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BRYAN WILL BE MOSES

To Guide Democracy From Wilderness of Despair.

NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD EARLY.

Milwaukee Probably Named as Place For the Gathering.

Wolves and Coyotes Devastating Montana Flocks and Herds—Big Round Up Proposed—Increased Scalp Bounty Wanted.

New York, Feb. 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Before Mr. Bryan left Washington Saturday he had an important conference with some of the Democratic leaders, and it was decided that the Democratic national convention should be held prior to the Republican and Populist conventions.

It is understood Mr. Bryan is anxious that his party shall take the field, announce its platform and prepare for the national convention before his political rivals declare their campaign intentions. He is particularly anxious to anticipate the action of the Populist party, which he fears may be guilty of political indiscretions which may injure his cause.

Mr. Bryan did not confine his consultations while in Washington to the free silver Democrats, but talked with some of the shrewdest and most influential members of the gold standard wing of the party. It is known that he held a secret conference with former Senator Gorman, and it was after consulting Mr. Gorman that Mr. Bryan impressed upon his friends the importance of holding their convention at a date several weeks in advance of the Republican convention.

Notwithstanding the assertion by members of the Democratic national convention that at a recent conference at Chicago it was decided to hold the convention at Milwaukee, there seems to be a disposition to rescind the action. Missouri Democrats declare Kansas City will wrest the prize from New York, Milwaukee, Chicago or any other city.

Round-Up of Pests.

Montana cattle and sheep men of the Northeastern counties of the state are considering a proposition to inaugurate a wolf and coyote round up. While stock round-ups are of annual occurrence in all the Western range states, such a thing as pest gathering in is a new experience. Nevertheless it is said that the matter is being seriously considered. A stockmen's meeting has been called at Fort Benton for February 15, when the matter will be formally discussed and some action taken.

In speaking of the great losses sustained by Northern Montana stockmen during the winter from these pests, Samuel Corbett, a large sheep raiser from Teton county, said at the Northern hotel last night: "There is no way of figuring the loss sustained in Northern Montana from the ravages of wolves

and coyotes among sheep and young cattle, but it will foot up many thousands of dollars.

"The pests come from North Dakota, where there is no bounty law and where they are thicker than the population. We have never before been so seriously afflicted. Within the past two years the range stock of North Dakota has been about depleted. As a consequence wolves and coyotes have emigrated, and are getting fat. Wolf hunters are not so plentiful nowadays as they were ten years ago and the destructive brutes are thriving.

"A meeting of the stock association has been called for March 15, and in all probability money will be appropriated to add \$2 to the present county bounty of \$2 a coyote skin. If necessary we shall put a large band of cowboys in the infected district and keep them there until they either kill the pests or drive them back into North Dakota. We shall probably have the first regular wolf and coyote round up ever held in the West."

MUSIC HALL LICENSES

Now Required Under Provisions of an Ordinance

The Orpheum Readily Complies—Harry Say of the Pavilion Objects Vigorously.

On June 17th, 1899 an ordinance was passed by the Yukon council which provides a yearly license of \$500 for all music halls conducted in the territory. Until yesterday, the provisions of the ordinance were not enforced; and the existence of such a law was unknown to those who are engaged in theatrical and dance hall enterprises.

About 5 o'clock last evening Sergeant Wilson notified the managers of the Pavilion and the Orpheum that no dances nor vaudeville performances could be given until music hall licenses were secured. At one of the places of amusement dancing was suspended for a few hours. It was impossible to obtain licenses last night, but undoubtedly the Pavilion and Orpheum deposited the required license fee for their regular business was continued later in the evening. When Sergeant Wilson's orders became known, considerable anxiety was experienced by owners and employees of the dance hall and theater. To the management of the Orpheum, it seemed that the investment made in the new structure would be an absolute loss; for the prevalent opinion for a while was that all future performances would be forbidden. Alex Pantage, who has charge of the business at the Orpheum, when questioned concerning the matter replied:

"We have simply been notified to obtain a music hall license. As it was after government office hours when we received the instructions, we have deposited the license fee with the proper official. We will continue to give our regular performance and dance. Our business is strictly legitimate, and the management will not tolerate anything which could possibly give offense to any patron or law abiding citizen. We are endeavoring to stage only the best productions, and have engaged the best talent. Our box office receipts have been satisfactory, and it is our intention to continue to merit the patronage of the public."

