

IN THE FIELD.

Republicans Nominate County and Legislative Ticket.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE CONVENTION

Maddock for Sheriff, Horton for Clerk and Ramsby for Recorder.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHOSEN.

Delegates to the State Convention Instructed for Bernama For Congressman and McBride for Judge—A Rousing Session.

For Senator—Gordon E. Hayes of Oregon City.

For Representatives—Joel P. Geer of Wilsonville, A. S. Lawton of Canemah and Henry Jewell of Highland.

For Sheriff—Eli C. Maddock of New Era.

For Clerk—Geo. F. Horton of Needy, For Recorder—M. S. Ramsby of Molalla.

For Treasurer—J. O. Wetherell of Canemah.

For Surveyor—Sidney Smyth of Oregon City.

For Superintendent of Schools—H. S. Gibson of Clackamas.

For Assessor—J. C. Bradley of Borings.

For Coroner—R. L. Holman of Oregon City.

Clackamas county's preference for Congressman—Binger Herman of Roseburg.

Clackamas county's preference for Circuit Judge—T. A. McBride of Oregon City.

It was an earnest, hardworking set of men that collected in Oregon City last Wednesday morning, delegates to the republican county convention. They were a lively lot too, and the festive candidates had to circulate so industriously to keep their respective booms in order that the atmosphere was soaked to the saturation point with politics. Good nature prevailed in the midst of the activities and when Chairman Rands called the convention to order a few minutes after 10 o'clock Wednesday morning everybody was ready for real work.

The temporary offices of the convention were Charles F. Clark of Clackamas chairman, Charles Holman of Upper Molalla secretary, and J. L. Swafford of Ely and W. M. Shank of Canby assistant secretaries. A committee of five on credentials, consisting of John Kruse, E. Harrington, H. S. Ramsby, Frank Jagger and J. C. Hungerford, was appointed with instructions to report at 11 o'clock and the convention took a recess till that hour. Upon reassembling the credentials committee reported the following list of delegates entitled to seats and as one of the precincts, Cherryville, had not reported the committee was continued through the session.

THE DELEGATES.

Abernethy—J. T. Apperson, W. H. Smith and Charles Holmstrom.

Barlow—C. U. Barlow, Andrew Koehler and Henry Will.

Beaver Creek—Frank Jagger, John Moehne and Michael Moelinko.

Borings—R. N. Bradley and W. M. Boring.

Canemah—D. B. Martin, John Wilkinson and John Carothers.

Cascades—T. G. Jonsrud, H. B. Chase, E. S. Bramhall and Herman Bruns.

Clackamas—Chas. F. Clark, A. Mather, Dr. Dedman and James W. Roots.

Canyon Creek—W. E. Bonney and Charles Hubbard.

Canby—William Vorpahl, H. H. Wheeler, V. L. Mack and W. M. Shank.

Damascus—J. A. Wilson, J. R. Morton, F. M. Osburn and L. E. Wise.

Eagle Creek—J. F. Gibson, Henry Looney and C. D. Smith.

Ely—James L. Swafford, Joseph N. Harrington and John H. Darling.

Garfield—J. J. Davis and C. S. Porter.

George—Jno. C. Schmidt.

Hardings—J. M. Tracy, W. H. Githens and John J. Bargfield.

Highland—Edward Harrington and Henry Jewell.

Lower Molalla—O. A. Wright and O. L. Barber.

Marquam—John Labour, Isaac D. Larkins, Samuel Irons and G. W. Bentley.

Milwaukee—P. J. Davis, Jno. Wise, R. S. McLaughlin, M. F. Ambler, J. C. Hungerford and F. Birkenmeyer.

Milk Creek—James Nelson and A. L. Larkins.

Needy—John H. Welfer, Wm. Thompson, R. W. Zimmerman, T. B. Killen.

New Era—W. S. Rider, Charles Foster and A. Bremer.

Oregon City No. 1—John G. Pillsbury, H. H. Johnson, Geo. Warner, W. H. Howell, T. F. Ryan, J. E. Rhodes, John Trembath jr. and J. H. Moffatt.

Oregon City No. 2—Peter Paquet, Geo. C. Brownell, C. N. Greenman, Geo. Rinearson, Geo. Calliff, T. W. Sul-

ivan, F. R. Charman and Chas. C. Babcock.

Oswego—G. W. Prosser, A. Walling, J. C. Hayes, Wm. Dyer, J. J. Johnson and Richard Wilmot.

Pleasant Hill—Wm. Scott, J. M. Kelso F. H. Eymor.

Springwater—C. C. Hoopes, Henry Dubois.

