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HON. FRANK M. EDDY  
Who will speak in Fosston on Thursday evening, Sept. 20

It is fortunate that the expected extensive strike of coal miners will be averted. A settlement of their difficulties with the mine owners is almost certain now and the thousands of men belonging to the United Mine Workers union will continue to work.

Elsewhere will be found the fusion state ticket nominated last week. The strong fight will be upon the hand of the ticket, Gov. Lind, but taking all indications into consideration, even his case is hopeless. And why should it be otherwise? His administrative record certainly does not entitle him to a reelection.

The Kansas City platform has been interpreted by the Democrats of the South as for expansion and silver, by those of the East as against expansion and silver, and by those of the West for silver and modified expansion, and by those of the North as against expansion and modified silver. You take your choice, whether you pay your money or not.

The heavy and frequent rains that have visited the Northwest all fall have seriously interfered with the harvest and threshing in every county. Reports from Marshall and Kittson counties indicate that in many places the grain crop is entirely spoiled by the wet. In this locality it is not so bad, but, nevertheless much of the crop is injured and there will be considerable No. 2 and rejected wheat marketed here this year.

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## A DISMAL FAILURE

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION SCANTILY ATTENDED AND INTEREST IN THE EVENT TOTALLY LACKING.

### OVERSHADOWED BY STATE FAIR

Convention Made Up Wholly of Officeholders and Professional Politicians, and the Whole Program Manipulated by Rosing Machine.

The Democratic convention which met in the great Auditorium building in St. Paul on Thursday of last week might easily have been accommodated, so far as room was concerned, in any one of a dozen small halls in the Capital City.

When the roll was called, half an hour after the hour published for calling the convention to order, but little more than half of the accredited delegates

answered to their names, and the chairman experienced great difficulty in making up the committees by reason of the slim attendance from the outside counties.

The convention was managed and directed by the professional politicians and officeholders of the state administration, and motions were put and passed in a listless way by the delegates, who were in a hurry to get away and go out to the state fair grounds. The party managers had expected a vast attendance from visitors to the state fair, and had counted heavily on this source to make a tremendous showing of interest and enthusiasm. The result demonstrated that a great mistake had been made, for, instead of the fair delegates going to the convention, the delegates to the convention went to the fair as a superior attraction.

The Auditorium building is supposed to furnish seating capacity for 7,000, and when the Republican convention was held nearly every seat in the building, including all the galleries, was filled. When Gov. Roosevelt was in St. Paul it was estimated that 5,000 people were turned from the doors because there was not room for them. In the Democratic convention last week there were twice as many empty seats as there were full ones, and the little throng of delegates down on the main floor looked all the smaller for the long tiers of vacant seats that stretched back from the parquet to the balcony and galleries.

It was probably this slim attendance that dampened the spirits of those who did attend, for the interest was at no time great, nor the enthusiasm such as to pass beyond control.

The prearranged plans were carried out with clock-like regularity, and complete control of the organization, was retained by L. A. Rosing, chairman of the state central committee, who personally directed the business of the day, supplying the chairman the names for the committee, designating the delegates who should nominate the various candidates, and in all ways tightening his hold upon the party leading strings.

Col. Rosing was assisted in his Management of the Convention

by such Democrats as Thomas D. O'Brien of St. Paul, John O'Brien of Stillwater, Ed O'Brien of Minneapolis, Maj. Bowler, E. M. Pope, J. A. O'Shaughnessy, Z. H. Austin, A. N. Lanphere, F. M. Ringdal and other state officers. The governor, who has so often declared that he was "just as good a Republican as ever on all matters except the silver question," required his managers to steer as far as possible from that dangerous issue, and, accordingly, the honors of the day were not devoted to the sound money Democrats of 1896, men who were candidates for electors on the Palmer and Buckner ticket being drafted as delegates at large.

The convention at no time displayed the enthusiasm which marked the Minneapolis convention two years ago, and when the proposition was made to start a canvass for the proposed new paper at Minneapolis, Ten Subscribers Were Guaranteed, and a motion to call the roll and report subscriptions by counties was voted down by an overwhelming majority. Chairman Rosing announced that the syndicate with which he had been negotiating had agreed to start the paper if the committee would guarantee 10,000 subscribers, and he said that he had promises of 4,000. With the ten guaranteed on the floor of the convention this left 5,990 to be secured before the terms of the syndicate could be complied with and the paper established. The delegates in personal interviews expressed great hostility to the St. Paul Globe because of its bolt on the national ticket, and all agreed that they would not trust it with Lind's interests, but at the same time they did not seem prepared to go as far as to subsidize a great daily paper. The fact is that the state central committee has already invested more than \$25,000 in the newspaper business, and the chairman has informed members of the committee that it will take \$40,000 to make the general campaign, and that until that amount shall have been raised there will be no more newspaper appropriations. At a conference of Mr. Rosing, the three O'Briens, Mr. Heinrichs, Mr. Mosier, Maj. Bowler and one or two other leaders of the party it was decided to proceed with the campaign much after

The Fashion of 1898, namely, to devote all the work of the campaign and all the funds of the committee to the election of Lind, and the other candidates on the ticket, with the exception of Ringdal, are to be sacrificed as they were two years ago, and rewarded as were the candidates that year, in the event of Lind's election.

