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DEMOCRATS MEET.

A Complete Ticket Placed in Nomination.

A QUIET, USEFUL GATHERING.

The Free Silver Resolution Failed to Pass in the Committee.

Pursuant to call the Clackamas county democratic convention convened at Pope's hall Saturday, 10 a. m., April 4th. The convention was called to order by N. R. Green, chairman of the county central committee. G. A. Harding then proposed the name of J. E. Hedges for temporary chairman, who was elected by acclamation. C. D. Latourette placed in nomination J. E. Jack, of Marquam, for temporary secretary, and on motion the election was made unanimous. On motion the chairman proceeded to appoint the following committees:

Credentials—J. J. Cooke, A. B. Gribble and E. T. Fields.
Order of Business—Dr. W. E. Carl, G. H. Hardy, W. H. Vaughan.
The motion for a committee of five on resolutions, met with determined opposition from a portion of the county delegation, who claimed that every precinct should be represented on the committee of platform and resolutions; that they should have a voice in the matter, besides it was a time-honored precedent. Mr. Latourette thought that the state convention was the proper place to make a platform; that while it was well enough for a county convention to pass resolutions pertaining to county matters, at the state convention was the place to formulate a platform of democratic principles. As an illustration of the evil of too many members on a platform committee, Mr. Latourette stated that at the last democratic state convention, which was held at Astoria, almost every member of the large committee had a plank to put in the platform. The result was they had a platform to please everybody, and which suited nobody in particular. After more discussion the motion as amended allowing one representative from each precinct on the committee on platform and resolution carried by a vote of 30 to 19. The delegates from the various precincts then named the committee as follows:

MR Noble, Abernethy,
W W Irwin, Barlow,
C W Ganong, Canemah,
Dr J H Irvine, Canby,
L P Williams, Canyon Creek,
Frank McGugin, Cascades,
T J Harkenrider, Highland,
J K Griffin, Lower Molalla,
S R Taylor, Marquam,
J Moreland, Needy,
J H Blanchard, New Era,
C D Latourette, Oregon City No 1,
C W Kelly, " " 2,
J R Siever, " " 3,
Joseph Bickner, Oswego,
W F Young, Pleasant Hill,
J H Lowellen, Springwater,
O P Sharp, Tualatin,
W H Vaughan, Lower Molalla,
A Keechlan, Viola,
H I Kelly, West Oregon City,
John Weismantel, Beaver Creek,
W B Stafford, Maple Lane,
H F Currin, Eagle Creek,
O D Robbins, Harding,

On motion the convention adjourned until one o'clock for dinner and to give the committees time to report.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
At one o'clock the delegates and visitors began to re-assemble in the hall, the resolutions committee were still on the stage with the curtain drawn close, wrestling with the platform. At one stage of the proceedings Ed Fields, the Canemah politician appeared from the committee room, and announced, "Gentlemen, there is a populist in our ranks." Several cries were heard "Put him out." When the convention was again called to order the committee on credentials reported the following delegates entitled to seats in the convention: Oregon City No. 1—C. D. Latourette, J. W. Cole, J. J. Cooke, V. R. Hyde, Joseph Boehm, E. L. Shaw.
Oregon City No. 2—George A. Harding, James Thorne, William Sheehan by Fred Hess proxy, W. E. Carl and C. W. Kelly.
Oregon City No. 3—T. P. Relia, William Savage and J. R. Siever.
Canemah—Ed Fields, Charles Toole and C. W. Ganong.
Abernethy—B. S. Bellomy, W. L. Beckner and M. R. Noble.
Harding—O. D. Robbins, A. M. Kirchman and J. H. Brown.
Springwater—J. H. Lowellen and D. C. Howell.
Molalla—W. H. Vaughan, S. J. Vaughan, F. C. Perry, Major S. Hungate, Noah Hardesty, Charles Hovis by W. H. Vaughan, proxy, J. V. Harless.
Oswego—D. W. Kelly, Wm Duber, Joseph Rickner.
Barlow—W. W. Irvin, J. Reuck, Jr. and J. Yoast.

