

THE ISSUE

Tendency in the Democratic County Convention.

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DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

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The convention will reassemble later this month to put up a city and county ticket. During the recess, an effort will be made to determine who are willing to take nominations. This will be done by a caucus, and the delegates to be nominated, there shall be as little danger as possible of withdrawals.

Began With a Wrangle.

Convention hour, 10 A. M., found Henry Gray, Harry Adams and one or two others in the hall. They were talking, ranking a surprise that was not in the nature of a slate. A large picture of Bryan had been rolled and tied with a hind the platform. The picture was the roll was so tied that a jerk of the string would cause the canvas to unfold, and the picture of Bryan's face to appear. The picture was intended for effect. The only other thing of importance was the making of a large draught of pure water by Judge Thomas O'Day. All the reporters sitting at the desk, and the other party members, made due note of the incident and the time of its occurrence. A few applauded the Judge for his courage.

Dr. G. M. Wells, chairman of the County and City Central Committee, rapped for order at 10:15 and devoted a few minutes to suggesting that the delegates group themselves by wards, and that spectators keep to the rear of the hall. It was not necessary thus to warn the spectators, as they were few in number, probably not over a dozen, and enthusiastically docile.

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Roberts Advancing on Kruger's Capital.

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Details of the Karee Siding Affair Indicate It to Have Been Stubbornly Contested.

LONDON, April 1, 4 A. M.—The War Office issued no further news tonight, and the few dispatches received from the seat of war bear evidence of having been delayed by the censor.

MINER DEFEATS SWEAK

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On May 1, Rev. C. H. Lake, now in charge of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at Baker City, will assume the duties of assistant rector at Trinity Church, Portland, in pursuance of a call accepted last week. Mr. Lake was born in Monroe, Conn., in 1871. He attended the public schools in New Haven, and graduated in 1894. In 1898 he graduated from the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., and was ordained deacon in June of that year. He assumed orders in May, 1899, and had charge of work in Northern Maine and in Black Hall, Conn., coming from there to Baker City May 30 the same year.

Additional to his duties at Baker City, Mr. Lake served congregations at Sumpter, Granite and Canyon City. In each community he won admiration and affection, and his proposed departure for Portland occasions no little regret.

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"Our hearts are one. In accepting this position, I desire to say that I will be fair to all with whom I have to deal. We are on the eve of the greatest battle the party has ever fought, and we hope the outcome will be favorable to our peerless leader, William Jennings Bryan. I am glad to know that this spirit of friendship prevails. There has been no enmity between the party and myself. I know that he will stand by me now as I have stood by him in the past. Gentlemen, I hope you will forgive me for any errors that I may make, and I thank you for this nomination."

SANDERSON REED AND O. B. COCHRAN WERE NOMINATED FOR TEMPORARY SECRETARY.

Mr. Reed, dressed a long drawn-out ballot, such as had taken place on the temporary chairmanship, withdrew, and Mr. Cochran was elected.

THE MORNING SESSION ENDED WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

President—T. J. Constance, Captain A. C. Barclay was sent for the committee. Pat Powers thought a few speeches would be a good thing at this point, and George E. Chamberlain was loudly called for. Mr. Chamberlain spoke only a few minutes, and congratulated the convention.

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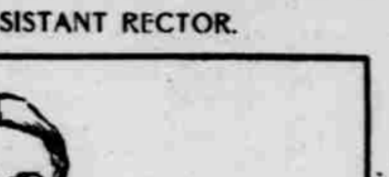
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Scheme to Thwart Henderson and the Tariff Men.

TO KEEP BILL FROM CONFERENCE

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WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Puerto Rican free traders in Congress are somewhat encouraged in the belief that the amended Senate bill, if passed by that body, cannot be put through the House, and the Speaker and members of the ways and means committee are considerably worried. The speech of Senator Proctor, declared by the Eastern press to be the most eloquent and convincing yet delivered, has caused a wavering among a number of Representatives who previously voted for the tariff, although they are still reluctant about declaring themselves in opposition to the party leaders. If the Senate amendments to the House bill are disagreed to and the bill goes to conference, that will end all possibility of substituting free traders' bill, and it will be a question of substituting the one or the other tariff measure. On that account there will be a strong fight by the free-trade forces in the House to head off such a course. But as the House has never had a chance to pass upon the civil government bill, those members who are opposed to adopting that feature of the bill will also object to sending the Senate bill direct to conference by disagreement. Then, too, the fear is expressed that the men selected as conferees may, in all likelihood, be tariff men. These reasons it is not likely that the bill will be sent to conference without discussion in the House, unless the Speaker and his leaders feel that such an action will be necessary to save the tariff provision of the bill, in which event they may arbitrarily use the power that lies with them and force such action.

