

THE FARMERS MEET

THE PEOPLE'S PARTY HOLDS ITS STATE CONVENTION.

Nominations for State, Congressional and Judicial Officers—The Farmers' Alliance Meeting.

The state convention of the farmers' alliance met at Shively's theater last Monday and continued its session through Tuesday with closed doors. There were delegates present from twenty-three counties representing nearly 300 sub-alliances in the state. Most of the delegates were also delegates to the people's party convention that met Wednesday and they numbered about forty. Tuesday night, many of the people's party delegates having arrived an open meeting was held in the theater and a lot of public speaking indulged in. There were few other than farmers' alliance and people's party men present, there having been no notice of the meeting given. But they talked to themselves till 2 o'clock in the morning.

The following state officers were elected by the farmer's alliance: N. Pierce of Umatilla president, James Bruce of Benton first vice-president, S. H. Holt of Jackson second vice-president, W. W. Myers of Clackamas secretary and treasurer, Ira Wakefield of Jackson chaplain, J. C. Oliver of Union steward, P. L. Hart of Multnomah doorkeeper, and N. Reynolds of Josephine assistant doorkeeper. Geo. W. Weeks of Marion, W. H. Spangh of Lane and W. A. Semple of Umatilla were made executive committee.

THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

The people's party convention assembled at Shively's theater Wednesday morning. Chairman Galvani of the state central committee called the convention to order and a temporary organization was completed by choosing W. A. Semple of Umatilla county secretary, S. H. Holt of Jackson, W. H. Spangh of Lane, J. W. Bruce of Benton, Mrs. S. R. Keenan of Multnomah, and John G. Luce of Grant were appointed committee on credentials.

A committee on platform consisting of one member from each county represented was appointed and it withdrew to consider the platform. However, H. V. Rork, the farmers' alliance organizer, was added to the committee by courtesy before it retired.

The state central committee consisting of Pierce, Hendricks and Cooper, was made a committee on state organization. Everhard was appointed sergeant at arms. Pierce, West and Wakefield were appointed committee on order of business.

While the committees were out some speeches were made and there were several ineffectual attempts to organize the congressional districts and get an expression of opinion as to candidates. About 2:30 the credentials committee reported the following delegates entitled to seats:

Baker—J. K. Fisher.
Benton—James Bruce and J. W. Parish.
Clackamas—E. H. Cooper, W. W. Myers, W. S. U'Ren, Steve Colman, Joseph Casto, W. A. Starkweather, E. C. Hamilton, A. H. Reynolds, P. D. Curran, M. H. White, Geo. Ogle and Joseph Meindl.
Columbia—W. H. Kizer, L. F. Banger, L. D. Dugan, John Campbell, D. M. Ewing, E. R. Darling and R. S. Hatton.
Douglas—J. C. Kent, J. Green, H. A. Chapman and J. W. Mullen.
Grant—John C. Luce.
Josephine—N. Reynolds.
Jackson—S. F. Holt, J. W. Marksburg, Ira Wakefield and Wm. H. Bruce.
Lane—R. B. Caldwell, W. H. Spangh, M. B. Rees, J. F. Kirk and F. M. Nighswander.
Linn—E. H. Dunton, F. Munkers, B. F. Irvine, John Bryant and Wm. Connor.
Marion—K. W. Jory, Chas. Miller, Sam Arnold, Chas. Jamieson, D. E. Swank, F. M. Albaugh, V. G. Hays and G. W. Week.
Morrow—M. C. Mater and E. P. Sine.
Multnomah—S. B. Edwards, E. Knapp, T. E. Kirk, S. S. Long, Chas. Doring, Henry Addis, S. B. Edwards, W. L. Johnson, F. M. Kerns, John E. Sitou, W. H. Rosebrock, Mrs. S. R. Keenan, J. Waldrop, Henry Kane and T. H. McGill.
Polk—G. C. Bell, J. D. Kelly, and E. S. Stevens.
Union—D. Wright, J. C. Oliver, O. W. Hoffman and J. B. Huffman.
Umatilla—N. Pierce, W. A. Semple, C. B. Roberts, Thos. Page, O. D. Teel and Henry Smith.
Washington—H. D. Luce, R. H. Mitchell, Joseph Buckner, G. W. Kelly, M. E. Chase, O. F. Hubble, W. L. Johnson, John E. Seaton, C. Tupper, John Farkey, John Pickett and John Campbell.
Wallowa—W. E. Burleigh.
Yamhill—L. M. McIntosh, Geo. Olds, Richard Baird, J. P. Jolly and D. G. Rogers.
Dunham Wright of Umatilla was elected president, Charles Doering of Portland secretary, and E. H. Cooper of Clackamas assistant secretary. The report of the committee on order of business was presented and after a good deal of talk it was adopted as follows:

