

CLACKAMAS PUTS TICKET IN FIELD

Republicans in Assembly Name
Full List From Senator
to Surveyor.

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Party Gatherings Are Likened to
King George in Speech by
J. H. Revenue.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—The perfect harmony between the Republican assembly of Clackamas County this afternoon decided to recommend candidates for county offices, and then placed a complete ticket in the field, from State Senator to Surveyor. Even the most rabid anti-assembly men admit that the ticket is one of the strongest named by the Republicans of Clackamas County for many years. The geographical situation was carefully studied by all of the delegates in making the nominations, with the result that all of the offices did not go to Oregon City, as has been the case ever since the direct primary law was placed in operation. The assembly ticket follows:

State Senator—L. D. Walker, of Canby. Representatives—J. W. Exon, of Dover; Dr. H. S. Mount, of Oregon City, and J. S. Yoder, of Neady. Judge—Charles T. Reese, of Gladstone. Commissioner—Nicholas Blair, of Killbuck. Sheriff—E. C. Hackett, of Harding. Clerk—C. M. Lake, of Boring. Recorder—E. P. Dedman, of Clackamas. Treasurer—James A. Tufts, of Gladstone. Coroner—Dr. Thomas J. Fox, of Oregon City. Surveyor—D. T. Meldrum, of Oak Grove.

Primary Law Defended.

"There seems to be an impression that the assembly is a blow at the primary law," said Chairman John H. Gibson, of Harmony Precinct, in making the assembly to order, "but let me say there has not been a single man to whom I have talked who has ever suggested such a procedure. The assembly is not a blow at the primary law, but a blow at the party machine. I have been charged with being a chronic officeholder and I want to say to you there is not an office in the gift of this county that could be handed to me on a silver platter."

M. J. Lee, of Canby, said the majority of the members of the Republican party for organization and action cannot accomplish anything without it.

"I would fight to the last ditch," said M. Lee, "any attempt to destroy the direct primary law. We are going to have a fight to reorganize the party and to do this you have got to recommend clean men. Whether it is good policy for the assembly to recommend a ticket at this time is for you to decide."

Upon a motion of Mr. Lee to recommend candidates for county offices, L. D. Porter, of West Oregon City, said the assembly had adjourned two weeks ago to reconvene for that particular purpose.

Dictation of Few Fails.

"If the ticket we recommend," said Mr. Porter, "is one that meets the approval of the Republicans, then it will be nominated. Nearly every other county in the state has recommended a ticket, and I am going to lay down the dictation of a few men. I believe it is entirely within the province of the delegates here to recommend candidates."

E. P. Carter, of Gladstone, George Randall and Charles H. Dye, in the interest of party harmony, did not favor the recommendation of candidates. John E. Clark offered a resolution to endorse the state assembly ticket and adjourn, but it was voted down, and Mr. Lee's motion prevailed. Charles A. Miller said fair-minded men should rule.

"One or two men are trying to rule the Republican party in Clackamas County," said Mr. Miller. "One or two men tried to break up the meeting of the county central committee. One or two men wanted a letter from the assembly and got another man to sign it. I do not want the Republican party to be in the hands of one or two men or a dozen men."

"When did the Republican party lose the right to assemble?" asked J. H. Revenue, of Sandy. "King George would not let the American people assemble, and we have another King George in this county who does not want us to assemble. We have a right to recommend candidates, and we would have the right if only ten of us were here."

Nominations Made Unanimous.

During the balloting for candidates the utmost harmony and good will prevailed. All of the nominations, except those for Judge, Recorder and Commissioner, were made by acclamation, and every nomination was made unanimously. E. W. Bartlett, of Estacada, was nominated for State Senator, but withdrew in Mr. Walker's favor. Blair secured the endorsement for Commissioner over Goussell on a question of geographical location.

Chairman Gibson was authorized to name an executive committee of five, with himself as chairman, to manage the assembly campaign and he will also appoint a committee of five to each precinct to be taken from the delegates to the county assembly to fill any vacancies that may occur. It is possible that the chairman, for senatorial, will decline to make the race against George C. Brownell, who is running independent of the assembly.

In view of the fact that Chairman Gibson is a candidate for the nomination of Governor, the assembly did not endorse the state assembly ticket, feeling that a certain position of the assembly on this point was made plain by Chairman Gibson.

WASHINGTON NAMES TICKET

Candidates Suggested for County and Legislative Offices.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 30.—(Special.)

The Republican assembly for Washington County met here today with a delegate and proxy attendance of 156, and nominated a complete legislative and county ticket. The highest contest of the assembly was over County Judge, Judge J. W. Coodin, incumbent, and a candidate for the assembly indorse-

ment, losing to G. W. Marsh, of Centerville, by a vote of 55 to 70.

The nominations are as follows:

County Judge—G. W. Marsh, ex-member of the Legislature.

