and although pressed hard refused to give up anything. Finally the officers realized he knew nothing about the Wise murder, and his release followed. Sheriff Merrill is working on clues that will undoubtedly prove to be right.

MINNESOTA POPULISTS.

State Convention Called to Meet Sept. 6.

St. Paul, June 21.—The Populist state central committee met at the Clarendon hotel yesterday afternoon and decided to call the state nominating convention on Sept. 6. It will be held either at St. Paul or Minneapolis, the more exact location to be determined by Chairman Clark. The basis of apportionment was fixed at one delegate for each 100 votes cast for S. M. Owen for governor in 1894, the last election when the Populists acted independently of the Democrats, and two delegates at large for each county. This makes a convention of between 800 and 900 delegates.

MINNESOTA BANKERS.

They Meet in Annual Session at Winona.

Winona, Minn., June 21.—The annual convention of the Minnesota Bankers' association opened in this city. It was called to order at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon by President Crane. Rev. L. L. West of this city offered prayer. Capt. S. R. Van Sant was next introduced and delivered a brief address of welcome in behalf of the citizens of the city. The annual address of President A. A. Crane of Minneapolis was quite lengthy and was heard with much interest. J. H. Eckels, former controller of the currency, delivered an address on "The Business Outlook."

LOGGERS NEED RAIN.

Mills Must Close for Want of Logs—Rivers Too Low.

Ely, Minn., June 21.—The Knox Lumber company, which annually saws 22,000,000 feet of lumber, and employs about 300 men, will be compelled to shut down unless a heavy fall of rain visits this locality soon. Already the night shift has been taken off, and yet there is but little more than a month's work for the balance of the men. The company claims to have fully 30,000,000 feet of logs in the Sagawa lake, not more than twenty-five or thirty miles away, but on account of the low water is unable to float them.

WISCONSIN TOWN SCORCHED.

Entire Business Portion of Middletown Wiped Out.

Madison, Wis., June 21.—The entire business section of Middletown, eight miles west of here, was wiped out by fire last night. Loss estimated at nearly \$150,000; insurance from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The village was practically without fire protection, and the Madison department was called upon for assistance.

Drainage Convention.

Crookston, Minn., June 21.—One hundred and forty delegates from the Red River valley counties, Minnesota side, gathered in Crookston to discuss drainage. The convention was very enthusiastic and great interest was manifested in the objects of the meeting. Resolutions recite a desire that congress open diminished Red Lake reservation in Red Lake and Marshall counties, make reservoirs of Traverse and Red lake and the state aid in extending drainage relief to other counties in the valley, thereby reclaiming swamp lands.

Pharmacists Meet.

Owatonna, Minn., June 21.—The sixth annual meeting of the State Pharmaceutical association convened at the court house yesterday afternoon. An address of welcome was made by A. L. Sperry and responded to by President John Nielson of Ortonville. The afternoon session was devoted largely to the preliminary organization. In the evening Dean F. J. Willing, of the college of pharmacy, state university, delivered a lecture.

Addressed by Bryan.

Minneapolis, Wis., June 21.—William J. Bryan addressed a crowd of 4,000 persons last night, the gathering being made up of citizens from surrounding towns which were brought in during the day on excursion trains. Included in the number were several well known Wisconsin Democrats. Mr. Bryan spoke for an hour and a half. He touched upon the leading political questions of the day, including imperialism, trusts and the silver issue, repeating the arguments which he has heretofore advanced.

Paulson's Story Disputed.

Durand, Wis., June 21.—The examination of Erick Paulson, charged with the murder of Mary Seiden of Pepin, Wis., June 16, 1898, brought out some startling evidence. The story of Paulson as to his whereabouts on June 16, 1898, was proved untrue in every detail.

Y. P. C. U. Convention.

Albert Lea, Minn., June 21.—Yesterday morning the state convention of the Y. P. C. U. was begun, Miss Sybil Koontz of this city delivering the address of welcome, the response being by Rev. L. Ward Brigham of Rochester, Minn.

Killed by Lightning.

Rapids City, S. D., June 21.—In the thunderstorm southwest of this city Sunday two boys, George McNickel and John Thompson, were killed by lightning.

In Minnesota.

State News of the Week Briefly Told.

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Jacob Kinsey, aged eighty-one, is dead at Faribault.

Charles Burris of Delano was found dead by the roadside.

A. Barto's hardware store at Long Prairie was searched. Loss, \$1,500.

James D. McCobb, pioneer resident of Stillwater, died suddenly of heart disease.

