

DEMOCRATS MEET

In the several precincts of the county last evening, the Democrats held primaries for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the county convention to be held Saturday. This convention is called for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention, which convenes in Denver on Wednesday, September 14th. The primaries in every precinct in the county were largely attended, which was in decided contrast to the few who attended the Republican primaries a few nights previous. In some of the outside precincts it was necessary for the Republicans to borrow one or two Democrats to make up a quorum. Republicans hereabouts are like Indians—becoming scarcer every year. It will be a wonder if the party of Simon will be able to muster enough candidates this fall, who are willing to be slaughtered on the county ticket. The outlook for the followers of Guggenheim locally is indeed discouraging—in short, disheartening. The delegates elected to the Democratic county convention were:

- First precinct—C. Slattery, M. DeVaney, George Magor, W. T. Plemons, F. J. Altwater.
- Second precinct—Neil McKay, W. J. Stull, John Gorman, J. C. McShane.
- Third precinct—R. C. Johnson, Morris Hazard, Henry Ellmann, Otto Scheffler, James Noonan.
- Fourth precinct—Ed. O'Neil, Holly Dobbins.
- Fifth precinct—T. J. Newlin, J. C. Chapple.
- Sixth precinct—H. C. Bolsinger, Harry Armfield.
- Seventh precinct—W. M. Kirk, Jay Byron, Hugh Williams, Sherman Harris.
- Eighth precinct—Pete Nelson, Wm. Kriley, Ed. Omera, Tom Omera.
- Ninth precinct—Fred Bauer, P. C. McNevin, Geo. Vogel, Robt. Irwin.
- Tenth precinct—G. W. Ashmore, J. W. Koons, John Sullivan.
- Eleventh precinct—R. C. Russell.

Friday night of last week about fifteen couples attended the dance given in the office room of the Central City hotel. Dancing was enjoyed until nearly midnight when light refreshments were served. Various kinds of music was furnished the dancers—violin, guitar, mouth-harp, etc. "Pete" Reid furnished some classy music with the mouth-harp and guitar, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the dancers. All who attended report having had a fine time and hope to enjoy another such night in the near future.

In May the Denver and Gross College of Medicine signed a contract by which it unites with the School of Medicine of the University of Colorado. The Denver and Gross College has discontinued the teaching of the first two years of the medical curriculum and on or before the first day of January, 1911, will discontinue the teaching of the remaining years as well. A constitutional amendment permitting the university to conduct the last two years of the medical course in Denver will be submitted to the people of the state. Should the amendment not be approved, the entire medical course will be taught in Boulder as at present, but with such additions to, and improvements in, the present equipment as it may be possible to make from time to time. In any event the contract of the Denver and Gross college is to be carried out. During the past three years the university's medical college has made a very striking advance in equipment and methods of instruction, and in standing with medical educators in the east.

R. E. Ladwig was in Denver this week, mingling with the prize stallions and boars at the fair.

Mrs. Williams and Miss May Keller went to Denver Sunday to remain two or three days.

Miss Mae Richards returned Monday evening from a visit to Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gabardi leave today for the east. They will visit in Chicago, take a trip up the great lakes and will spend several weeks in Minnesota. They will be absent from the city a month or more.

Leo Voll came up from Denver Monday evening to play for the dance at Armory hall Monday night.

John Oliver, Clyde Shipley, Douglas Morrison, Henry Cattani, and John Moser returned Monday evening from Denver, where they spent Labor day.

Three star cut glasses \$1.00 a set—worth three times the money. At the Philipps Mercantile company. Floor coverings at Anderson's.

ELECTRIC LINE FROM MINES TO SMELTER.

An electric railroad to connect the Golden smelter with the mining districts of Clear Creek and Gilpin counties and carry on a general freight and passenger business as well as to handle its own ores from the mines owned by the company now seems assured, says the Golden Transcript.