Soda Springs—Henry Thomas, Martin Boyles and J. M. Brown.

Siever—W. D. Pickens and Will Welch.

Tualatin—Frank Kruse, Alvin Phillips and John Kruse.

Upper Molalla—T. S. Stipp, H. S. Ramsby and Chas. Holman.

Union—Jacob Miley and Edward McClincy.

Viola—William Stone and Chas. Stone.

West Side—Frank Ford and E. Parker.

The committee on permanent organization and order of business was appointed by the chair, consisting of the following delegates: Peter Paquet, H. H. Johnson, William Boring, G. C. Brownell and J. N. Harrington. J. W. Root, William Scott and J. H. Welfer were appointed committee on resolutions and an adjournment taken till 1 o'clock.

After dinner the committee report that the temporary organization be made permanent was adopted and the following order of business for making nominations was agreed to: 1, state senator; 2, three representatives; 3, coroner; 4, assessor; 5, superintendent of schools; 6, surveyor; 7, one county commissioner; 8, treasurer; 9, recorder; 10, clerk; 11, sheriff; 12, delegates to state convention. It was also agreed that a majority vote should be required to nominate.

The committee also reported the following resolutions which had been adopted at the Clackamas primary, and they were agreed to by a rousing vote:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the present law in relation to the assessment of property and the distribution of taxes, while apparently a just law in theory, has been found to be most unjust and pernicious in its practical operation and detrimental to the best interests and greatest prosperity of this state; and believing the time has come when a majority of the people desire that the law known as the "Mortgage Tax Law" shall be repealed and a law substituted in its place, which, in its practical operation, will distribute the burden of taxation equally and equitably among all classes and interests throughout each and every section of this state, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the republicans of Clackamas county in convention assembled, condemn the law known as the "Mortgage Tax Law," as unjust and discriminating in its application and detrimental to the highest development, growth and prosperity of this state. Be it further

Resolved: That we are in favor of a law assessing all real and personal property (except credits) wherever said property may be found, to the party or parties who are the legal possessors and owners of the same, taxing on credits and allowing no deduction for indebtedness. Be it further

Resolved: That the assessments in each and every county in the state shall be rated on the same basis of valuation, to the end that no county shall have any undue advantage in the distribution of the state fund.

Whereas the increase in the amount of business transacted by the clerks and sheriffs of their respective counties, under the present fee system and the emoluments arising therefrom, are far greater than the services rendered and a burden upon the taxpayers; therefore be it

Resolved: That a law should be passed by the next legislature making the offices of clerk and sheriff salaried offices; and be it further

Resolved: That such salaries shall not exceed \$1,800.

THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS.

For state senator, Geo. C. Brownell, John G. Pillsbury and Gordon E. Hayes, of Oregon City, W. B. Marye of Barlow, G. W. Prosser of Oswego, and John W. Palmateer of Garfield were put in nomination. In a felicitous speech Brownell declined the nomination on the ground that he was a comparatively new man in the district, and he warmly and eloquently seconded the nomination of Hayes. Prosser also declined to stand for the nomination. Prosser and A. Mather were appointed tellers and a motion was adopted directing that the vote be taken as the secretary called the roll of delegates by precincts.

Brownell's name was read in the list of those to be voted for but he insisted on withdrawing though there were objecting voices on all sides. Finally the chair, in view of the popular demand for Brownell asked him if, in case he were chosen, he would serve. To this he emphatically responded that he would not; that his declination was in good faith and he would on no consideration accept the nomination. This settled it and the ballot for the other four proceeded, resulting in the choice of Hayes, who received seventy-two of the 110 votes cast. He was called before the convention and expressed his thanks in a neat speech.

For representatives Joel P. Geer of Pleasant Hill, James M. Tracy of Hardings, A. S. Lawton of Canemah, C. S. Porter of Garfield, Andrew Koehler of Barlow, Richard Scott of Milwaukee, E. M. Hartman of Marquam, and Henry Jewell of Highland were placed in nomination. On the first ballot Lawton received fifty-eight votes, Geer fifty-six and Jewell fifty-five, a majority in each case so they were declared the nominees of the convention. Scott got forty-two votes, Tracy forty and Hartman thirty-six, and there were twenty-five scatter-

ing. The successful men appeared before the convention and expressed thanks for the honor conferred.

THE COUNTY OFFICERS.

R. L. Holman of Oregon City, Dr. Edmonds of Oswego and Dr. C. B. Smith of Eagle Creek, were named for coroner. Dr. Smith declined and the ballot gave Holman ninety-one and Edmonds fourteen.

