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HE IS A DEMOCRAT

That is all Admiral Dewey Would Have to Say.

PLANS BY EASTERN DEMOCRATS

Scheme Said to be the Work of Anti-Bryan Men—Views of Eastern Party Leaders.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—The second and last orchestral concert in aid of the families of the soldiers and sailors who were killed in the Philippine islands was given at the Academy of Music this evening. The overshadowing feature of the occasion was the presence of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, who came from Washington for the purpose of lending their aid to the concert by their attendance. The concert was an unqualified success, the large auditorium being filled. The audience was made up almost entirely of women.

At the Bellevue Hotel, after the concert, Admiral Dewey granted an interview to nearly a dozen newspaper men. He said he was glad to receive the reporters, but added that he had nothing to say.

At this moment Mrs. Dewey joined her husband in the reception room, and after introducing her, he said: "Mrs. Dewey will talk," to which she replied with a smile: "The admiral has a mind of his own; he thinks for himself."

"Are you correctly reported to be a democrat?" the admiral was asked, and after a moment's hesitation he replied: "Yes, I think I can answer that. Yes, I am a democrat."

"If the republicans nominate McKinley and the democrats nominate Bryan for the presidency, would you run independently?"

"I won't answer that."

The democratic convention at Harrisburg has endorsed Bryan for the presidency," was suggested by one reporter, to which the admiral replied:

Pennsylvania usually goes republican doesn't it?"

Several questions in quick succession as to any conference between him and Grover Cleveland, William C. Whitney, or any other political men of prominence were answered with the same phrase: "I came here to attend the concert."

PLAN OF EASTERN DEMOCRATS.

Scheme to Nominate Dewey the Work of Anti-Bryan Men.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Herald says: Briefly stated, this is the story of the Dewey candidacy as given to the Herald last night, by a prominent party leader, who has successfully manipulated state and even National conventions:

"The scheme to nominate Admiral Dewey at the Kansas City convention was carefully planned at a series of conferences held principally in this city and in Washington. Arthur P. Gorman, acknowledgedly one of the most skillful political managers in the democratic party, was asked to take charge of the movement. Such conspicuous long-time party leaders as William C. Whitney, Daniel Lamont, Richard Olney, John R. McLean and Edward M. Sheppard participated actively in the conferences.

"They canvassed the entire situation until they became convinced that the movement could be successfully carried out. Admiral Dewey and all of his friends denied the reports that the hero of Manila Bay would run for President under any circumstances. They proposed to spring the plan suddenly, not long before the assembling of the Democratic National Convention, and on the wave of enthusiasm which Dewey's announcement was expected to create, calculated on sweeping aside all obstacles and on making Dewey the party candidate.

"Admiral Dewey's announcement of his candidacy at this time was not con-

templated by the leaders in the movement. They regarded April as too early. That the announcement should be made by Dewey now is due to the persistent reports from Washington that Mr. and Mrs. Dewey would go abroad. This latter announcement, declared by the Admiral to have been absolutely without foundation, was regarded as an effort to forestall and sidetrack the Dewey boom.

"The exact wording of Admiral Dewey's statement was under discussion for several weeks. It was prepared with the utmost care and a draft of the statement was sent to the Admiral while he was on his recent visit to St. Augustine, Fla.

"It was pointed out last night that Democratic leaders of the prominence of those mentioned would not have consented to the publication of Admiral Dewey's statement at this time unless they knew the exact situation. They are men to shrewd and two experienced in political manipulation to force Admiral Dewey into the position of a candidate without a fair assurance of success.

"On the other hand," the Herald's informant added, "it was expected that a large majority of the members of the present Democratic National committee and other leaders, swept into power by the Bryan campaign, would repudiate Admiral Dewey's candidacy and would adhere to the cause of William J. Bryan. The present National committee, having been chosen at the Chicago convention which made Bryan its candidate, will expire on the meeting of the Kansas City convention. They are Bryan's friends. Many changes, if the plans of Admiral Dewey's friends do not miscarry, will be made in the new National committee, which will have great influence over the work of the Kansas City convention and which will conduct the campaign that will follow."

Kansas City Fire.