County Commissioner—John Nyberg, of Tualatin.

Representatives—W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove; John A. Chapman, Middleton; and C. F. Tigar, of Tigard.

County Clerk—J. W. Bailey, incumbent, named by acclamation.

Sheriff—George G. Hancock, incumbent, by acclamation.

Recorder of Conveyances—Leo Perkins, present deputy, by acclamation.

County Treasurer—H. G. King, by acclamation.

Surveyor—A. A. Morrill, incumbent.

Coroner—E. C. Brown, incumbent.

S. A. D. Meek, a member of the last Legislature, was a candidate for re-election, but received only 20 votes. Sheriff Hancock, who had announced himself as a candidate before the direct primaries, was indorsed by acclamation after Bedford Laughlin, of Forest Grove, had been named as a prospective candidate. Hancock had refused to ask the indorsement of the assembly, and had published his announcement in the county papers. His friends, however, were in the assembly, and made such a presentation of his candidacy that laughter, whistles and Hancock went in by acclamation.

The assembly passed the following resolution:

"We repeat with pardonable pride to the record and achievements of the National party, and reaffirm our allegiance to the same."

"We indorse the Administration of President Taft, and commend it for having carried to a successful conclusion the pledges, as contained in the last National platform."

"We heartily indorse the nominations made by the Republican state assembly, held in Portland last week, and pledge our loyal support to its nominees."

"We believe in the principles of representative government, and indorse the direct primary law on the statute books at the best of our judgment on that subject to the present time."

"We believe in nominating and electing the very best men available to office in this district, county and precinct, and we believe that an assembly of representative Republicans is the best qualified to bring about that desirable result, and also the best qualified to judge of the ability, fitness and character of candidates."

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The candidacy of J. M. Ashton of Tacoma, for United States Senator was indorsed to show the feeling of reciprocity of Tacoma, which recently over-whelmingly indorsed McCredie for Congress in the convention assembled. The 21 delegates chosen today were: W. W. Sparks, G. R. Percival, A. J. Cook, A. B. Eastham, W. D. Sappington, A. L. Miller, R. H. Back, S. J. Miller, E. E. Beard, J. H. Elwell, J. P. Stapleton, Gerry Shaw, W. F. Peddicord, Lloyd DuBoise, N. C. Hall, E. M. Hays, Glen N. Ratck, Andrew Thompson, John Rousch, George McCoy and P. Commacher. It was voted that in case the full number did not go, that the others would have full power to cast the full ballot.

Pledges Are Demanded.

The question of the candidates pledging themselves when they file their announcements was threshed out. There was a strong debate about the proposition, but it was finally unanimously decided to include the following resolution in the party platform.

"We demand that candidates for legislative nominations who solicit the suffrages of the Republican voters shall file with their declarations of candidacy their written pledges to support, if elected, vote always for the candidate of the Republican party for United States Senator who shall receive the highest vote."

Representative McCredie was called upon for a speech and he responded and spoke for an hour, defending his stand for voting with the regulars during his term in Congress. His name was the signal for tumultuous applause, which did not subside for several minutes.

The convention was called to order by A. J. Bigham, chairman of the central committee, and J. P. Stapleton was elected as temporary chairman. There was a strong feeling of reciprocity for M. B. Kies. The election was later made permanent. Charles W. Hall was chosen secretary, and A. Lindh assistant.

Percival Opposes Pledge.

The committee on credentials was: M. B. Evans, A. H. Evans and W. F. Aldrich. Committee on order of business, A. L. Miller, John Harvey and William Sluman. Committee on resolutions, Glen N. Ratck, E. M. Hays, J. P. French, J. J. Harrington and A. M. Blaker.

The committee of five to select the delegates was M. B. Kies, J. P. French, W. W. McCredie, A. L. Miller and Curtis Anderson.

In favor of the resolution indorsing J. M. Ashton for Senator, E. M. Hays, W. W. Sparks, G. R. Percival, E. E. Beard, J. P. Stapleton, Glen N. Ratck, Andrew Thompson, John Rousch, George McCoy and P. Commacher. Mr. Beard said that Judge Burke, himself a candidate for the Senate, did not object to this convention's indorsing Ashton.

E. L. French, incumbent, and C. S. Blair, both candidates for Representative, have filed their pledges. G. R. Percival is opposed to the pledge.

Standing in front of the judge's bench, on which he had presided as Justice, Judge Burke, for nearly two terms, indorsed the Republican party and Representative McCredie told the assembled delegates the story of his life from the time he attended the little schoolhouse back in Iowa.

In speaking of Polindexter, Mr. McCredie said: "Mr. Polindexter and I differ extremely in our opinions on various questions, but we are both Republicans. Senator Jones is a good man and I will say here that you would have to make the State of Washington a long time before you would find a better Senator than Mr. Jones. I will always be a Jones man."

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