

TO OPPOSE CANDIDATE

Prominent Democrats Form National Organization to Exploit Pure Democracy.

10,000 NAMES ALREADY IN

Would Down Element Which Controlled St. Louis Convention and Elect Candidate in 1908.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—The anti-Parker Democratic National League, with the object of enlisting every democrat opposed to the democratic presidential nominee, has just been organized in Chicago. It was announced that the league will have branches in every county in the northern states and in a good many of those in the south. The officers of the league are:

President, A. W. Maxwell, former chairman of the Iowa state-democratic committee.

Vice president, Thomas E. Haskins, former chairman of the Illinois state democratic committee.

Secretary, George P. Locke, former chairman of the Kansas state executive committee.

Treasurer, Michael D. Callahan of the Chicago and Western Indiana railroad.

The objects of the league, as outlined by Mr. Locke, are as follows:

To get in touch with every democrat who is opposed to the election of Parker.

To work against the undemocratic element that controlled the St. Louis convention.

To reorganize the democratic party so that it will be in a position to elect a democratic candidate when one of democratic principles is nominated four years hence.

It was said that the names of 10,000 disaffected democrats already had been secured.

READY IN FIVE YEARS.

Canal Commissioner Says Less Men Are Needed Than Supposed.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Colonel B. M. Harrod, one of the Panama canal commissioners, is of the opinion that the great waterway connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans will be completed and thrown open to traffic within five years. The Culebra cut, he acknowledged, was the greatest obstacle in the path of the canal engineers, but work on that, he said, was progressing favorably, and its difficulties would be surmounted. The plans for the entire canal are now being prepared, and as soon as they are completed work will be pushed.

Colonel Harrod thinks it will not be necessary to employ such a large force of workmen as has been suggested, no matter on what scale the operations are conducted. The reason for this is the more extensive use of labor-saving machinery than under French management. Not more than 5000 men will, in his opinion, be necessary at any one time. Only about 700 Jamaica negroes and native Panamanians are now at work, principally on the great cut at Culebra, but even with the French machinery, more is accomplished and at less cost than under the old engineers.

With the modern American machinery, especially the great steam shovels, which have already been ordered, the unit cost will be smaller, and the progress more rapid.

Colonel Harrod thinks there will be no inducement for negroes to go from the United States, as there will be no demand for them, and the wages paid are not high, considering the cost of living.

NOME HAS GOOD FUTURE.

Director of Mint Roberts Says It Is Rich, but Methods Too Costly.

George E. Roberts, director of the United States mint, who has been investigating the gold dust output of Alaska for the past nine weeks, has returned to Washington. He reported that mining at Nome is unusually quiet. Lack of activity is due to the limited water supply of the present year. There has been little rain and the snow last year was not heavy enough to make up the deficit. When Mr. Roberts left, however, rains were beginning.

He has great confidence in the permanency of the camp. "Mining is done there," he said, "under great difficulties, and the country is handicapped by lack of capital. There is now considerable money going in, though. Expensive ditches are being dug and arrangements are being made to carry on hydraulic mining there somewhat on

the scale it has been carried on in California.

"Nome is destined to be a good town for many years to come. The trouble has been all along not that the claims were not rich, but that the methods of working them were so costly that they did not pay."

THE STOCK MARKET.

A Quiet Week—Crop Uncertainties Deter Speculations.

New York, Sept. 24.—The week's stock market has been halting and reactionary with occasional rallies. Doubts have assailed speculative holders as to the warrant for the rise which occurred. Small credence is attached to many of the rumors in circulation which have awakened suspicion of the price movements which accompanied them. Recurrent fears of crop damage from threatened frosts and the rather drastic revision of previous crop estimates have had a depressing effect. The cut in steel billets was the occasion for a canvass of conditions in the trade which bore upon the iron and steel industries. The prospects of large withdrawals of money from New York to move crops had a deterrent effect on speculation.

CASUALTY COMPANIES COMBINE.

To Form National Protective Organization.

New York, Sept. 24.—A movement is on foot among the casualty insurance companies, according to the Journal of Commerce, to form an organization of national scope on the lines of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. An informal meeting will be held here shortly at which representatives of all the leading companies will discuss the plan.

Among the objects of the proposed association will be the inauguration of active measures to suppress alleged systematic fraud in casualty claims.

WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Does Not Want to Be Congressman.

New York, Sept. 24.—Cornelius Vanderbilt has notified the republican leaders of New York county that he will not accept the offer of the republican nomination in the Thirteenth congressional district. He was urged last week to accept the nomination by representatives of the local leaders. The present representative from that district is Francis B. Harrison, who was nominated for lieutenant governor by the democratic convention just held at Saratoga.

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MENU MONDAY



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Rolls. Coffee.

DINNER.
Pea Soup.
Fried Chicken. Cream Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes. Peas.
Corn au Gratin.
Brown Betty.
Coffee.

SUPPER.
Veal Leaf.
Egg Salad. Rolls.
Jelly with Cream. Cocoa.

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HE KEPT HIS WORD

John Spilka Commits Suicide on Anniversary of Death of His Wife.

CHOKED WITH HANDKERCHIEF

Mrs. Spilka Was Murdered a Year Ago for \$242 by a Man Who Was Hug for the Crime.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Having declared that he would not live more than a year after the death of his wife, Mary, who was murdered for her money in her house by Louis Pezant on September 18, 1903, John Spilka, on the first anniversary of the murder committed suicide by strangling himself with a handkerchief. His body has just been found in a dwelling where he lived in seclusion. Spilka was last seen on Sunday, the anniversary of the murder, and from the conditions of his body, physicians agreed that he must have ended his life that day.

Pezant, the murderer of Mrs. Spilka, was hanged April 15 of this year. Mrs. Spilka was attacked by Pezant in the hallway of her home and robbed of \$242, which was concealed in the folds of her dress. She was struck repeatedly on the head with a heavy stone and her body was carried to the garret.

"Old Bach" Barnes Dead.

San Francisco Sept. 24.—L. A. Barnes, better known as "Old Bach" in the northern mines of California, where he worked in the early days, has just died in this city. He crossed the plains from Chicago on foot in 1850.

LAST EXCURSION TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The demands for sleeping car space in the Denver & Rio Grande's popular through tourist excursions have been so great, three such excursions will be run on the next and last selling dates—October 3, 4 and 5. On each of these days special tourist excursions will be run from Portland without change of cars over the "Scenic Line of the World." October 3 there will also be run a special Pullman excursion. These cars will make stops en route at Salt Lake City and Denver, affording excursionists an opportunity of viewing the various points of interest about those cities. The daylight ride through the heart of the Rockies—God's art gallery of nature—is the grandest across the American continent.

Write W. C. McBride, 124 Third street, Portland, Ore., at once for particulars and sleeping car reservations. These being the last days upon which tickets will be sold at reduced rates travel will be particularly heavy.

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