

AWAITED WORD IS  
AT LAST SPOKEN

Vice President Schlacks Comes To Salt Lake With Good News.

## WORK ON BIG DEPOT STARTS

H. J. Schlacks, Brother of Railroad and Famous Architect Of Chicago is Here.

Chief Engineer J. G. Gwyn Meets With Rio Grande Officials, Including Chief Watts, Sent Out to Take Charge.

At last the long awaited word has been spoken. Work starts on the Rio Grande depot site today.

A good sized gang is on the grounds clearing the tract of all material and debris which have collected during the long stretch of idleness which followed the removing of buildings from the site.

Charles H. Schlacks, vice president and general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande at Denver reached this city Saturday night and spent yesterday talking over matters with local officials. He spent some time in the neighborhood of Third South and Fourth West streets in looking over the railroad's property lying between Second and Fourth South streets along both sides of Fourth West.

He was accompanied by Chief Engineer J. G. Gwyn of the Rio Grande and a brother, H. J. Schlack, the famous architect of Chicago. The railroad magnate's brother will supervise construction of the terminals. Mr. Gwyn came to go over the site and take notes.

While no one around the Rio Grande offices could offer information on the subject, it is known a conference of officials was held in the morning. V. Derrah, assistant general freight agent, in the Judge building. Mr. Watts, the man sent out from Chicago a few days ago to inspect the depot, is now in the city. Mr. Mulligan, superintendent of terminal building, has been taking an active part in the conference. He is the man who will have charge of the work.

## AT SUNNYSIDE TODAY.

C. H. Schlacks, accompanied by Mr. Derrah and other officials went to Sunnyside in an inspection trip this morning, but will return to this city either tonight or tomorrow morning. H. J. Schlacks, the architect, is registered at the Knickerbocker. He remained in the city today.

It is explained that the gang put to work today is no comparison to the army of men which is kept growing as "clearing up" progresses. Some excavating was done months ago, but the elements have made it necessary to do this all over again. Tracks crossing the site are under repair and there is every evidence to make the announcement that the building of the depot is going to be rushed as fast as possible.

Just how long Vice-President Schlacks will be in the city upon his return from Sunnyside is not known. Before he leaves for Denver he will undoubtedly have some interesting stories to tell.

What work was to begin shortly was apparent to persons who have visited the present depot during the past week. The old plank platforms had worn out and new ones were being ordered. The splintered boards were removed and thrown away, but new platforms were not substituted. Instead gravel was tamped hard under the old ones. Now open pits to walkways yards. While the new depot will not be ready for service for months, this little affair is regarded as significant by many.

## BIGGER THAN PLANNED.

Just a few weeks back high Rio Grande officials, while here on a visit from Denver, admitted that the plans for the proposed Rio Grande Western Pacific terminal, chief among which is the depot, had grown considerably. The original estimate of \$500,000 for the depot had grown to \$1,000,000. The building's exterior has been designed in some respects to make alterations possible. The original sketch will still be a fair representation of the building to be erected.

It is known work is being rushed on the Western Pacific and that trains will be running over the new line within a year.

## ARCHITECT SCHLACKS TALKS.

Says Excavation Will Be Rushed; Plans Early Construction Starts.

H. J. Schlack, of Chicago and the architect to be in charge of the construction of the new depot, this afternoon confided reports concerning the enlargement and early completion of the structure.

Mr. Schlacks said in connection with his visit here:

The enlarged building, itself, will cost when completed in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The enlargement of the depot has necessitated the changes in the plan, which changes are being consummated at present. The waiting room in the enlarged building will be 150 feet long and will require a corresponding change in the dimensions of the foundations. The working drawings are being made in Chicago, and when they arrive here the construction of the building will be pushed so that the entire project can go through without any delay. Today 20 men were put to work. The depot will be large in every way than was first planned.

Mr. Schlacks will finish his business here in a few days and expects to leave by Wednesday. He will keep in close touch with progress at all times and be a frequent visitor to the city.