Harry Say, one of the proprietors of the Pavilion saloon and dance hall was very indignant because he had been required to obtain a music hall license. For a while dancing in the Pavilion was suspended, during which time the

fairies gathered in groups in front of the bar and calculated their resources and liabilities. Say is a product of Los Angeles. When asked if he had deposited the license fee, the dance hall proprietor swelled up like a toad in a rain storm.

"Get to h— out of here; G— d— you G— d— newspaper men; what the h— is it your business. I'm running this joint. You fellows rib up everything. The property owners around here are now kicking about the women occupying rooms upstairs; and I suppose the council will be interfering with the way I manage this joint. This is a h— of a country. I paid \$2500 to run. Now I got to plank down \$500 more. I guess they're afraid they won't get their share of the dough. The G— d— newspapers are the cause of this last shake down. Get out, G— d— it, get out when I tell you to."

Some readers might think that Mr. Say was drunk; but he was not. He was only mad, and used this delightful and forceful manner in which to express his thoughts.

GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES

Excepting Those on Dominion and Hydraulic Reserves

Will Be Sold at Auction in Dawson on June 1st, 1900—Commissioner Senkler Interviewed.

A telegram was received from the central government at Ottawa by Gold Commissioner Senkler instructing him that certain claims and fractions now reserved to the crown will be sold at auction in Dawson on June 1st, 1900. Commissioner Senkler, in speaking of the communication, said:

"The placer mining claims and fractions, to which the telegram refers, comprise those which are commonly known as government claims; but the Dominion creek claims and fractions and all claims within hydraulic concessions which are held at the present time by the crown are excepted. These last mentioned properties are not included in my instructions of yesterday. I shall receive by mail full particulars of this most recent order of the government. Just now I cannot say what will be the conditions of the sale, nor in what manner it will be proper to tender and accept the respective bids."

The merchants and mining men generally, in Dawson are much gratified by the recent action of the government at Ottawa. They are of the opinion that the determination to sell the crown properties will greatly increase development work next summer, and prevent men with money from leaving the country. Full particulars respecting the recent order is anxiously awaited.

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SMITH VERSUS MALLOY

Declared Draw Last Night at Ford's Gymnasium

DICK CASE HAS CHALLENGED EITHER

A Splendid Exhibition of the Manly Art by Clever People.

Malloy Outpoints Smith but Could not Put Him Out—Smith Takes Punishment Without Flinching—Got in Heavy Work at the End.

The entertainment last night at Ford's gymnasium was an exceptionally clever performance and fully met the expectation of the large attendance which gathered to witness the different bouts. Great interest was manifested in the Smith-Malloy ten round contest, as much speculation was current as to who was the better man.

The referee, Jim Donaldson, announced that the go would be pulled off under the Marquis of Queensbury rules with a clean break.

At the call of time both men jumped to the center of the ring and went at it. Malloy stripped as clean cut as a cameo, while Smith struck the regulation professional attitude and looked a wicked and clever opponent. Malloy opened by driving in a left half swing, landing heavily on Smith's face. This blow was delivered all through the go and it seemed impossible for Smith to get away from it. Malloy showed remarkable quickness and excellent judgment, alternating the swing from face to wind.

First blood was earned by Smith in the second round, he landing heavily on Malloy's nose with a straight arm blow, the blood flowing freely and being a source of great annoyance to Malloy. He evened matters up here, however, by landing a terrific blow on Smith's head, knocking him to the ropes and down, Smith resting till the count of nine.

In the fourth round Malloy got in his left with full force on Smith's nose hitting him from the floor and dazing his man, who, in a clinch that followed, showed marked signs of distress and acted slow and somewhat groggy. Malloy started in with cross arm rights, landing occasionally and alternating with his favorite left swing. During this round it was noticed that Smith was bleeding from the mouth, and the

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