

# OBSERVATIONS

By G. P. S.

## WINNEMUCCA

One hundred and seventy-five miles north-east from Reno on the line of the Southern Pacific, is the town of Winnemucca over which our old friend Sitzer reigns. It is located in the Valley of the Humboldt at an altitude of about 4,500 feet, approximately the same as Reno. Many fine stock ranches dot the great valley and, as in the whole country, all are suffering from lack of rainfall.

I was much disappointed not to find my friend Sitzer at home, but had to forgive him when told that he was in Ely advising the Democratic convention. And from all reports, they needed plenty of good advice.

## GEORGE NIXON

Winnemucca is still flavored with the memory of Senator George Nixon, although he passed away more than twenty years ago. The Republican State convention which I was attending was held in the Nixon Opera House, a fine structure on the ground floor, and beautiful and well equipped theatre on the second floor.

Senator Nixon in his youthful days worked as telegraph operator in Winnemucca and later, after he achieved fortune and fame and a seat in the United States Senate, called Winnemucca his home although he later built a palatial residence in Reno. Those of us who were so fortunate as to be acquainted with Senator Nixon remember him as a most keen and forceful personality, clever and witty, but always knowing and maintaining his own opinions. In personal popularity Senator Nixon had few equals and the people of Winnemucca, at least the older ones are fond of reminiscing about their former illustrious citizen.

## HUMBOLDT HOTEL

I stopped at "The" hotel, The Humboldt, a fine, five-story structure which was financed, I was told, by George Wingfield. I found the Humboldt a pleasant place to stop, with an excellent dining room and lunch counter service and very moderate prices. One unusual thing about The Humboldt, to me at least, was the location of the bar. Entering the small lobby we find on our right the hotel office where the guests register, and on the left, perhaps twelve or fifteen feet distant, the bar where the thirsty guests and townspeople (and convention delegates) gather to exchange stories, talk politics and drink their little highballs. It is really very convenient, even if somewhat unusual.

The building of the hotel by George Wingfield was, I imagine, to some extent a tribute to his old friend, Senator George Nixon. Because, it will be remembered, Senator Nixon provided the finances to his young partner, George Wingfield, when the latter was engaged in his herculean task of consolidating the mines of Goldfield into what became the tremendously rich and powerful Goldfield Consolidated, which for some years produced upwards of a million dollars a month in the yellow metal, and placed both the partners in the millionaire class.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Republican State Convention is what attracted us to Winnemucca.

There were Harold Anderson and Harold, Junior, of Boulder City; Senator Bert Henderson, Ryland Taylor and myself, in the group representing Clark county. We arrived at Winnemucca late Monday afternoon and most of that night was devoted to renewing old acquaintanceships and discussing plans for the convention and the campaign.

We were told that the "New Dealers," a group of ambitious Reno politicians, were maneuvering to get control of the party organization. This, naturally, was not particularly pleasing to the delegates from the "outside" counties. However, during the night and at the opening session of the convention Tuesday forenoon, the outsiders found that they could control the convention if they desired (demonstrated by the vote of 91 to 54 in electing Mark Bradshaw the temporary chairman of the convention) after which things were quite harmonious and the two factions united in complete harmony in electing a young man from Yerrington, John R. Ross, as permanent chairman of the convention and chairman of the Republican State Committee.

George Wingfield, Republican National Committeeman, was present at the convention and, in spite of the financial disasters he has suffered during the past two or three years, seemed to hold the confidence of his former friends to a high degree. Although the "New Dealers" faction composed of bitter personal financial and political enemies of Mr. Wingfield in Reno, had been making frantic efforts to elect delegates opposed to him, they were able to muster but a comparatively small minority, and rumored attacks on Mr. Wingfield on the convention floor failed to materialize. On the contrary, the close of the convention found the party, at least so far as one could judge from appearances, in complete harmony except for occasional differences of opinion on the part of certain individuals.

On the whole, if we are to believe the published reports of the Democratic State Convention at Ely, the Republicans of the state are in much more complete working harmony than our Democratic friends. One thing gratifying to people of Clark County which the Ely convention did, was the re-election of Ed. Clark as Democratic National Committeeman.

## VISITS VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Whipple spent Sunday in Moapa Valley visiting relatives.

## RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beam were visiting in California last week.

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