

THE NEW MOSES FLYWHEEL

Theodore A. Bell Hailed as the New Moses of California Democracy.

BRYAN MEN IN CONTROL

Finding Fight Hopeless, Machine Surrenders Chairmanship, but McNab Snatches Something From the Wreck.

FRESNO, Cal., May 18.—(Special.)—The state Democratic convention has resolved itself into a fight for Theodore A. Bell of Napa, ex-Congressman and unsuccessful candidate for Governor at the last election.

The main fight lay between Mr. Bell and Gavin McNab, leader of the old line Democracy. Mr. McNab, curious enough, had boosted Mr. Bell to his present position of primacy by aiding him to defeat the Hearst forces in the party two years ago.

As a result Mr. Bell organized the convention, State Senator Sanford was unanimously elected chairman and committee favorable to Mr. Bell were appointed.

The serious business of the convention will not come up until tomorrow, but the entire Bell program is assured.

That Mr. McNab's power is not entirely broken, and he is still to be reckoned with by the opposition, was evidenced by the success of some of his candidates in several of the Congressional conventions.

Harmony prevailed in the convention, as a result of Mr. Harper's withdrawal. With the Bryan men in control, it is practically certain that the convention will send an instructed delegation to Denver.

Mr. Bell declared tonight that fully 90 per cent of the delegates favored Mr. Bryan.

Aside from Mr. Bell, who declines to take a hand in the selection, Nathan Cole, Jr., of Los Angeles, and Robert M. Fitz Gerald, of Oakland, appear to have the best chances for delegates-at-large to the Denver convention.

Wild Cheers for Bryan and Bell.

The convention was called to order in the Barton opera-house this afternoon by Timothy Spelacy, chairman of the state central committee.

Mr. Spelacy made a brief speech and referred to Mr. Bryan as the "man" who has kept the Democratic party alive for the past five years.

Both names were wildly cheered. Upon motion of Mr. Warner, on behalf of the Los Angeles delegation.

The convention adjourned at 4 P. M. until 10 o'clock tomorrow. The committee on platform is trying to prepare a platform tonight that will be satisfactory to all.

District Delegates Chosen.

Of the eight Congressional delegations which will be elected this evening, the following delegates and alternates to the National convention were elected:

First District—Judge John E. Baker and John J. Quinn.

Second District—Thomas Fox and W. P. Lynch.

Fourth District—Justice S. Wardell and Charles E. Delman.

Fifth District—H. A. Blanchard and Nicholas Bowden.

Sixth District—Ex-Mayor George E. Casts of Stockton and Judge M. K. Harris of Fresno.

HAWAII DEMOCRATS FOR BRYAN

Platform Urges American Land Laws Extension.

HONOLULU, May 18.—The Democratic territorial convention met here today with Senator C. J. McCarthy as chairman, selected delegates to the National convention at Denver, and instructed them for William J. Bryan.

The delegates chosen are: O. T. Shipman, James L. Coke, E. M. Watson, C. W. McGonigle, Frank R. Harvey and C. W. Hudson.

The platform urges the extension of the American public land laws to this Territory, the amendment of the territorial act to permit the extension of local self-government, declares against the Asiatic labor system, denies that Hawaiian industries or commerce need legislation excepting that contrary to the remainder of the American people, and favors the settlement of ex-Queen Liliuokalani's claim to crown lands.

BOISE CASHIER ARRESTED

Horace E. Neal Charged Second Time With Forgery.

BOISE, Idaho, May 18.—(Special.)—On a second complaint charging forgery, Horace E. Neal, former cashier of the Capital State Bank, was arrested this afternoon and taken in custody to the jail.

His hearing was set for Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Neal is now under \$10,000 bond for trial in the District Court on the first charge of forgery, on which he was bound over from Justice Court several weeks ago.

The Court considered this bond sufficient to hold him in both cases and released him on his own recognizance to appear for hearing Thursday.

The complaint alleges Neal forged the name of R. P. Cooke, a prominent sheepman of Mountain Home, to a promissory note for \$500 with the intent to defraud the Chase National Bank of New York.

PLAGUE AT ANOTHER PORT

Three Cases at Puerto Cabello Look Suspicious.

PUERTO CABELLO, Venezuela, Saturday, May 16, via Willemstad, Curaçao, May 18.—It is believed that the bubonic plague, which has been prevalent at La Guayra, has broken out here, although the exact nature of the disease which started here has not yet been determined.

There have been three new cases of a malarial fever, and one has resulted fatally. Some physicians declare that this had all the symptoms of yellow fever.

Trying to Enforce Boycott.

WILLEMSTAD, Curaçao, May 18.—The American steamer Merida, of the Red Line, arrived here yesterday from Maracaibo, Venezuela. The captain declares that the custom-house authorities at Maracaibo, after giving him a clearance for Curaçao, demanded that he return the clearance, on account of a decree issued May 14 by President Castro, forbidding any goods from Venezuelan ports to be transhipped here. The officials wanted to have the Merida go direct to Porto Cabello.

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"Nell Gwynne" at the Lyric Theater

The closing weeks of the Allen Stock Company's engagement at the Lyric have been characterized by some splendid productions, none, however, have been more favorably received than the famous romantic comedy-drama, "Nell Gwynne," which opened last night.

It was in the title role of Nell Gwynne that the popular leading woman, Verna Felton, made her first decisive bid for a mature part, and her second presentation shows a decided improvement.

The central figure and heroine, the great English actress, over 20 years ago, is one of the most charming feminine historical characters on the stage today. She was the idol of the London public and though she is the lowest origin, rose from a child of the streets to the most renowned actress of her day, the favorite of King Charles II and the most widely-discussed woman of her time.

Nell Gwynne, with her beauty, her electric personality, her whims, her tenderness, her temper, and her devil-may-care mood, was with the most lovable of creatures. Miss Verna Felton in the title role fills the requirements of such a part charmingly.

Her support is stronger than formerly, the parts of Charles II, played by William E. Blake, and Forrest Seabury's impersonation of Lord Lovelace being excellent character studies.

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