1. Report of committee on state organization.
2. Report of committee on platform.
3. Nomination of candidates for congress.
4. Nomination of supreme judge.
5. Nomination of one judge in each judicial district.
6. Nomination of district attorney in each judicial district.
7. Nomination of joint state senators by districts. (This item of the report was referred to a special committee of one from each senatorial district.)
8. Nomination of presidential electors.
9. Election of delegates to the national convention at Omaha, July 4.
10. Nomination of state board of equalization.

Whitfield offered a resolution authorizing the state executive committee to fill any vacancies in nominations for senators. The previous question was ordered and the resolution was at first carried, then immediately reconsidered and tabled.

Galvani of the committee on state organization reported a scheme which he assured the convention would give it the best organization of all the political parties. By it each precinct or ward was to name an executive committee of five, a committee composed of one from each precinct committee would constitute the county executive committee, and so on up. Its method of operation was outlined in detail, Galvani moved the adoption of his own report, made a speech upon it and it was accepted as a whole.

The committee on platform being not yet ready to report at 8 o'clock, Ina-keep sang a song. Hays, Bucher, and West broiled the state militia and Starkweather orated an hour on the issues of the day. Mrs. Keenan of Portland, the only woman delegate in the convention, made a neat and pertinent address which was well received. Dr. White of Canby started in for a speech but the platform committee appeared at this juncture and the doctor's oratory was shut off.

THE PLATFORM.

It was after 10 o'clock when the platform was reported and, fortunately for those who were in a hurry, it was immediately adopted as a whole as read. It called for a circulating medium equal to \$50 per capita, land for all our people and not for aliens, demanded that the government own and operate the railways, that the railway commission be abolished and a maximum rate law passed reducing charges one-third from present rates, that telephones and telegraphs be owned and operated by the government, that the Columbia river be improved and a railway parallel with that stream be run at cost by the government, that all national revenues be raised by interest of two per cent. on all money loaned by the government and a graduated property tax, that no exemption for indebtedness be allowed unless the party claiming it report a corresponding taxable credit, that alcohol be sold only by state agents and that saloons be abolished. The platform declared in favor of equal suffrage, against Chinese, in favor of the state publishing school books, that county officials should be paid regular salaries, that eight hours constitute a day's work, that the Knights of Labor label be recognized, that no government aid be given the Nicaragua canal unless it own and operate that waterway, and it also declared unalterable opposition to Pinkerton or any other similar detectives. It favored the election of all officers by direct vote of the people and wanted the government to recompense the old soldiers by paying the difference between the current and the gold value of the money in which they were paid during the war. The platform was adopted with a yell and a vote of thanks given the committee.

Then the two congressional conventions got into a snarl by trying to hold separate meetings under the same chairman. Two or three times a motion to adjourn was lost on a division of the house. Once the second district resolved to adjourn anyway but it gave up the idea when it found that there was a lot of general business still to be transacted. Finally the first district got to an informal ballot for congressman but it was too much mixed to be worth anything. Then the formal nominations of M. V. Rork and S. H. Holt were made and a ballot resulted in favor of the former sixty-five to thirty.

It was 11 o'clock but Burleigh, the bunchgrass orator from Wallowa who had been discovered the previous evening, was called out for a speech. Rork then was called for and he pulled out the tromolo stop in his voice and expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and asked and obtained permission to substitute Mr. Holt if he should from any cause fail during the campaign. Then a motion to adjourn was recklessly carried with a whoop, Holt making his remarks as the sleepy delegates were edging toward the door.

Thursday forenoon J. C. Luce of Grant county was nominated by the second district for congress and Dunham Wright of Umatilla for supreme judge. J. M. Archibald of Columbia was nominated for circuit judge in the fifth circuit but he declined the nomination leaving the place vacant. The convention is in session at the time of going to press.

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