Canby—Dr J H Irvine, Peter Sausbauer.
Needy—J Moreland, C W Noblitt, Herbert Johnson.
Cascades—Frank McGugin and Ed Revenue.
Eagle Creek—P Judd, S A Douglas and H F Currin.
Marquam—George C Birchett by J E Judd proxy, S R Taylor, J E Jack, W B Garrett.
Garfield—F J Harkenrider, J E Crawford by J E Noble proxy.
George—F Rath and F Ahnert.
Canyon Creek—L P Williams.
Tualatin—T L Turner, O P Sharp and Henry Toedtmeir.
Pleasant Hill—Herman Peper, W F Young and Marion C Young.
Beaver Creek—John Weismantel.
Highland—J E Hedges, proxy.
Maple Lane—W B Stafford.
West Oregon City—J R Humphrey by H L Kelly proxy, J H Ralston.
Harding—H Brown, A M Kirchman and O D Robbins.
Lower Molalla—James Smith, John Daly, James Gibson, A K Gribble.
New Era—J H Blanchard, F Spolack.
Viola—A Keechlan.
Milwaukee—J S Risley.
Clackamas—E C Humphrey, Albert Holcomb and Washington Smith.
The committee on order of business submitted the following, which was adopted:

1. Platform.
2. Election of permanent chairman and secretary.
3. Chairman and members of central committee.
4. Delegates to state convention.
5. Precinct nominations.
6. County nominations.
On motion Dr. J. H. Irvine the temporary officers of the convention were made permanent ones.
On motion of George A. Harding, E. T. Fields was made assistant secretary.
The report of committee on platform and resolutions was then read by the secretary of the committee, C D Latourette, as follows:

1. We condemn the present county court and the last republican legislature of this state for its useless and extravagant waste of public money and appeal to the people to demand such legislation as shall lessen the burdens of taxation.
2. We condemn the action of the present county court in reducing the pay of road labor to \$1 25 per day, and leaving other salaries and fees untouched.
3. Be it Resolved that religious differences should find no place in American politics, and the democratic party is unalterably opposed to the spirit of intolerant bigotry fostered for political purposes as unconstitutional. We welcome the assistance of all good citizens, who will co-operate with us in the suppression of any political movement organized for religious proscription.
4. We favor the change in the federal constitution providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote the people.
5. We the democracy of Clackamas county hereby express our full confidence in the integrity and wisdom of the democratic party and its principles as enunciated by its time-honored traditions, and we trust that such principles upon state and national issues, will be favored in state and national councils as will be in the interest of all the people.
The platform was unanimously adopted by the vote of the convention. An attempt was made to pass a resolution in the committee favoring the free coinage of silver in a ratio of 16 to 1, but it was defeated by a vote of 15 to 8. No. 3 was intended as an anti A. P. A. plank, but it is doubtful if all the delegates understood the real intent of the resolution.
The chairman appointed C. W. Kelly, J. J. Cooke and W. H. Vaughan as tellers, and announced that the election of eight delegates to the state convention was in order. A motion was made that the eight receiving the largest number of votes be declared elected. This was objected to by a portion of the county delegation, and the majority plan prevailed. Nominations were made and the first ballot resulted as follows:

B S Bellomy 17, C D Latourette 31, Henry McGugin 71, W L Beckner 16, T L Turner 30, Dr W E Carl 36, A D Gribble 25, J H Lowellen 22, C W Ganong 15, M Robbins 34, Dr J H Irvine 25, George A Harding 39, Fred Rath 7, J E Hedges 48, W H Vaughan 30, H L Kelly 30, W W Irwin 21, James Thorne 21, Julius Moreland 4, J P Lovett 25, J J Cooke 23, F W Young 5, A M Kirchman 5, H Currin 2, D F May 4. When the result was announced, the chairman stated that Henry McGugin, J E Hedges, G A Harding, W E Carl, C D Latourette and M Robbins, having received a majority of votes were duly elected delegates. It appeared that H L Kelly, W H Vaughan and T L Turner had each received 30 votes, and several members of the convention suggested that they pull straws to deter-

