

TO LONE JACK IN FORCE

REPUBLICANS TO MAKE A SHOWING AT THE ANNUAL PICNIC.

Victors at the St. Joseph Convention Talk Over the Events of Last Week—A St. Louis Man for Chairman, Says Dickey.

About sixty Republicans, most of whom had been delegates to the recent convention at St. Joseph, met in the New York Life building last night to talk over the events of the convention. It was a sort of good fellowship meeting to rejoice over what had been done and talk about making the campaign this fall.

Before the meeting ended it decided on two things. One was to ask the Kansas City members of the new state committee, which will meet in St. Louis Saturday, to hold a big rally for Western Missouri in Convention hall in Kansas City. The committeemen will be asked to say that any early meeting here is desirable and suggest the great advantages offered by Convention hall as the place for one of the state's biggest meetings. They also authorized Walter S. Dickey, who was chairman of the meeting, to appoint a committee of five to get up a large party to attend the meeting at Lone Jack, August 16, which will be virtually the opening of the campaign in Jackson county.

The latter arrangement was the suggestion of Nelson Crews, a colored man, who made it clear that it must be a white man's party only. Crews had been invited to speak, and, after telling some experiences in St. Joseph, he said to the meeting that the Lone Jack picnic will be an important political event "and," he added, "you white Republicans, you of the Anglo-Saxon race, should send a big party to Lone Jack. You ought to hire every carriage and every automobile you can get and take a thousand good Republicans to Lone Jack to attend the meeting."

Herbert S. Hadley quickly seconded the suggestion and said hundreds of Democrats from Kansas City would attend the picnics, but Republicans who go are very few. He thought it would be a very good thing for Republicans from the city to go and make the acquaintance of the country Democrats.

Most of the speeches dealt in reminiscences of the St. Joseph convention. Walter S. Dickey told those present that any remarks about the state committee chairmanship would not be in order. "We made this fight for a principle," he said. "Oh that we won. We said we wanted the chairman of the committee selected by the free action of the candidates and committee. To make any suggestions would be out of place. Besides, I think the chairman will be a St. Louis man. St. Louis has long been the headquarters of the committee. It is the largest city, has the largest Republican vote and its Republican newspapers have large general state circulation. Mr. Walbridge lives in St. Louis and will want headquarters to be there. It would be very natural that he would prefer to have a St. Louis man in charge."

Mayor J. H. Neff, Herbert S. Hadley, Homer B. Mann, E. C. Ellis, F. M. Hayward, Walter Davis, John G. Park, Joseph McCoy and several others talked of the necessity for going about the fall campaign in the same organized way that was adopted in the fight at St. Joseph. They talked, too, of the effect in the state of having campaign committees organized on a basis of trying to carry the state and told of incidents in the contest at St. Joseph. One or two suggested that perhaps the postmasters and their followers would join, since they could not beat, the stronger organization that is now in control of the party machinery.