J. C. Bradley of Borings was nominated for assessor by acclamation, there being no other name before the convention for the office.

For school superintendent J. A. Nelson of Needy, Geo. R. Dunn, of West Side, Arthur Winches of Needy, S. A. D. Garley of Canby, H. G. Starkweather of Milwaukee, H. F. Gibson of Clackamas and George L. Story of Oregon City were put in nomination. On the first ballot Garley had forty votes, Starkweather fourteen, Nelson nine, Winches five and Dunn two. Nelson, Winches and Dunn withdrew after the first ballot, the two former naming Gibson as their preference. Dr. Smith, who had placed Gibson in nomination, put in a telling speech for his candidate at this juncture and the second ballot gave Gibson seventy, Garley thirty-nine and Starkweather two. Gibson was declared the nominee and he appeared and thanked the convention.

Sidney Smyth of Oregon City was nominated for surveyor by acclamation, there being no opposition, and he expressed his appreciation of the honor.

For county commissioner a lot of names were put in nomination. There were James Winston of Damascus, Jacob Miley of Union, F. M. Osburn of Damascus, George Randall of New Era, A. G. Walling of Oswego, H. B. Chase of Cascades, C. Moehne of Beaver Creek, Herman Bruns of Cascades, and H. Dubois of Springwater.

On the first ballot Walling received twenty-nine votes, Scott twenty-four Dubois twenty-one, Miley eleven, Winston nine and the others five or less each. On the second ballot Walling got forty-six, Scott thirty-three Dubois nineteen and the others less than six each. The third ballot gave the nomination to Scott who received fifty-eight to Walling's fifty-three.

The treasuryship nomination was decided on the first ballot when J. O. Wetherell of Canemah received sixty-three votes, J. N. Harrington of Ely fifteen, N. M. Moody of Molalla twelve, and M. E. Willoughby of Oregon City nine.

IT GETS INTERESTING.

The offices over which there is always the chief contest are recorder, clerk and sheriff. Pursuing the agreed order the recorder was first taken up S. M. Ramsby of Upper Molalla, W. T. Whitlock of Oregon City and Frank Kruse of Tualatin were put in nomination and the first ballot resulted fifty-three, forty-eight and ten respectively. In the next vote eight changed from Kruse to Ramsby thus giving the latter sixty-one and nominating him. This provoked hearty applause and Ramsby had to appear with a little speech which was cordially received.

Then came the clerkship. Roots nominated Alex. Thomson of Clackamas, Welfer named G. F. Horton of Needy, Pickens proposed W. T. Whitlock of Oregon City, Paquet grew eloquent in presenting the name of L. L. Porter of Oregon City and Koehler brought forward Henry Meldrum. On the first ballot Horton got thirty-two, Meldrum, twenty-six, Porter twenty-three, Thomson twenty-three, and Whitlock nine. The second ballot gave Horton forty-two, Meldrum, twenty-seven, Porter twenty-six and Whitlock two. Then the contending forces broke. Whitlock withdrew in favor of Meldrum, Thomas withdrew in favor of Horton and in the common Meldrum got the recognition of the chair and announced his withdrawal also in favor of Horton. That settled it.

The third ballot, which was then a mere matter of form, gave Horton eighty-one and Porter twenty-five. Horton thanked the convention, a motion to adjourn was lost on a division of the house and the work proceeded.

Four names were proposed for sheriff. W. H. Smith of Park Place was nominated by Captain Apperson, E. C. Maddock of New Era by Chas. Foster, A. B. Marquam of Marquam by Samuel Irons and W. H. H. Samson by T. J. Jonsrud. Mr. Jonsrud had been making irrelevant remarks during the session and caused considerable amusement but when Samson's name was proposed by him it was greeted with hisses from all parts of the house. Maddock was nominated on the first ballot, receiving fifty-six votes. Smith got twenty-four, Marquam twenty and Samson eight. Maddock thanked the convention and assured it that he was in the campaign to win for the ticket.

STATE DELEGATES ELECTED.

Clackamas county is entitled to ten delegates to the state convention. Forty nominations were made. It took more than an hour for the tellers to count the votes cast and but for the circumstance that the rules had been suspended so as to declare the ten highest on the list elected they might be balloting yet. The following were the successful ones: G. W. Prosser of Oswego eighty votes, Geo. C. Brownell of Oregon City seventy-seven, Frank Jagger of Beaver Creek seventy-five, H. H. Johnson of Oregon City, Chas. Holman of Upper Molalla forty-nine C.