IT IS REPORTED HERE THAT ON THE FINAL VOTE IN THE SENATE ON THE PUERTO RICAN BILL, BUT SIX REPUBLICAN SENATORS WILL VOTE AGAINST THE BILL, AND THAT IT WILL BE PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF FROM EIGHTY TO NINETY.

Senator Elkins, who keeps abreast of the times, and is very close to the Administration, declares that the bill, as passed by the Senate, will go through the House in less than two days, and become a law by Friday of next week. According to the Senator, the President is well pleased with the amended Senate bill, and will sign it without hesitation.

THE "OPEN DOOR" TRIUMPH.

Chairman Hitt of the House foreign affairs committee, regards the Chinese "open door" negotiations as the greatest triumph of the Administration. He declares that such a result is the result of the "open door" policy, and that it is a triumph of the Administration.

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK.

Senator McKim today introduced a bill creating a Crater Lake National Park. His bill was similar to that of Mr. Tongue recently reported to the House. The Senator will work in the same committee, and secure a report on the park by a committee of the House.

BLISS PROBABLY THE MAN.

While Bliss is not being loudly boomed for the Vice-Presidency, it is now generally understood that he is the most acceptable man to the Administration and the party leaders. The Republican leaders have considered the matter very carefully, realizing that McKinley's running mate must be a strong man in support of the party. Bliss is making a great deal of noise and has not been publicly opposed. Senator Keane declares that few Jersey will send a delegate to the convention to support Bliss, and thinks he will be the strongest man in the West of any Eastern candidate. Released Reserve Lands.

A CAREFUL COMPUTATION SHOWS THAT THE TOTAL EXCLUSION LAND FROM THE CLYMPIA RESERVE IN CLALLAM COUNTY RECENTLY SECURED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE DELEGATION WILL AGGREGATE 27,000 ACRES OF 300,000 ACRES AS WAS FORMERLY ESTIMATED.

GRASSING ON RAINIER RESERVE.

The Secretary of the Interior has finally agreed to allow sheep and cattle to graze on the east side of the Mount Rainier forest reserve in limited number, and under such regulations as he will promulgate later on.

FISH STATION BILL.

The committee on merchant marine and fisheries today ordered Congressman Jones to report favorably on the bill introduced in the House by Cushman, providing for the appropriation of \$1500 to determine the best available locality in the States of Oregon or Washington for the establishment of a biological fish station.

DOUBLE TURRETS TESTED.

Those of the Kearsarge Proved to Be a Success.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Admiral Sampson, who was aboard the battle-ship Kearsarge during her last run out to sea, arrived here today from Fort Monroe. The Admiral watched the test of the double turrets, a feature of naval architecture peculiar to the United States navy. The test proved the practicability of this idea. According to Admiral Sampson, none of the predicted faults of the system developed.

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THE DEPARTMENT FROM COMMODORE FOLGER:

"The double turret was thoroughly tested and is an assured success, both from military and structural standpoints. There was no interference between plates on guns or inconvenience from blast of smoke."

DISPOSITION OF SPANISH WRECKS.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Attorney-General Griggs has given an opinion to the Secretary of the Navy to the effect that the Secretary of the Treasury has complete authority in the matter of the disposition of wrecks of Spanish vessels along the shores of Cuba.

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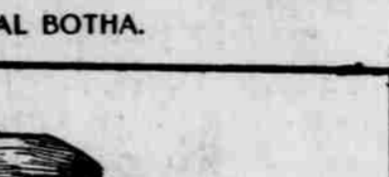
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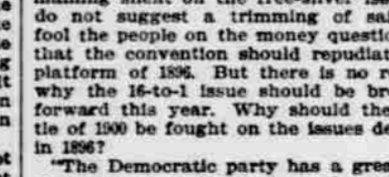
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