Fire in a butcher shop and Langford's saloon at Waverly causes a loss of \$1,500.

The Minnesota grand lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs met at St. Paul last week.

A record-breaking attendance is expected this year at the summer schools.

Mrs. Hoverson, wife of an old settler of Minnesota, died of typhoid pneumonia.

Ex-Gov. Alexander Ramsey was re-elected president of the Mesaba Iron company at Duluth.

United States Marshal Grimshaw does not believe that the Indians at Walker will make trouble.

The Eureka Mining company of St. Cloud, has been capitalized at \$70,000. Over 1,200 acres will be developed.

The state fair managers are preparing to make the state fair grounds one of the beauty spots of the Twin Cities.

State Auditor Dunn has received reports indicating that the receipts from the recent tax sales were more than expected.

A farmer named August Kolander was struck by a Chicago Great Western train on a crossing at Elysian. His recovery is doubtful.

Philip Chruelick, aged ninety, an inmate of the poor house at Albert Lea, assaulted the matron Mrs. Hazleton. He has been placed in the Rochester asylum.

A large number of Indians are being taken by Gus Beaulieu to White Earth from Leech Lake. They will select lands upon which to make their future homes.

The controller of the currency has granted the application to convert the Houston County Bank, of Caledonia into the First National Bank of Caledonia; capital, \$25,000.

In the presence of a large crowd Tafel Peaters leaped seventy feet from the high water bridge at Winona into the Mississippi. The leap was successful and on coming up he swam to a boat in waiting.

The barn of W. A. Ferguson, west of Fergus Falls, was burned to the ground Saturday evening. Four horses and a large number of hogs perished in the flames. The fire was set by a passing freight train.

Rural free delivery has been ordered established at Eyota, Olmsted county. The length of the route is twenty-five and three quarters miles; area covered, fifty square miles; population served, 612. John H. Grandy, carrier.

Hans Hansson, who was last week arrested on the charge of threatening to kill his wife, and who attempted to shoot officer Norton while being arrested, has been adjudged insane and sent to the hospital at Rochester.

All of the saw mills on the St. Croix with the exception of one of the St. Croix Lumber company's mills at South Stillwater, are in operation, and will give hope to secure logs enough to enable them to run during the summer.

Rural free delivery has been ordered established at St. Charles, Winona county. The service will cover an area of thirty-nine miles, with a population of 608. Walter Hessgrove has been appointed regular carrier, and Earl Smith substitute.

While sinking the village well at Clouet recently, the diggers came across a chunk of pure native copper imbedded in the slate rock. It weighs some twenty-five pounds and is a piece of smooth, rounded float from some distant ledge of native metal.

Mrs. Frederick Stenslofa, aged sixty-three years, wife of a farmer near Fairmont, left the house at night, and, going to the hay loft, cut her throat with a razor. These large gashes were cut, any one of which would have been fatal. Her mind had been affected for the past year.

While fishing in the Red river, near Hendrum, recently, a company with two of his neighbors, Jens Staarten, a young farmer who lived east of that town, in attempting to swim across the stream to procure a boat, sank in mid-stream and drowned before help could reach him. The body was recovered shortly afterwards. He leaves a widow and one child.

S. F. Ligiday of Winona is missing, and with him is Harry Marsch. It seems that young Ligiday went to Nevis livery stable and hired a horse and buggy, saying his father wanted to go to Stockton. That was the last seen of the two. When they did not return the following day a search was begun, but no trace has been found.

E. M. Walbridge, Northfield, the grain and elevator man, has been indicted by the grand jury of Dakota county for disposing of grain stored in his elevators at Farmington and Wallace and said to have belonged to local farmers. The jury returned three such indictments and Walbridge was arraigned in open court this afternoon. He waived the reading of the indictments and gave bail of \$2,000—\$1,000 in one case and \$500 in each of the other two.

The board of county commissioners adopted resolutions calling for bids for a new court house for Beltrami county. Two plans and architects are called on for plans and specifications, accompanying bids for a building not to exceed in cost \$25,000. The commissioners do not propose to issue bonds, but will levy a tax to cover the whole cost. Work has begun on the new depot at Frost by the Chicago & Northwestern. The rails have been laid between Mason City and Belle Plaine, on the south end, and from Blue Earth to Fox Lake on the north, and the tracks are being graded and surfaced at the rate of two miles per day.

A PEST OF HOPPERS.