One other fact developed in the course of the meeting, and that is that there is to be a concerted effort to carry the house of representatives on the theory that Lind wants a legislature to co-operate with him in his "re-

forms." The absurdity of this proposition is perfectly apparent when the fact is recalled that the senate holds over, and that it is more than two-thirds Republican. The only thing Democratic house could do, if it had enough majority, would be

To Elect a United States Senator, as that is the only question upon which the house and senate act jointly, and no bill can be passed without a majority of the senate.

The chief peculiarity of the ticket nominated is that it is not Democratic. It seems to have become the rule in the anti-Republican party that each branch of it prides itself in not nominating its own members for office. The Populists, for instance, nominated a Democrat for president and a free silver "Republican" for vice president, and then, when the Democrats refused to accept their vice-presidential nominee they gracefully accepted the Democratic nominee, who happens to have been the political partner and associate of the man who is, of all others, most hated by Populists—they accepted Adlai Stevenson, the running mate of Grover Cleveland.

Just so in the state convention, the Democrats nominated for governor the man who coined most of the expressions of contempt which are current in their application to Democrats, and then fitted him out, at his own request, with a set of running mates who are, almost without exception, Populists or renegade Republicans, but recently identified with Democracy.

The nomination of H. C. Koerner for treasurer was made in the same vein of

Political Pettifoggery that prompted the re-nomination of "Judge" Kelly for attorney general two years ago. It was expected that "Judge" J. F. Kelly would be confounded with Judge W. F. Kelly, and that many would vote for the Democratic candidate for attorney general under the misapprehension that they were voting for the honored and respected judge of the district court of Ramsey county. In the present case Koerner was nominated in the expectation that he will be mistaken for the present incumbent of the same office, Hon. August T. Koerner, who has voluntarily retired. State Treasurer Koerner is as much chagrined over the duplication of names as though he were a candidate himself, and will make it his business in the course of the campaign to let his friends know that the Koerner who is running for treasurer on the Democratic ticket is another kind of a Koerner. H. C. Koerner, the Democratic nominee, is at present a deputy in the office of E. M. Pope, the public examiner, and is in no way related to the present state treasurer, W. N. Saunders, the nominee for attorney general, was

Selected by Gov. Lind at a Late Hour. It is said, upon the refusal of T. D. O'Brien to take the nomination, Mr. Saunders is said to be a practicing attorney, or at least to have been admitted to the bar, which is more than can be said of some former Democratic nominees for the same position.

The nomination of Ringdal, Knox and Owen for railroad commissioners was determined upon by the governor long prior to the convention, and the fight put up by certain friends of Neary to get him on the ticket for commissioner was as unavailing as was every other struggle to break

The gubernatorial State. Just why the governor, or his friends, regard Ringdal as a formidable candidate is difficult to understand. In 1898 Ringdal was the Populist nominee for congress in the Seventh district. That district was, at that time, at least, regarded as the great Populist stronghold, and although Gov. Lind carried it by over 4,000.

Ringdal Was Defeated by 3,500. If he could not carry his own district, which was so strongly for Lind, it does not seem probable that he can carry the rest of the state, which is naturally and normally Republican. The railroad commission ticket is, of course, essentially Populist, Mr. Owen being the high priest of that party, and Mr. Knox that doubtful quantity which is always recruited into a Populist—a Silver Republican. Mr. Meikhen, the nominee for lieutenant governor, is also a Populist of the most recent fashion, that is, one who talks for Populist principles but is always ready to

Surrender and Sacrifice them for votes. Although there were nearly 40,000 people in attendance at the state fair on the evening of the "ovation" to Gov. Lind, less than one-eighth of that number took the trouble to attend the "grand rally" at the Auditorium when the governor made his speech of acceptance, and by far the greater part of those present were people from the two cities, who were not specially interested in the fair. The real farmers were at the fair grounds, while those who farm the farmers were at the convention, parceling out the patronage they hope to gain by the election of Lind.

The farmers of the state do not yet understand how it is that for years, under Republican administration, the prison twine plant has been able to furnish their binding twine at from 3 to 7 cents a pound less than that supplied by private dealers and the cordage trust, and that the very first year in which a "reform" administration takes hold of the plant and undertakes to operate it the difference runs the other way. It is the custom of the average farmer to look at results rather than to study out theories. Heretofore the twine supplied him by the prison twine plant has been of as good a quality as that which he would purchase from private dealers, and cost him a great deal less. This year the twine supplied by the prison twine plant is of a very inferior quality, runs from fifty to sixty feet short on the pound, and costs 1 or 2 cents a pound more than the better grades of twine sold by private dealers. However, if, as is explained by the administration, the difference is due to the purchase of the material when it was higher, that simply shows that those in charge of the plant did not know their business and makes the matter worse instead of better.

The professional rescuers of the republic are busy again, while the republic looks at the balance sheet, smiles complacently and thanks God that the Republican party came back to power in 1898.

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