

Branch League Organized

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS HOLD
BANQUET IN FARGO FRIDAY
EVENING.

SEVERAL SPEECHES

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
ADOPTED AT MEETING IN
PIRIE'S HALL.

Fargo, N. D., July 15th.—Last evening at Pirie's hall was held a banquet at the invitation of a committee of progressive republicans for the purpose of organizing a branch national league. Addresses were made by Honorable Walter Jones of Chicago, Congressman Haugen of Iowa, Treadwell Twitchell of Fargo and short remarks by J. A. Buchanan, J. M. Hanley of Mandan, George Young of Valley City, H. Bendeke of Grand Forks, W. F. Lauder and T. F. Marshall and others. A constitution was adopted and league officers elected as follows:

President—A. G. Hanson, Fargo.
First Vice President—A. B. Cox, Valley City.

Second Vice President—Thos. Hall, Bismarck.

Secretary—Fred J. Traynor, Devils Lake.

Treasurer—H. M. Johnson, Lankin.

Many letters of regret were received from those unable to be present. A committee on resolutions was appointed which reported a declaration of principles. The league advocates:

1. The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

2. Direct primaries for the nomination of all elective officials.

3. The direct election of delegates to national conventions, with opportunity for the voter to express his choice for president and vice president.

4. Amendment to state constitutions providing for the initiative, referendum and recall.

5. A thorough-going corrupt practice act.

The resolution committee was as follows: James A. Buchanan, W. S. Lauder, T. Twitchell, S. D. Adams, A. B. Cox, John E. Paulson, E. H. Smith.

The committee on organization was: A. G. Hanson, Fred Traynor, Frank Ployhar, O. O. Arnegaard, Alfred Steel, Theo. Kaldor, E. A. Wambeen, N. O. Matson, A. T. Kraable, J. M. Devine, T. M. Thorson, H. N. Johnson, H. Bendeke, J. M. Hanley, William J. Price.

On the constitution and statement of principles: A. W. Fowler, H. N. Tucker, L. A. Lindstrom, Geo. M. Young, A. T. Cole, C. S. Sorenson and A. E. Hutchinson.

The meeting was harmonious and no attempt of a lineup made. It was generally conceded that it was the largest and best organized gathering of this kind ever assembled at one time in the state.

JIM LAKE AND VICINITY

(Too late for last week.)

Many farmers in our vicinity are grumbling on the poor crop prospects but others are still "hoping."

Mrs. Henry Thorman and Mrs. Henry Kirsch, her daughter, departed Monday for the hospital at Rochester to consult the Mayo brothers in regard to the health of Mrs. Kirsch. The ladies expect to be gone several days.

The Fourth was celebrated here in a very quiet way. Several family picnics, in which the neighbors also joined, were enjoyed at the different homes, and several people went by special invitation to Courtenay, Wimbledon and different towns near by.

The C. D. Wood family made an overland trip to the G. R. Christ home, eight miles southeast of Wimbledon, where special entertainment was furnished for a large assembly of invited guests on their beautiful and spacious grounds. Supper was served in a most pleasing manner by Mrs. Christ and her daughters to a large number who did ample justice to the tasty viands. After partaking of the sumptuous repast the time was pleasantly spent in musical entertainment and fireworks until well towards the midnight hour when the guests departed, voting Mr. and Mrs. Christ royal entertainers.

Mrs. W. H. Bingham and children made an overland trip to Buchanan for a brief visit with the former's sister.

Bids Wanted

The Board of the Courtenay School District No. 24 wants sealed bids for selling and delivering, in the coal bins at the Courtenay High school building not later than Sept. 2, 1911, twenty tons of stove hard coal and twenty-five tons of Hocking Valley soft coal.

Bids will be accepted up to and not later than 8 o'clock p.m. of Tuesday, August 8, and will be opened the same evening.

All bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Coal" and must be sent to the undersigned clerk at Courtenay, N. D., or presented before the meeting at the time stated above.

Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

R. B. Milne,

Dist. School Clerk.

Attest: J. A. Coffey,

President.

Teachers Wanted

The Board of Corrine School District No. 23 desires to engage the services of two teachers for the consolidated school for the next term. One must be a qualified teacher holding a first-grade certificate to teach in the state of North Dakota who shall serve as principal of the school and teach the upper grades; a man teacher is preferred for this position. The applicant for teaching the lower grades must be the holder of a good, second grade certificate.

Address all communications and send references to

Frank W. Wilson,

35tf Dist. Clerk.

R. No. 2 Courtenay, N. D.

IT'S A TRAVELING HAT.

A plug hat loaded with express shipping tags recently was received by the American Express company. It is known as the "president's hat" and has been on the move for a year or more, traveling up and down and across the country. Whenever it is received at an express office a fresh tag with a suitable inscription is affixed and it is sent on its way. There are so many tags on it now that the outline of the hat is hidden. One of the oldest tags in the collection and the one which probably indicates the origin of the hat contains the words, "From Pueblo, Col., to President William H. Taft, Washington, D. C.," and a request that it be returned.—Buffalo News.