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Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness handed to them on a scoop shovel. This was Mr. Gifford's situation at the Yankton convention. Not born great, and not having accomplished anything whatsoever, he is renominated by acclamation, when Bennett, Pettigrew, and Raymond were unceremoniously kicked out. Mr. Gifford's strength seems to be in his inoffensiveness, and the gradual cooling of the Dakota blood. In territorial politics we have fluttered up against the bars till our tail feathers are worn off, our wings broken, and it is difficult to distinguish whether we belong to the American eagle, or the mild eyed wild goose species.

Trail county sends the following delegation to the Legislative convention at Mayville:

L. Thompson, N. J. Molstad, of Buxton; Wm. Kelly, John S. Anderson, of Caledonia. John O. Rundahl, of Norman; H. D. Reed, of Blanchard; L. E. Francis, James Rogers, of Hillsboro; L. C. Stanford, of Kelso. J. O. Kjelsberg, I. W. Chautland, of Mayville; Leon Levisse, John Amb. of Portland; M. F. Hegge, of Garfield; J. W. Burnett, of Cummings; Joseph Hubbard, of Reynolds.

The delegation is supposed to favor Col. Robinson, of Mayville, for the council, although Col. Plummer of Caledonia, is said to have a strong following in the delegation. Although not personally acquainted with the gentleman from Mayville, he is evidently a solid citizen, and a man of great popularity; while Col. Plummer is one of the best known men in the territory, and the most brilliant orator in the Northwest.

The Trail County Times, edited by Col. Plummer, says that gentleman "may possibly be a candidate" before the republican convention for the territorial council, and adds: "He is not seeking the nomination, and will not put a stone in any man's way. If the convention shall choose to nominate him, well and good. He will accept. If he is not nominated, in the words of the immortal John Erickson: 'It's shust so vell.'" Col. Plummer is not at all anxious. If the nomination goes to Griggs county, and Adams gets it, Col. Plummer will take off his coat, and work like a beaver for him.—Fargo Republican.

In Steele county, E. S. Seymour has been renominated for register; H. K. Brunsdale for treasurer, Walden for sheriff, Winchell for superintendent, Berry for judge of probate, Paul for district attorney, Cochrane for assessor, Hanson and Orton for commissioners; Newton, J. O. Smith, Axdahil, T. G. Anderson, Cochrane and Goplerud, are delegates to Mayville, and though instructed, are for Sprague for the House.

The brother of the late Frank Farnsworth, attributes the shooting by Meade to a debt of about a hundred dollars, owed by Meade to Farnsworth, concerning which Farnsworth had expressed his opinion of Meade, as a party not anxious to pay his debts. To get even for the remark, Meade insulted Farnsworth, and then shot him.

Politics in the 17th district are looking squally. Ransom and La Moure counties already have contesting delegations; while a second delegation is threatened in "bounteous" Barnes. In such case Logan county would naturally organize the convention; and the boys will have to fear the junior county if they do not respect it.

We attended the exposition at Grand Forks last week, sending Joe B. cross-country in charge of Charley Allen, the versatile devil of the COURIER office. The exhibit was the finest ever made in the territory. In the cattle line the display of Polled-Angus, Holstein, Durham, Jersey, and other breeds was equal to that of the Minnesota state fair; while the heavy draft horse show was equally fine. Peter Morrison of Griggs county, in the latter line, had two magnificent Clydesdale stallions, which were greatly admired. S. G. Roberts, of Fargo, exhibited some fine standard bred roadsters, from his breeding farm, near Fargo, and captured all the prizes. The trotting and pacing horses were direct from the Minnesota state fair, and the Minneapolis races, and were the best in the Northwest—Gen. Hancock, Uncle Eb., Thresa Scott, Joe B., Crickel, John F., General Sibley, Ollie Becker, and Belle N., etc. Joe B. was entered in one race, the free-for-all combination race of Saturday, and won easily in three straight heats. The only other Dakota horses winning money, except in the county races, were Jupiter, a black stallion from Hamilton, and a Devils Lake running pony. The weather was very disagreeable, and the attendance light.

The Valley City Times thinks we are not over anxious for the legislature because the bootle track has been taken up. Now, in way of coals of fire, we rise to remark that the editorial alluded to is where the patent "inwards" used to be, and that the paper is very much improved.

A rough western chap, in early days, bought a hotel of a Frenchman at Bismarck. The next day he noticed that the sign read: "Hotel de Bon Dieu." He thereupon ordered that "blanketed parlous business" to be put into "United States." To his surprise the next day, he found himself running the Good God House.

W. R. Kellogg, is now sole editor and proprietor of the Jamestown Alert. He has already won for himself a front seat among Dakota journalists.