## RIDDER SUCCEEDS HASKELL.

New York, Sept. 28.—Herman Ridder, editor of the Staats Zeitung, and vice chairman of the publicity bureau of the Democratic national committee, was tonight appointed by National Chairman Mack as treasurer of the national committee to succeed Gov. C. N. Haskell of Oklahoma, who resigned his position early today in Chicago.

BAD FIRE AT NEW  
SCOFFIELD MINE

Union Pacific Property is Wiped Out By Flames This Morning.

## ESCAPE OF COAL DIGGERS.

Men in Mine Are Warned and Get Out of Danger Through Another Opening.

(Special to the "News.")

Winterquarters, Sept. 28.—A serious disaster to the Union Pacific coal mine located at Scofield occurred this morning when fire from an unknown cause completely destroyed all mine improvements, and left the mouth of the shaft bare of its hoisting and loading structure and developing machinery.

The fire completely put the mine out of commission. It raged for two hours before being extinguished, and will require at least until next January to restore the property to its condition when the blaze was discovered this morning.

## BREAKS OUT IN BOILER ROOM.

Fire was discovered at 10 a. m. in the boiler room of the power plant, and it made rapid headway against ineffectual efforts to contain it. In short order the entire power plant, two new boiler rooms with their equipment, the main hoist, and the entire tipple and loading structure. The mine was full of men at the time, but fortunately another opening had been cut into the shaft and they were able to make their escape without injury.

Over a hundred men gathered to fight the flames but they were unable to secure water, the nearest supply being half a mile away at Scofield. The railroad "witch" engines worked constantly pulling away from the fire zone loaded coal cars, and bringing in empty cars on which were piled mine property that could be detached before being reached by the flames. Although many of the fire fighters had narrow escapes, none were seriously injured.

PITTSBURG CELEBRATING  
ITS 150th BIRTHDAY

Pittsburg, Sept. 28.—With the ring of salutes battery B, National Guard of Pennsylvania, stationed on Mount Washington overlooking the city, blowing through the city blowing trumpets, the 150th birthday party of Pittsburg was being celebrated throughout the city, beginning today. Today's program included dedication by the Daughters of the American Revolution to the monument to George Washington at the blockhouse, Fort Duquesne.

TWO DENVER NATIONAL  
BANKS CONSOLIDATE

Denver, Colo., Sept. 28.—Patrons of the United States National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce received their mail today announcement of the consolidation of the two banks. The business will be continued to the bank of Commerce in the point of reserves, the National Bank of Commerce having about 60 per cent, and the United States National Bank about 40 per cent. The consolidated bank is expected to have a cash in its vaults or in deposits in reserve cities subject to sight exchange.

The statements of the two banks at the close of the year 1907 showed that the combined deposits are \$5,474,397, and the combined resources \$7,321,811. The two banks stood highest among the banks of the country for the past year. The National Bank of Commerce having about 60 per cent, and the United States National Bank about 40 per cent. The consolidated bank is expected to have a cash in its vaults or in deposits in reserve cities subject to sight exchange.

## DROP IN TEMPERATURE.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—A drop of 10 degrees in the temperature occurred during the night following a storm of wind and rain. At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the mercury stood at 80 degrees, and at 8 o'clock this morning it had dropped to 50 degrees and early today it stood at 47 degrees.

Heavy frost is reported in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and north.

MACK DEFERS WESTERN  
TRIP, GOING TO NEW YORK

New York, Sept. 28.—Deferring his trip to the west until the latter part of the week, National Chairman Mack, who left here Saturday for Chicago, returned here today from Buffalo, where he received yesterday morning that his presence was desired in this city because of developments in the case of the United States National Bank.

It is understood that Mack, but it is expected that Herman Ridder, treasurer of the national committee, will accompany Mack to Chicago headquarters at the end of the week. The constitutionality of the entire act is tested.

