

It is with special pride that we this week run up the name of Hon. L. F. Lane, of Douglas county, as the Democratic candidate for Congress. After a spirited contest, in which the names of other able gentlemen figured conspicuously with his before the Convention, Mr. Lane received the nomination by a most flattering vote, and the choice of the Convention was then made unanimous and great enthusiasm.

L. Fayette Lane is the youngest son of Gen. Joseph Lane, and is aged, we should judge, about 32 years. His public political record is not extensive, but that which he has made is highly creditable. In 1864 he was elected by the Democracy of Umatilla county to the State Legislature, and only came of age after his election and before the meeting of that body. During that session and the special session of the following year, he was one of only three Democratic members of that body, the other two being Fay of Jackson and Cox of Josephine; and most of our readers will remember how those three gallant and intrepid Democrats held the whole Radical body at bay, by shrewd parliamentary filibustering, thus preventing them from passing an infamous registration act and other odious partisan measures.

Shortly after the expiration of his legislative term, Mr. Lane having completed his law studies and been admitted to practice, took up his residence at Roseburg, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession and where he has earned for himself an enviable reputation at the bar.

In 1868 Mr. Lane was the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, and although only twenty three years old, was one of the principal speakers for the Democratic ticket, and made an able campaign.

Naturally elegant in manners, urbane and affable in disposition, companionable and genial in his intercourse with his fellow men, Mr. Lane is personally very popular, and as he is a good speaker and keen debater we confidently expect that he will make an effective and popular campaign and be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Pursuant to previous announcement the Court House was crowded last night by ladies and citizens generally, to ratify the nomination of Hon. L. F. Lane as the Democratic candidate for Congress. The speakers were Mr. Lane himself, Governor Grover, Hon. J. M. Garvin of Multnomah, Mr. Hazard of Coos, and Hon. Geo. H. Helm. The intervals between the various speeches of the evening were occupied with music by the Albany Brass Band and string of anvils under the direction of Maj. J. R. Herren.

As we are compelled to go to press in order to catch the mails, we are unable to give an extended account of the meeting or a synopsis of the several speeches. Mr. Lane's efforts surprised and gratified his friends, who scarcely expected he would be able to acquit himself in so very able and creditable a manner. Governor Grover's speech was concise, pointed and well-timed, and was a scathing arraignment of the Radical party, Messrs. Garvin, Hazard and Helm delivered able and eloquent addresses. The audience was decidedly enthusiastic, greeting each speaker with round after round of vociferous applause.

Hon. J. H. Slater had been invited, but being unable to do so sent the following letter which was read by the Chairman of the meeting, M. V. Brown, and greeted with enthusiastic applause:

Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 2nd inst. is received. In response to your kind invitation to be present and participate in the public meeting to be held at your city on the 5th inst. I regret to say that it is not possible for me to attend. I desire also to say that I hold in the opinion of Hon. L. F. Lane, my most ready support, and give the platform an unqualified endorsement, and will do all in my power to secure a triumphant victory in October.

The platform of principles adopted by the Democratic State Convention last week, and published elsewhere in these columns, is a statesman-like document, a credit to its authors and to the Democracy of Oregon. Indeed at the Convention we heard it pronounced by able politicians the best platform ever put forth by any party in Oregon. It is a comprehensive compendium of all the issues properly before the people at this time upon which a member of Congress is expected to operate, without a trace of demagoguery or an evasion of a single point affecting the public welfare of the people of our young commonwealth.

Of our standard-bearer we speak elsewhere. The platform is one upon which he can stand before the people fairly and without the necessity of apologizing for a line or a word therein contained. Seldom has a candidate been so fortunate in having a solid, impregnable base to stand upon as this platform affords Hon. L. F. Lane.

The first resolution pledges unfaltering devotion to the grand old government as established by our forefathers, and no patriot, whatever his party affiliations, can refuse to endorse such a sentiment.

The second, third and fourth resolutions demand a strict construction of the Constitution and advocate the good old Democratic doctrine of the rights of the states to regulate their own domestic concerns according to their own judgment exclusively, as opposition to centralized despotism and Radical Cessarianism.