The same financial interests back of the North American Smelter and Mines company have plans well under way for the new line and have had engineers in the field going carefully over the situation to note the possibilities. The new road will be financed through a \$2,500,000 bond issue. It is stated that immediately upon a favorable report being returned by the engineers now in the field, the bonds will be taken up and work upon the new road commenced. There seems little question but that the report will be favorable as mining conditions were never better in Clear Creek and Gilpin counties than at present. The principal source of revenue of the new road will be derived from mining, it being the intention of the North American company to handle the large bodies of low grade ore at its smelter here. While all plans are not definitely known it is quite possible that a through passenger service from Idaho Springs and Central City will be established, either the Denver & Intermountain or the Denver Tramway tracks being used between Golden and Denver.

Electric power is to be used on the new road, the great supply of this power being generated at hydro electric plants on the mountain streams, making this the most economical. There are several supply points between Golden and the Clear Creek-Gilpin gold camps, the Central Colorado power lines crossing the proposed right of way of the new road at several points. The North American company has its own electric power plant at the smelter and has an ideal site for another plant at Idaho Springs.

It has been known for the past two weeks that the North American has its surveys completed for an electric road from its lime quarries north of here, the purpose being to build a short electric road and deliver lime direct from the quarries to the smelter. Economy spells success in smelting, and with all improvements completed it will be possible to handle very low grade ores at the smelter and show a big margin of profit. There is absolutely no limit to the large bodies of low and medium grade ores in Clear Creek and Gilpin mines, and it is the intention of the North American company to build up an institution that can handle their ores direct from the mines to the smelter at a profit. The company is already handling ores shipped out of the two counties. With its own railroad affording a low transportation rate on ores and with the best copper matte smelter in the west, there is no reason why the output from Gilpin and Clear Creek counties should not be increased to many times the present tonnage.

Mrs. Edwin Rule, Sr., returned Monday evening from a month's trip, most of which time was spent with her son, Ed., and family at Phippsburg, Colo. She reports a nice trip and her health very much benefited.

Miss Lillie Rule, who had been visiting two weeks with relatives and friends in Denver, returned home Sunday evening. She was accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Fox, who will visit with her for a week. Miss Fox is the daughter of Wm. Fox, formerly C. & S. brakeman between Forks Creek and Central and who left here five years ago. Mr. Fox is now running on the Clear Creek branch.

Mrs. George E. McClelland was over from Idaho Springs last Friday attending to business matters.

Wm. Eplett, wife and daughter, left Saturday afternoon for Phippsburg, Colo., where they will visit two weeks with Ed. Rule, Jr., and family. Mr. Eplett is on his vacation and intends to spend most of his time hunting and fishing.

H. C. Browne, of the German mine, is in the city, having arrived a day or two ago from Philadelphia. He said he would not have anything to give out concerning the German for a week or two. Mr. Browne has been laid up the past four months with a bad attack of rheumatism and is required to use a cane in walking about.

Mrs. F. M. Mayhew, who had been ill with rheumatism in Denver, returned Monday evening. She is improving nicely and thinks that she will get well without being compelled to go the valley again.

Oscar Williams took in the fair in Denver this week.

A Daniel in the Lion's Den

Preacher Has Narrow Escape From Ferocious Politicians—Coroner All But Summoned—Hicks Bulldozing Again.

As an index to the way in which H. A. Hicks, the maverick representative, hopes to win his multitudinous suits against this paper, the Observer prints the following signed statement of Rev. M. M. Eaton, formerly of this county:

"Some days since I received the following letter from H. A. Hicks of Denver:

'Denver, Colo., Aug. 4, 1910.
'Rev. M. M. Eaton,
'Goldfield, Colo.

'Dear Sir:
'If I were to furnish you transportation from Goldfield to Denver and return, would you be willing to run down and see me some day next week? I have a matter that I am anxious to talk over with you, which is of mutual interest to us. Kindly drop me a line as to whether or not you would be willing to do this.

'Very truly yours,
'(Signed) H. A. Hicks.'

"Replying to the communication I suggested that my time was worth something and if his business with me was of such importance as to justify something for expenses in addition to transportation, I would comply with his request. To this letter I received no response. Being in Denver Wednesday, August 31st, I called at Mr. Hicks' office and not finding him in left a note on his table to the effect that if he wished to see me to send word to my hotel and I would grant an interview the next day. Mr. Hicks framed the following note in reply:

'Denver, Colo., Aug. 31st, 1910.
'Rev. M. M. Eaton,
'Bell Hotel, City.