Editor Smith, of Mayville, made us a pleasant call, Wednesday. Mr. Smith is one of the brightest of the newspaper fraternity, and he and his paper are always welcome visitors.

John L. Sullivan, out slugged Frank Herald at Pittsburg September 18th. The police interfered before the fight was concluded.

The Yankton Convention.

YANKTON, Sept. 22.—The Dakota territorial republican convention for nomination of a candidate to be elected by the people as delegate to congress, was called to order at 10:20 to-day by Hon. A. C. Mellette, chairman of the Dakota central committee. The candidates as far as known are Hon. O. S. Gifford, General Harrison Allen, Major Edwards, Hon. M. J. Gordon, Hon. John R. Gamble, Judge S. C. Palmer and Melvin Grigsby.

In calling the convention to order Mr. Mellette said he trusted that the harmony that characterizes Dakota conventions would prevail, and touched upon the topics of interest in territorial affairs.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Lincoln, Col. D. M. Evans, of Grant county, was elected temporary chairman of the convention. Mr. Evans accepted the position with a very graceful address. Mr. Mr. McMamara, of Hughes county, was elected temporary secretary. A committee of nine was appointed on credentials, and a committee of thirteen on permanent organization. The following were appointed a committee on resolutions: A. C. Mellette, of Codington; Johnson Niekceus, of Stutsman; J. M. Talbot, of Union; J. A. Pickler, of Faulk; Geo. Winship, of Grand Forks; J. R. Gamble, of Yankton; W. M. Potter of La Moure; A. W. Edwards, of Cass county; R. W. Wheelock, of Davidsen; John A. Owen, of Kingsbury; J. C. Adams, of Day; H. E. Mahue, of Sanborn; A. H. Bronson, of Miner; Phil Skillman, of Brown.

At noon everything indicates the nomination of Gifford by acclamation.

Yankton, Sept. 22.—Delegate Gifford was placed in nomination by Hon. Melvin Grigsby in a forcible speech, and the nomination was eloquently supported by General Allen, and made by acclamation. Col. Evans was the temporary and Judge Moody the permanent chairman. Among the members of the territorial central committee are McKenzie, Root, Yorkey, Oliver and Clement.

Taken Up.

One bay gelding—old enough to vote—weight 1,000 pounds—white on both hind legs. Come, pay charges, and take him away. 26 Nils Gilbranson.

NOTICE OF CONTEST—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 6, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Ole Arneson against Wm. J. Murphy, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6477, dated Feb. 18, 1882, upon the NW 1/4 of section 30, Twp. 148n, Range 57 w, in Griggs county Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that the said Wm. J. Murphy has wholly failed to break, cultivate or plant to trees, free seeds, roots, nuts, or cuttings, any part or portion of said tract since making said entry, up to the present time, and that said tract is wholly devoid of breaking or any other improvement, being wild prairie in its natural state just as it was February 18, 1882, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 23d day of Sept. 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 32-36 E. C. GEARBY, Receiver. A. B. Guptill, att'y., Fargo, Dak.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., September 6, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Joseph Buchheit, D. S. No. 15512, for the NW 1/4 of sec. 10, Twp. 148n, r. 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Griggs, Sheldon, Harrison Clark, Elijah S. Hamilton, Peter Cameron, all of Willow, P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Glass & McLaren, att'y's. 84 40

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 17, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John N. Jørgensen, clerk of district court for Griggs county, D. T., at Cooperstown, D. T., on October 23, 1886, viz: Hans O. Voll, D. S. No. 16,228 for the SW 1/4 sec. 26, tp. 147, r. 58. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Syver Syverson, Soli, Martin Johnson, Andrew Anderson, Brent Olsen, of Romness, Griggs county, Dak. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Brown Bro. & Co., attorney for claimant, Mayville, D. T.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 30, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure entry thereof, viz: Anton Pederson, D. S. No. 15,421 for the SW 1/4 sec. 6 and W 1/2 sec. 4 and SW 1/4 of sec. 7, tp. 148n, r. 60w and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Harrison Clark, A. P. Ellis, Boie H. Leine, Joseph S. Hope, all of Willow, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 9th day of October, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 33-38

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 26, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and secure entry thereof: Adeline R. Johns, D. S. No. 13184, for the (SW 1/4) southwest quarter of sec. 22, tp. 147n, r. 59w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: George Wright, Daniel A. Langworthy, George W. Vennum, Archibald McKechnie, all of Stutsman county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses to be taken before Hon. W. H. Francis, or Charles T. Hills, clerk of the district court, at Jamestown, Stutsman county, D. T., on the 14th day of October, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

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