The law under which the arrests were made was passed by the legislature in 1864 and makes it unlawful to conduct on Sunday any class of business except drug shops, livery stables, bakeries and butcher shops.

Until a week ago there is no record of its ever having been violated except for the provision against "drum shops and tipping places."

Last Sunday Dist. Atty. George J. Cameron caused the attention of Chief Justice Charles Gratzmacher to the statute and suggested that it be enforced against pool and billiard rooms and cigar stands in the present cities.

Chief Gratzmacher announced that if the statute was to be enforced against one class he would enforce it against all, and to this the district attorney agreed.

## JUDGE PRIEST.

Refuses to Discuss President's Reference to Him.

St. Louis, Sept. 28.—Judge Henry Priest of St. Louis refused today to discuss the reference to him in the statement issued by President Roosevelt last night.

FOUR SESSIONS  
FOR "AMERICANS"

Delegates Assemble in Salt Lake For Precinct, Municipal, County and State Conventions.

## CRITCHLOW HUNTS HIERARCH

But His Efforts Fall Flat on Chilled Audience, Which Is Too Busy Shivering to Listen.

(Special to the "News.")

Today was a busy one in political activity for the "American" party. Commencing with the early morning's mist the forces of its city delegations were busy selecting candidates for municipal judge. Hardly had the morning sun warmed up the atmosphere until its city precinct delegates were in session to name a precinct justice of the peace and constable, and then shortly before noon, the convention to name a county ticket got under way, and it will be continued most if not all of this afternoon.

This evening hierarchy hunting with torches will be indulged in as a proper trimming for the fourth convention of the day, which is to select a state ticket and listen to a speech by Frank J. Cannon.

The ticket so far as selected this morning is as follows:

For City Judges—Dana T. Smith and J. E. Darmer.

For Justice of the Peace—W. S. Dalton.

For Constable—Thomas S. Fowler, present incumbent.

Besides naming this ticket, the "Americans" who were present at the conventions, for the same delegates sat the whole morning through, resolving themselves from one convention into another with appropriate motions by Col. William Nelson, listened also to a platform, which had been prepared and printed for their edification, and to a "bite the hierarchy" speech by A. B. Critchlow, well known as one of the men in whose heart bitterness most completely dwells on matters connected with the large north end cut in the convention adjourned to give place to the regular county convention.

## CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

The following committees, selected by caucuses of the different wards were announced:

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## ROLL OF "STALWARTS."

The committee on organization and permanent order of business, then brought in a report, and the temporary organization of the label of permanent organization, and adding M. A. Daugherty, A. G. Mahan, Dr. C. N. Ray, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Cohen and Mrs. A. H. Little, as vice chairmen.

The work for this afternoon's session was outlined, to begin with the nominating of the city officers, followed by representatives for the house, county commissioners, treasurer, sheriff, clerk, auditor, recorder, attorney, surveyor, assessor and finally a county committee.

The work of the morning was conducted in an ice-cold building in which oratory and enthusiasm failed utterly to blaze to any proportion. The lower floor was well filled with delegates while in the first circle sat a sprinkling of spectators.

Following the adjournment of the county convention this afternoon, the state convention will commence at 8 o'clock p. m.

## CITY CONVENTION.

It Precedes County and Precinct Conventions In Theater This Morning.

The first of the four "American" party conventions held in the Salt Lake Theater today was that of the municipal convention, and in one hour it finished its work by getting Jerry E. Darmer and Dana T. Smith on the ticket as Salt Lake City municipal judges. No other candidates were nominated and these two were named by acclamation upon motion of Councilman T. R. Black, after listening to a speech by the latter one from W. J. Barrette in nominating Dana T. Smith and another from E. A. Rogers in naming J. E. Darmer.

Darmer is former city and county chairman. Smith has been precinct justice for two terms.

Immediately upon nominating these candidates the delegates resolved themselves into a precinct convention to select a justice of the peace and constable.