'Dear Sir:
'Will you be kind enough to call at my office at 12:30 tomorrow (Thursday), at which time I shall be glad to see you.

'Very truly,
'(Signed) H. A. Hicks.'

"I give these preliminary details simply to call the attention of the reader to the gentle means employed by Mr. Hicks to obtain a chance to blackguard and vilify those who perchance have risked his displeasure by venturing to differ with him, for while Mr. Hicks is in no sense an atheist he steadfastly refuses to acknowledge the existence of a superior being.

"After inveigling me into his office, on the pretense of wishing to see me upon some matter of 'mutual interest' I found myself in the presence of Mr. H. C. Bolsinger, a bosom friend of Mr. Hicks. Suddenly Mr. Hicks drew from his desk an article clipped from the columns of the Observer and asked if I had seen it before. Recognizing it as an article printed during the time I was a contributor to the columns of the Observer, I gave an affirmative reply. Assuming a belligerent attitude he then demanded to know if I were the author. Knowing that Mr. Hicks was involved in a controversy with my former employer (Mr. Stull) and realizing that the article in question had some bearing upon that controversy, I suggested that I did not care to discuss anything pertaining to the matter. Whereupon the veins in the coarse neck of Mr. Hicks began to swell and shaking a big fat fist under my nose he threatened to smash my nose—face all over the office if I had the temerity to deny the authorship of the article. With a big bully, apoplectic with rage, upon one side and an individual with a faulty balance wheel on the other, naturally I did not deny it. 'I can cave your face in,' shouted the gentle reformer, or words to that effect. Inasmuch as I weigh about 125 pounds (dressed) to the late 'gentleman's' 200, or thereabouts, I suggested that for him to whip me would certainly be 'going some.' Whereupon the 'guardian angel of the paramours' fairly frothed at the mouth with epithets. Epithets so vile that even the nastiest hide could not contain them for any length of time without spilling. He even cast aspersions upon the name of my mother, a woman who would have long since died broken hearted and disgraced had she been so inexpressibly unfortunate as to have given birth to such a monstrosity of devilish passion as the thing who stood before me. Hypocrite, blacknaller, grafter, were about the mildest terms

used in his vain effort to coerce an expression of disloyalty against my former employer. Anticipating a reply from this precious pair to the effect that while pastor of the Bald Mountain church I solicited money from him for pastoral support and then deliberately libeled him (all of which he accused me in the interview) I will state that prior to an election social held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society of my church I solicited funds from the candidates of all parties. All funds thus collected were turned into the treasury of the society. If eventually a portion of the proceeds found their way to my pocket as salary for my work, that is the business of the society. Certainly not of Mr. Hicks. I do not wonder that a man whose every motive is questioned and whose standing is such in Central City that two prominent fraternal societies (so I am told) found it impossible to provide black balls sufficient for the members to record their votes of disapproval against him, should regret any contribution made to further a good cause.

"On the second count, that of libeling Mr. Hicks, I will simply state that I have never attempted the impossible. Finally, that I may put myself before the public in the proper light, I will say that up until the present I have had no special interest in any political movement in Gilpin county. My attitude in the Hicks-ObsERVER controversy has been simply confined to an unvoiced amusement at the multiplicity of absurd suits brought by the plaintiff and a growing wonder as how so much asinine stupidity could possibly be contained even in the portly proportions of the almost universally ridiculed and ridiculous Mr. Hicks. I have never assumed, or had given into my keeping the policy of this newspaper. The little connection I have had with it has simply been that of an employe striving to serve the interest of the publication. But, while heretofore I have been only an amused spectator my attitude has undergone a complete change. Henceforth in spite of threats, libel suits, jail, personal violence and epithets, realizing that there is nothing left of manhood in Mr. Hicks (granting that he ever possessed that quality) upon which to build a work of reform I shall view his journey to oblivion with the keenest delight.

