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BRYAN BOOMERS ARE ACTIVE

Harrisburg, Pa., May 20. Marked by strenuous efforts on the part of adherents of Bryan, Gray and Johnson to capture the delegation for their favorite, the Pennsylvania democratic state convention convened here today. Campaign managers of each of the three candidates are hopeful of success. The Bryan boomers, who have formed themselves into a league which has carried on an active campaign for several weeks, are highly optimistic as to the probabilities of Bryan's indorsement by the convention. The rivalry between the factions is for the most part good natured and free from personal abuse. In speaking of the opposing candidates, Vice-President Roland S. Morris of the Bryan league said:

"I do not think that there is any member of what might be called the progressive democracy who has not a great admiration for Governor Johnson of Minnesota. He is a consistent supporter of our party principles and is sound on every national question. As to Judge Gray, it has been said that his political attitude in 1906 would prevent him from receiving many democratic votes, but I doubt if that would be the only difficulty that would be in his way. Personally I have the profoundest admiration for

him, and I think he is a sound democrat. For him, however, there is a great disadvantage in the fact that his judicial position prevents him from expressing himself as freely on public questions as a presidential candidate ought to do in justice to himself and to the people; and, again, his advanced age is a serious objection. You know Mr. Bryan has said that if Gray is eligible as a candidate, then he himself, has at least eight chances more for the nomination.

"But the Bryan league simply feels that there is an almost universal demand among the rank and file of the democracy for Mr. Bryan as the most suitable standard bearer; that the condition of the party is such that we should have a practical referendum on the question of the nomination, and this is the primal object for which the league was formed. There is no truth in any statement that the Bryan strength is disintegrating in any quarter. The reverse is the truth. We never expected that the New York or New Jersey delegates would be instructed. I think the sentiment for Bryan in the New England states is strong. It was not expected that either the Connecticut or the Massachusetts delegates would be instructed for him."

PIONEERS WILL MEET

The executive committee of the Union County Pioneers' society will be called together in a few days to set the time and place of the next annual meeting. Henry Rinehart of Elgin, one of the heads of the society, has issued this call that the members of the committee may be in readiness to respond when the time for executive meeting is set.

Effort is going to be made to make this year's event a rousing one and to do this it will be necessary for the committee to meet early. Announcement of the meeting will be made through The Observer at an early date.

A Pleasant Time Expect, Eagles.
At the Elks' hall next Friday evening the Eagles will give a banquet, games, dancing, etc., will be the pleasures of the evening. All members with their ladies, are invited to be present. Visiting brothers and invited guests will be made welcome.
D. H. PROCTER, W. P.

Firemen to Eat.
There is going to be a "scrumptious" spread at the central hose house tonight when members of the La Grande fire department will congregate for a social hour. The "committee de chef" has something toothsome for the fire-fighters. All members are requested to be present.

Handling Freight Readily.
While there has been but a slight falling off in freight business of late, still the yards have been kept exceptionally clean this week on account of the abundance of motive power at hand. Freight is being hurried over the mountains with more than usual dispatch.

W. C. T. U. Meeting Tomorrow.
The Woman's Christian Temperance union will hold its meeting Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. A. Worstell at 808 Second street.

374 in for Repairs.
Engine No. 374 is in the shops for repairs that will require about a week's time to complete.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore.,
May 19, 1908.
Sufficient contest affidavits having been filed in this office by Charles N. Farrier, contestant, against contestees, the unknown heirs of Christian Bechgaard, deceased, who made homestead entry . . . 13718, for S½ of N-W¼ and NE¼ of SW¼ and NW¼ of SE¼, Sec. 24, Tp. 2 S., R. 36, E. W. M., on the 19th day of July, A. D. 1904, in which affidavits it is alleged that said Christian Bechgaard, died on or about September, A. D. 1906, and that at the time of his death, he left no widow and that the names and residence of his heirs are unknown; that prior to his death he had wholly abandoned said homestead, and that neither nor any of the heirs of said deceased, have, at any time since his death, resided upon or cultivated any portion of said land, and that he left no last will or testament, the said unknown heirs of said Christian Bechgaard are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching the said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on 25th day of June, A. D. 1908, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

The contestant having in a proper affidavit filed May 19, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
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