## PRECINCT JUSTICE.

W. S. Dalton Selected on Second Ballot With Tom Fowler, Constable.

The voting for candidates for constable and precinct justice was not allowed to proceed without interruptions from those who didn't like to be out in the cold and others who had accumulated an early morning supply of "Joy Juice."

A delegate from district 56 who had come up for the county convention resented playing a spectator's part, and wanted his vote recorded. He got the laugh in heavy encores from the convention floor and that was all.

There were a host of competing aspirants for the position of justice. In the first lineup they were W. S.

THE CONFERENCE.  
THE STATE FAIR.  
THE EISTEDDFOD.

THESE three events, all occurring within the first 10 days of October, will bring to Salt Lake the greatest throngs of people the city has been called on to entertain for many years past.

The great majority of them will come prepared to make their fall and winter purchases, as well as to take in the sights and entertainments of the city.

Our merchants are reminded that THE ONE MEANS of reaching the country people of the West in their homes, is through the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS.

MAKE YOUR APPEAL IN THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS. ISSUED MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

Dalton, W. R. White, Dan B. Shleide, Joseph G. Cecil, F. S. Palmquist, and J. A. Condit.

After a ballot was taken all the little candidates were left in the race, the vote being scattered liberally among all aspirants. Dalton led with 149, White second, with 86, and the field led by Shleide with 79, followed by Cecil, Palmquist and Condit with 75, 48 and 19 1/2 respectively.

Dalton's lead gained through the second ballot until he came in safely with a single vote of 140, Cecil splitting a minority between them.

As many people wanted the nomination for constable as well as justice to be justice. After Tom Fowler, present incumbent, James F. Vetch, Samuel Adams and J. W. Minor had been nominated a single vote of the roll was sufficient to land Fowler the nomination. His vote was 280 1/2 to 89 for Vetch, his nearest competitor.

Mr. Fowler, with a motion that the city committee act as a municipal and as a precinct committee to fill vacancies, closed the convention's regular business. The roll call cut the convention adjourned to give place to the regular county convention.

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BLOODY AFFAIR IN  
EAST TENNESSEE

Scene a Little Baptist Church Near Which is Located a Blind Tiger.

## FOUR MEN WERE SHOT DOWN

Rev. Mr. Kind, Minister, Among Them—As Congregation Was Emerging Drunken Men Began Shooting.

(Special to the "News.")

Jellico, Tenn., Sept. 28.—One of the bloodiest affairs in the history of East Tennessee occurred near the Tennessee-Kentucky line north of Anthrax postoffice yesterday. The scene was a little Baptist church near which is a blind tiger. Services had closed and nearly all the congregation had emerged from the church when a crowd of drunken men who had visited the "blind tiger" began firing into the worshippers with pistols. John Bennett, J. W. McKinney and Edward Thomas were shot down at the church door and died almost instantly, streams of blood from their wounds flowing down the steps of the little church. The preacher, a Rev. Kind, was shot and mortally wounded, falling in the church yard. Another worshiper named Gibson was also shot down in front of the church, but is not dangerously wounded.

Anthracis is five miles from a railroad and has no telephone connection. Jellico officers could not learn the names of any of the men implicated in the shooting. All of the dead and wounded men have families except Bennett.

## EX SENATOR PETTIGREW

Says That Four Years Ago Republican Nat'l Committee, Through an Ex-Senator, Sought His Services.

Salem, S. D., Sept. 28.—While traveling with William J. Bryan from Sioux Falls to Mitchell, former Senator R. F. Pettigrew today, pointed out to the four-year-old son of his father, who had been approached by the Republican national committee through a former United States senator with an offer of \$10,000 to raise the body and bring it to this city for exhibition.

The owner of the craft, Elmer Westergren, was seated at the stern of the boat and after he was thrown into the water, he was the body of the boat. Westergren's brother-in-law, John Frick, was one of the victims. Westergren seemed to be in a state of confusion, and refused to answer questions of the police. According to information given by the police by Joseph H. Westergren, early today the men drowned were:

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