"Although too far removed from the scene of action to aid in the good work, I shall be (at least in spirit) with the constantly growing number who even now are assembling the paraphernalia for the most complete and unlamented political funeral of the cheapest and meanest politician in all the history of this much abused state.

"M. M. EATON."

J. C. Fleschutz has gone to Delta for a week or ten days.

W. C. Fullerton is in Denver, consulting the G. O. P. leaders in regard to the political situation in the state. Mr. Fullerton is the Republican chairman of Gilpin county but entertains no hope of his party electing any of the local ticket. The Republicans locally are weaker than ever.

Richard Floyd, general assistant at the Golden Rule store, is spending his vacation in Denver.

G. W. Mabey, Sr., went to Denver this morning on business.

Miss Townsend, of Golden, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Leahy, has returned to her home in Golden.

A. E. Henley and wife returned last evening from Denver. They took in everything of interest and consequently the trip was one of enjoyment.

R. A. Hall, of the Pactolus & Central City railroad, was an arrival in the city last evening from Denver. Mr. Hall is now living in Denver. He says there is nothing to give out concerning the completion of the road at the present time.

John Nichols and wife were visitors to the city two or three days this week. Mr. Nichols for several years was sheriff of Gilpin county. He is now managing a large mine in Cripple Creek. His countless friends in Gilpin county were pleased to see him.

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DEMOCRATS DESERVE ALL THE CREDIT

Denver, Colo., Sept. 7.—On November 8, 1910, people of Colorado are to have an opportunity to decide whether or not they wish to initiate their own laws. That this opportunity is to be offered is due to some exceptionally clever political manipulating, in which it must be admitted the Republicans got very much the worst of it. But it didn't make any great amount of difference which way the minority members of the senate jumped, as they were uncomfortably located between the devil and the deep sea. Few of them are able to state clearly, even at this late day, which direction they started or where they landed.

When it was realized that the Republicans in the senate were determined if possible to block all legislation in the extra session, the Democrats began laying plans to beat them at their own game. In order to pass the initiative and referendum bill it was necessary to have five Republican votes, and the prospect of getting more than two was very slim at first. It was then the idea was conceived to burden the measure with unreasonable restrictions, thus giving the Republicans a chance to make their bluff about favoring real reform legislation, such as the people demanded. The scheme worked admirably, and the anglers' history records no case where a hungry sucker grabbed more greedily for the bait, or got a firmer hold. The bill as introduced in the senate, and to all intents and purposes receiving the hearty support of the caucus of that body, provided that 15 per cent of the voters must sign a petition to initiate or refer legislation, that 51 per cent should vote on a proposition to entitle it to consideration, and there were other objectionable features that really nullified the real purpose. Then the Republican members pulled off their great spectacular grand stand play, expecting to glorify themselves and their party without in the least altering the case. "We won't stand for any such fake measure," they shouted. "The dear people want the pure Oregon initiative and referendum law, and ought to have it. We will support such a bill or nothing."

When they were given sufficient time to spread this to all corners of the state, and to emphasize and reiterate in the corporation kept newspapers that the present administration would stand for nothing but a fake bill, the Democrats called the bluff by reporting out the Oregon law as passed by the lower house. In the vernacular of the street, the Republicans "had one hung on 'em." To vote for the measure put them "in bad" with their own party. To vote against it "queered" them with the whole people. They chose the easier way and a majority reluctantly responded "Aye!" One stayed with his convictions and voted negatively, while two hiked out to avoid going on record.

Within the Democratic caucus there was also a clever scheme worked, which is more responsible than any one thing for the final passage of this, the most important of direct legislation measures. Some members were conscientiously holding out for high percentages and other restrictions and apparently had the backing of others in the caucus who in reality realized that an acceptable law must be enacted in order to make good with the people. At the psychological moment Senator Carrigan changed the whole situation by moving that the house bill be taken up and supported by the Democratic body, and soon after the Republican bluff was called.

No other measure requires a two-thirds vote, consequently the obstructionists are out of the running, and other pledges will be redeemed. In the initiative and referendum, however, practically every Democratic promise has been delivered, as the adoption of this measure places the matter of making or accepting laws entirely in the hands of the people. The passage of this bill leaves no excuse for a third party or Socialist ticket. The Democrats have made good in giving Colorado the initiative and referendum, without frills or obstacles, but in as perfect shape as was ever asked by the most ardent reform advocate.