Prof. Luggen Says They're the Old-Fashioned Destroyers.

State Entomologist Otto Luggen has returned after a fortnight in the northern part of the state, where he has been supervising the campaign against the pestiferous hopper. Prof. Luggen conferred at length with the governor on the progress of the work. Two weeks ago Gov. Lind, when informed of the invasion, sent the entomologist a check for \$1,000 to be used in fighting the pest. Prof. Luggen reported that all this had been spent and that merchants in the little towns in the infested regions had been subscribing liberally. The governor told the professor that if necessary more money would be forthcoming.

When Prof. Luggen returned to his home at the state agricultural college in St. Anthony Park he found more than twenty letters awaiting him, every one about hoppers. Some asked advice, others asked that hopperlosers be sent at once, and still others asked for money. This led Prof. Luggen to remark that many farmers were retarding the work because they were not scrupulous.

Now that the announcement has been made that the state is willing to assist the farmers in fighting grasshoppers," said the professor, "there are dozens of them not in trouble with hoppers who are bothering us with their appeals for aid simply because they think they will get it free. Heretofore we have given aid gratuitously; this year we have charged all farmers receiving assistance just half the regular price of machines, oil and services, except in cases where it was manifestly impossible for them to pay. The money and machines we now have for distribution are in the hands of well known residents of the infested regions and they are taking great care in giving them out.

"Conditions are fully as bad as reported. The whole northern part of Minnesota is infested in scattering places varying in area from some 200 acres to half a county. The locusts are the dangerous migratory species, similar to those which did such great damage in 1874 and 1876. The hopperdozer, which is merely a makeshift remedy, will probably save the crops almost entirely, as where we have worked with it we have secured excellent results. The proper remedy, which will prevent the eggs from hatching, is in the section north of the Turtle mountains, once the worst breeding ground in the Northwest, where some stubble fields have been thoroughly plowed this year there is not a sign of a locust. In Western Minnesota there are so many non-resident owners and speculators who have land that is not plowed, and this ground becomes a permanent breeding place for the hoppers. They invade the fields from these places.

"The hoppers extend through the greater portion of the Red river valley as far east as Otter Tail county and as far north as the Turtle mountains in Manitoba. Farmers have been actively at work and we now have between 400 and 500 hopperdozers in operation. The assistance the state was able to render was far from adequate and the merchants in the towns have raised considerable amounts. In some cases they have donated oil. I believe the railroads should render some aid, probably the most practical way for them to assist is in sending oil for that as badly needed. I intend to visit some of the railroad officials and see if they will not volunteer.

"I found crops in Northern Minnesota in very bad condition. During the spring the ground was so dry that instead of five or six sprouts to each seed, only one or two stalks have grown, and this means, even if rains come, that the crop will be light. Most of the early sown seed is destroyed and the late sown has only a light stand."

Prof. Luggen left again for the northern part of the wheat district, where he will continue his work in the field.

STATUS OF SOLONS.

Legislators May Be Candidates for Railway Commissioners.

Attorney General Douglas, two of his predecessors in office, H. W. Childs and M. W. Clapp, with two of the prominent attorneys of St. Paul, unite in the opinion that a member of the present legislature is fully eligible for the office of railroad and warehouse commissioner. Attorney General Douglas, some three months ago, on an application from C. F. Staples, gave a formal ruling that in his opinion members of the legislature were eligible to the position, as the act of the legislature of 1899 did not create or increase the emoluments of members of the board.

Following the matter up further, Mr. Staples submitted the point to Harris Richardson, of the firm of Davis, Kellogg & Severance, and the two former attorney generals, and they all concurred in the opinion of Attorney General Douglas. They declare that changing the manner of selecting the officers of the board from selection by appointment to selection by popular ballot, is not the creation of an office within the purview of the legislative act.

The above opinions, coming from such excellent authorities, would seem to set at rest all doubt as to the entire eligibility of Messrs. Staples, Dare and Torson to the office of railroad and warehouse commissioner, and leave them free to go before the convention wholly on their merits.

Result of a Drunken Row.

Wausau, Wis., June 21.—Louis Jondreau was struck over the head with a rifle in the hands of Adolph Ashley, near Mosinee, and killed. Prior to the striking of the fatal blow Jondreau had inflicted such wounds upon Ashley with a large knife that he cannot live. The fight was the result of a drunken row.

Fatal Tenement House Fire.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 21.—Three deaths have resulted from a tenement house fire here, and a fourth will follow.