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—The mammoth and superb Auditorium in which the democratic convention was to have been held on July 4, was burned to the ground by a fire that started at 1:10 p. m. Within a few minutes after it caught the whole structure, taking in a half block each way on Thirteenth and Central streets, was a mass of flames, and 20 minutes after the first alarm was turned in the the mammoth roof fell in with a crash, throwing showers of burning embers in every direction. It will be rebuilt.

Southern Pacific Meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific Company today the following directors were elected: C. P. Huntington, H. E. Huntington, D. O. Mills, Charles H. Tweed, John W. Mackay, Thomas H. Hubbard, John E. Searles, John B. Haggin, John L. Probst, August Belmont and Edwin Hawley.

It was given out that 95 per cent of the \$200,000,000 stock was voted. It was stated that the proposition of declaring a first dividend on the stock was not discussed. A statement of the gross earnings for the first nine months of the present fiscal year was submitted. It was said to show receipts averaging over \$5,000,000 for each month or a total of \$46,000,000 in round numbers. Officers of the company will be elected at a later meeting, to be held in New York.

Large Shipment of Locomotives.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The German steamer *Wilhelmina*, which is about to sail from Philadelphia for Yokohama and Vladivostok, will carry one of the largest shipments of American machinery ever forwarded to the far East, being no less than 6600 tons weight. The principal part of the cargo will consist of 31 Baldwin locomotives for the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Carnegie Steel Company will forward some 2000 tons of steel rails for the Formosa Railroad and the Penoid Iron Works will ship 400 odd tons of bridge material for Japan.

Is Mrs. Dewey going to be President of the United States?—Telegram.

A WINNING TICKET.

Nominated by the Republicans in County Convention.

RINGING PLATFORM ADOPTED.

The Most Enthusiastic and Harmonious Convention Ever Held in the County.

THE TICKET.

Senator—A. C. Marsters.
Representatives—A. R. Mattoon and C. R. King.
Sheriff—E. L. Parrott.
Clerk—D. E. Shambrook.
Assessor—J. A. Sterling.
Treasurer—G. W. Dimmick.
School Supt.—F. B. Hamlin.
Commissioners—M. D. Thompson, A. E. Nichols.
Surveyor—Wm. Briggs.
Coroner—Dr. J. C. Twitchell.

The republican county convention convened in the court house last Saturday, at 10:15 a. m., and was called to order by E. D. Stratford, chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Stratford addressed the convention briefly, instructing the delegates regarding their reduced fair certificates, selection of central committeemen, precinct nominations, and other preliminaries.

Hon. A. M. Crawford nominated W. B. Clarke, of Millwood, for temporary chairman, eulogizing him as a pioneer republican of the county, who had been ever loyal to principle and true to his convictions. In taking the chair, Mr. Clarke said: "Gentlemen of the convention, I thank you for the high honor conferred upon me, for I always deem it an honor to preside over a republican convention, large or small. I will not attempt to make a speech, and only hope and feel assured that harmony will prevail throughout the proceedings. Nominations for secretary are in order."

Dr. F. W. Haynes nominated Ernest D. Riddle, of Riddle, for secretary, who was elected by acclamation.

Atty. J. E. Sawyers was nominated for assistant secretary by H. J. Robinson, but declined from the fact that he was not a delegate. J. I. Chapman was then nominated by S. C. Flint, and elected.

Upon motion the chairman appointed the following committees:

On Credentials.—A. G. Young, B. E. Lyster, W. W. Kent, H. Weatherly and John Hamlin.

On resolutions.—J. H. Skidmore, A. M. Crawford, J. A. Buchanan, J. C. Fullerton and W. C. Underwood.

Order of business.—J. T. Bridges, C. L. Franklin, J. B. Riddle, Wm. Kaup and H. Gallup.

On Permanent Organization.—E. D. Stratford, Simon Caro, M. O. Thompson, M. D. Moore and E. T. Woodruff.