F. Clark of Clackamas fifty-six, E. M. Rands, Peter Paquet and H. E. Cross of this city receiving fifty, forty-seven and thirty-eight respectively and Henry Dubois of Springwater who also received thirty-eight votes.

SOME GOOD ENDORSEMENTS.

Paquet introduced the following resolution which was adopted with a vim. Whereas, The Hon. Binger Herman, our present representative in congress, has made a faithful representative and has done honest and noble work for the entire state, and

Whereas, We have the utmost confidence in his integrity and ability and we believe the best interests of this state will be subserved by his re-election—now therefore be it

Resolved, That the delegates to the state convention from Clackamas county are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to secure his nomination to the position of member of congress from the first congressional district.

The following resolution by Brownell was heartily concurred in:

Resolved that the people of Clackamas county, recognizing the eminent services and ability manifested by the Hon. Thos. A. McBride in his administration of the office of district attorney of this district, and fully believing in his ability, honesty and integrity, hereby instruct the delegation to the state convention to support him first, last and all the time for the nomination for judge of the circuit court for this judicial district.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES.

In accordance with the provisions of the new election law nominations for justices of the peace and for constables were made. The districts and nominations were as follows:

District No. 1 consisting of Pleasant Hill, Tualatin and Union precincts, F. M. Kruse justice of the peace, Bishop Seeley, constable.

No. 2, Oswego J. C. Haines, J. P., A. H. Bullock, Con.

No. 3, Milwaukee and Clackamas Dr. J. H. Hickman, J. P., J. A. Talbert, Con.

No. 4, Abernethy, Ely and Oregon City No. 2, S. B. Calliff, J. P., C. N. Greenman

No. 5, Oregon City No. 1, West Oregon City and Canemah, T. W. Fouts, J. P., J. Purdon, Con.

No. 6, Canby and New Era, Morrison Campbell, J. P., Louis Rogers, Con.

No. 7, Barlow, Lower Molalla and Needy, O. H. Byland, J. P., Henry Will, Con.

No. 8, Marquam, Upper Molalla and Soda Springs, George Dumlavy, J. P. Perry Davidson, Con.

No. 9, Beaver Creek and Milk Creek, J. F. Nelson, J. P., A. L. Larkin, Con.

No. 10, Canyon Creek and Highland, A. Nicolas, J. P., Wm. Buckner, Con.

No. 11, Viola, Hardings and Springwater, Caleb Hoopes, J. P., Ebenezer Lacy, Con.

No. 12, Damascus and Boring, F. M. Osburn, J. P., Wm. Ulrich, Con.

No. 13, Cascades, Cherryville and Sievers, H. Bruns, J. P., C. S. Chase, Con.

No. 14, Eagle Creek, George and Garfield, John Reed, J. P., H. F. Gibson, Con.

The county central committee was made up of one representative from each precinct and is constituted as follows: Abernethy.....W. H. Smith Barlow.....J. I. Dozier Beaver Creek.....Frank Jagger Borings.....Wm. Boring Canemah.....J. O. Wetherell Cascades.....Herman Bruno Clackamas.....J. W. Roots Canyon Creek.....W. E. Bonney Canby.....V. L. Mack Damascus.....F. M. Osburn Eagle Creek.....H. S. Gibson Ely.....J. N. Harrington Garfield.....C. S. Porter Hardings.....J. M. Tracy Highland.....Henry Jewell Lower Molalla.....O. L. Barber Marquam.....John Labour Milwaukee.....R. Scott Milk Creek.....A. L. Larkins Needy.....R. W. Zimmerman New Era.....Enos Cahill Oregon City No. 1.....T. F. Ryan Oregon City No. 2.....Geo. C. Brownell Oswego.....G. W. Prosser Pleasant Hill.....Wm. Scott Springwater.....John T. Myers Sievers.....Adolph Aeschoff Soda Springs.....Henry Thomas Tualatin.....F. M. Kruse Upper Molalla.....H. S. Ramsby Union.....Ed. McClincey Viola.....Wm. Stone West Side.....Frank Ford

When this work had been completed it was near 9 o'clock. There had been no adjournment for supper, although two or three attempts had been made, and everybody was tired and hungry. The secretaries had grown hoarse calling the roll and were in danger of an attack of writer's cramp. So there was no difficulty in carrying a motion to adjourn this time. The county central committee however, held a meeting and organized by electing Geo. C. Brownell chairman and J. O. Wetherell secretary. Late as it was the crowd insisted on a speech from Brownell, in fact he had been called for three or four times during the afternoon and evening. He was not charged with campaign oratory but he gave a brief address, and a rattling good one it was, too.

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