The fifth resolution embraces all that the most radical reformer or Independent could ask. It demands retrenchment in every branch of government; a strict accountability of all public servants for business and funds entrusted to their keeping, and the speedy punishment of all violations thereof; subordination of the military to the civil authority; freedom of religion, of the press and of the person; trial by jury impartially selected. A party that carries out these principles cannot materially err in the proper government of a free people.

The sixth resolution denounces the iniquitous protective tariff system and proclaims for a tariff for revenue only.

The seventh resolution pronounces rag money a national curse, and demands a speedy return to specie payment. This we regard as sound Democratic doctrine, no matter if the party in Ghio has seen fit to depart from it.

The eighth resolution denounces the national banking system as a fraud upon the country, and an imposition upon the laboring classes and proclaims in favor of the issuance of currency only which may be convertible into coin at the will of the holder.

The ninth resolution asks for a modification of the treaty between the United States and China so that it will apply only to commercial relations between the two countries, and will not admit of that system of wholesale Chinese emigration whose contact is physical and moral death to the Caucasian stock as well as a great wrong upon the white artisan and laboring classes of our country.

The tenth resolution is composed of words fully spoken, being a powerful but just arraignment of the Radical party for its long continued and flagrant abuses of power; for its frauds and iniquities upon its long suffering people, and for its unconstitutional enactments and for other enormities which have rendered that organization offensive to and subversive of the liberties of a free people. This resolution is really the best condensed stump speech we have read or heard in many a day.

The eleventh resolution is an assertion of the traditional policy of the Democratic party in regard to State powers over corporations of all kinds; and a declaration not only of the right but of the duty of the Legislature to regulate and control such corporations for the public good. We should like much to see such a resolution adopted next year, when our members of the Legislature are to be elected.

The twelfth resolution very properly and justly sympathizes with the agricultural interests of the Country by expressing confidence in the Patrons of Husbandry. It is fully understood that that Order contains no principle which is at variance with the avowed policy of the Democratic party.

The thirteenth resolution asks for appropriations from the General Government for the improvement of our rivers and harbors, and for aid for the construction of the several railroads now under contemplation in our State, as well as for the building of locks at the Cascades of the Columbia. These measures are all of vital interest to our struggling young State, and should receive the fullest attention at the hands of our Representatives in Congress.

The fourteenth resolution demands the creation of the various Indian agencies in the State so that they may be opened up to settlement by the whites. These reservations embrace some of the richest portions of the State, and would afford a large extent of territory suitable for homesteads to the large class of immi-

grants that are crowding into our State and are now unable to find lands for settlement.

The fifteenth and last resolution very wisely invites the hearty co-operation of all persons, whatever may have been their past political affiliations, in carrying out the principles therein enunciated.

In looking over these resolutions we find them so clear, concise, compact and comprehensive that we find it even difficult to epitomize a single one of them without giving the full text. They are Democratic and statesman-like, and embody every issue that can come before the people in this election. And upon it Hon. L. F. Lane may well stand, and may confidently expect a glorious victory.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

It will be remembered that we last week published the proceedings of the State Convention up to the adjournment for supper on Thursday evening. The balance of the proceedings we now give.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 7:45 and the Committee on Resolutions reported the following which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It having been Almightly God to remove from our midst Hon. George A. Ladd, member of Congress elect from the State of Oregon, and

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. George A. Ladd the State of Oregon has lost a valuable citizen and honorable gentleman, and one justly entitled to the confidence of his constituents.

J. H. TURNER, Chairman.

The Committee on Order of Business reported the following, which was adopted:

Adoption of platform.

Nomination of a candidate for Representative in the 44th Congress.

At this point the Convention took a recess until 5:40 o'clock, to await the report of the Committee on Platform.

At 9 o'clock the delegates re-assembled and the committee for the purpose reported the following platform, which was read by M. V. Brown, and unanimously adopted by the Convention:

The Democratic party of Oregon, in State Convention assembled, proclaims the following proposition of political faith and action:

1. That the preservation of the general government in the proper exercise of the powers delegated to it in the Constitution, carefully and strictly construed, is the duty of every citizen of the several States of the Union in all their rights, dignity, and equality, as the most competent and reliable administrator of their own domestic concerns, and the surest guarantee against the tendency toward a centralized despotism.

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