Richard Trevithick, who had been in Denver since Sunday, returned home last evening. He will gather a winter's supply of wood before assuming his position at the wheel of the Eclipse passenger car.

Mrs. Joe Harvey and Mrs. John Odgers, who had been visiting relatives and friends on the Casey, returned Tuesday to their homes in Denver.

IN DISTRICT COURT

Judge Chas. McCall came up from Golden Tuesday morning to hear motions. In the case of John C. Jenkins vs. the Colorado & Southern railway in which a motion for a new trial was argued, the Judge said in part:

"After giving the matter consideration, I have arrived at the conclusion that if the plaintiff will consent to remit the sum of \$1,100, judgment may be entered for \$4,000, the motion for a new trial will be denied; otherwise it will be granted." Counsel for the plaintiff asked forty days in which to conclude what to do, which was granted. This suit was tried at a previous sitting of the court and the jury awarded the plaintiff damages to the extent of \$5,100.

In the case of A. G. Rummell vs. R. I. Hughes et al, the verdict was set aside and the motion for a new trial was granted.

Information in an action of malicious libel was filed in the district court Tuesday, in which it is alleged that W. J. Stull, editor of the Observer, wrote an article in last week's issue of the paper with the intention of impeaching the honesty, integrity and reputation of Henry A. Hicks, and expose him to public hatred, contempt and ridicule. The article cited in the information was the one in which the name of Harry Orchard was mentioned. Mr. Hicks taking it to mean the most notorious of all Harry Orchards, Henry A. Hicks, G. M. Laird and M. K. Sullivan are named as witnesses for the People.

A bond in the sum of \$500.00 was furnished by the defendant for his appearance at the January term of the district court. The bondsmen were readily furnished by two gentlemen in the court house and it was not necessary for the defendant to make the tiresome walk down town.

Mrs. Frederick Kruse left Saturday night for the east. At La Junta Mrs. Kruse was joined by her son Horace W. Kruse, general manager of the Eastern companies at Raton, N. M. Together they will sail for England and later embark for Mediterranean points. It is hoped that the trip will benefit Mrs. Kruse's health and also that of her son, who has recently been ill.

A large and jolly crowd attended the dance given in the Armory hall Monday evening by the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Mary's church. Leo Voll furnished the music and ice cream and cake were served by the young ladies on the stage. Dancing continued until 2:30 Tuesday morning. The affair was such a pleasant one in every particular it is the wish of the dancers that the Sodality again entertain them in a like manner at some date, not too distant.

School books etc., are now in demand. School opened Tuesday morning after the summer vacation. Prof. Bramhall of the school's reports 57 enrolled in the high school and expects a number more within the next couple of weeks. The old familiar chimes of that school bell bring happy recollections to the writer, who can, by listening to their sweet music, trace all his very best times back to dear old school days.

In a game of base ball Monday Golden defeated Fort Logan by the score 3 to 2. "Red" McIntyre, Golden's second baseman, met with a painful accident. In catching a hot liner the buckle of his glove was driven entirely through his nose, cracking the bone. He continued the game, though, and threw the runner out. "Red" is well known to the local fans, having played with the Central team on several occasions, and when "on" is considered one of the best amateur players in the game.

It is with no little pleasure that the Observer announces the reappointment of Rev. C. W. Hancher to the Methodist pulpit in this city by the Conference just closed at Fort Morgan. It will likewise be pleasing news to Rev. Hancher's congregation and friends. Bald Mountain and Russell Gulch were supplied by Rev. A. M. Crist and Black Hawk by Rev. Benj. Eitlegeorge. Rev. W. C. Milliken, a former pastor of the Central church, goes to Durango and Rev. R. H. Forrester, who went from here to Pueblo, received one of the largest churches in Denver, in the Capitol hill section. Rev. M. M. Eaton has been assigned to the churches at Sedgwick and Ovid. Rev. Eaton for a year and a half was pastor of the Bald Mountain and Russell Gulch churches.