mine which of the two would be the lucky men, as that method would save the time of balloting, as it was growing late. This method was not looked upon with favor by the majority, and a motion prevailed that all names be dropped except the three above mentioned. The second ballot resulted in 57 votes for Kelly, 43 for Vaughan, 37 for Turner, and the two former were duly added to the list of delegates to the state convention. When C. W. Ganong nominated Frank McGugin as a delegate to the state convention, he stated that every portion of the county should be represented, and asked the delegates to vote for the latter instead of himself. This is why McGugin received so many votes.
The chairman announced that the next order of business was the election of a chairman and secretary of the county central committee. W. B. Stafford named J. E. Hedges, of Canemah, John Daly nominated A. K. Gribble, and J. Boehm named E. C. Driggs. Messrs. Gribble and Driggs both withdrew their names, and on motion of George A. Harding J. E. Hedges was elected chairman by acclamation. Mr. Hedges briefly thanked the convention for the honors conferred upon him.
For secretary of the county central committee A. M. Kirchman nominated A. W. Cheney, C. D. Latourette named V. R. Hyde; E. T. Fields was also nominated. The ballot resulted as follows: Cheney 36, Hyde 12, Fields 5, May 1. On motion Cheney's election was made unanimous.
A recess of ten minutes was declared while nominations were being made for precinct officers and selections for central committeemen. During the interval H. L. Kelly made a democratic speech, in which he compared the party to Elisha, that good man of old, who fled to the mountains to get away from the wicked people, and when he thought he was alone the Lord appeared to him. Mr. Kelly says that this is the second political speech that he ever delivered. The committeemen for the various precincts were announced as follows:

Oswego—E J Russell,
Pleasant Hill—W F Young,
Tualatin—T L Turner,
Clackamas—Albert Holcomb,
Canby—J H Irvine,
New Era—J H Blanchard,
Cascades—J H Revenue,
Garfield—Ed Crawford,
George—F Rath,
Eagle Creek—P Judd,
Other salaries and fees untouched.
Upper Molalla—W H Vaughan,
Harding—W P Kirchman,
Barlow—W W Irwin,
Lower Molalla—A D Gribble,
Needy—H Johnson,
Oregon City No 1—J W Cole,
Oregon City No 2—V R Hyde,
Oregon City No 3—W H Savage,
West Oregon City—J H Ralston,
Canemah—C M Toole,
Abernethy—W L Beckner,
Maple Lane—A T Howland.
The following nominations were reported for justices of the peace and constables:

Oswego—E J Russell, justice, W M Duber, constable.
Pleasant, Tualatin and Union—Herman Peper, justice, F L Turner, constable.
Eagle Creek, George and Garfield—J W Currin, justice, G Linn, constable.
Upper Molalla, Soda Springs and Marquam—F H Duncan, justice, N J Hardesty, constable.
Barlow, Lower Molalla and Needy—J C Keller, justice, G C Fields, constable.
Nominations for county officers being in order, according to the rules adopted, they began at the bottom of the ticket. W. H. Vaughan placed in nomination E. A. Sommer for coroner. As there were no opposing candidates, on motion of James Thorne he was made the choice of the convention by acclamation.
V. R. Hyde named E. C. Hackett for assessor, and C. W. Ganong moved that he be nominated by acclamation. After the motion was stated T. L. Turner in a short speech stated that the West Side democrats had always stood with their shoulders to the wheel, and were entitled to the nomination of assessor. He therefore placed in nomination W. F. Young of Pleasant Hill precinct, an ardent democrat and a native son of Clackamas county. J. H. Lowellen nominated T. J. Harkenrider, of Garfield precinct. The original motion was withdrawn and the convention proceeded to ballot on the three candidates with the following result: Hackett 40, Young 19, Harkenrider 8. On motion Mr. Hackett was made the unanimous choice of the convention.
For county surveyor, J. Boehm named Fred Hesse; J. W. Cole nominated S. A. D. Hungate of Molalla. Hesse received 39 votes and Hungate 22. Hesse having received a majority of the votes, was declared duly nominated.
For school superintendent, W. B. Stafford nominated P. L. Coleman, of

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