Upon motion of E. D. Stratford, the convention then adjourned until 1 o'clock to allow the committees time in which to draft their reports.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

E. D. Stratford chairman of the committee on permanent organization reported in favor of making the temporary organization permanent, and also that A. F. Stearns and J. A. Black act as tellers. The report was adopted and F. H. Rogers was appointed assistant secretary by the chairman of the convention.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Rev. J. H. Skidmore, chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented and read the resolutions in his usual eloquent and forcible manner, and almost every clause of the document was received with storms of applause, especially that part referring to the election of senators by direct vote; endorsement of the administration, and reference to the Second Oregon.

THE PLATFORM.

WHEREAS, There is but one great political party before the voters of this nation today that from its birth has been sound and true to the nation, to the con-

stitution, to national progression, to national finance and to the whole people.

Therefore: We hereby declare our unshaken confidence in the present administration and the grand old republican party.

We congratulate the State of Oregon on the fact that when a ship of the American Navy, freighted with human life, was in the most dastardly and inhuman manner destroyed in a Spanish harbor and scores of brave Americans hurled into eternity, her sons were the first to respond to the nation's call to arms and to leave their homes and loved ones to follow the flag where duty called.

We are proud of the record of Douglas County's sturdy sons who did their full share in making a name for the 2nd Oregon Volunteers, which will be a household word while the state exists. We assure the returned soldiers that the people will remember them for their courage and heroism. To the families, relatives, and friends of those who gave up their lives for the honor of the flag, we extend our profoundest sympathy.

Resolved, That our nominees for members of the state legislature be pledged to support no man for United States Senator, who will not pledge himself to do all in his power to have submitted to the people, an amendment to the United States Constitution providing for the election of U. S. Senator by direct vote of the people.

Resolved, That the Republican party of Douglas County is in favor of the enactment of what is known as the primary election law in order that the people may at the primaries select the men they deem most suitable for nomination for the various offices and thus do away with the interference of self-seeking politicians and self-constituted leaders.

WHEREAS, As Republicans we are a great part of the people and in favor of all the people, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we are in favor of submitting the initiative and referendum to a vote of the people.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a graduated state income tax.

WHEREAS, Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, we, the Douglas County Convention pledge ourselves to unceasing efforts to secure the success of the ticket we today present to the voters of this County.

Respectfully Submitted

J. H. SKIDMORE,
A. M. CRAWFORD,
J. A. BUCHANAN,
J. C. FULLERTON,
W. C. UNDERWOOD.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The committee reported as follows:

Senator.
Two Representatives.
Sheriff.
Clerk.
Treasurer.
Assessor.
School Superintendent.
Commissioners.
Surveyor.
Coroner.

Twelve delegates to state convention.

Twelve delegates to congressional convention.

Report adopted.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

For State Senator Judge J. C. Fullerton nominated Hon. A. C. Marsters, eulogizing him and calling attention to the fact that after many years of faithful and valuable services rendered the republican party by Mr. Marsters this was the first time he would consent to accepting any recognition whatever from his party. Reference was also made to his able, economical and business-like administration of the municipal affairs of this city during his four years service as mayor, he having proved himself a safe and eminently well qualified man to entrust the interests of our county in the Oregon senate.

His nomination was seconded by Hon. A. M. Crawford, Henry Bultman, of Gardiner moving to make it unanimous, and he was declared the choice of the convention for state senator amidst the greatest enthusiasm. Upon motion the following committee was appointed to conduct Mr. Marsters before the convention: Geo. M. Brown, Dr. K. L. Miller and E. D. Stratford.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

The following names were presented: (Continued on page 5.)

FUSIONISTS CONVENTION

Held By Democrats, Pops and Silver Republicans.

GREAT LACK OF HARMONY.

Little Enthusiasm Manifested, but Nominees Came Cheerfully Up to the Slaughter.

THE TICKET.

State Senator—P. B. Beckley.
Representatives—W. W. Wilson, Dexter Rice.

Clerk—J. F. Gasley.
Sheriff—J. L. Dewey.
Commissioners—J. M. Robinson, A. B. C. Whipple.

Assessor—H. E. Gillett.
Treasurer—E. H. Leno.
School Supt.—Louis Baker.
Surveyor—O. F. Tishl.
Coroner—Dr. E. V. Hoover.

The great triple alliance fusion for spoils aggregation met in convention in this city Friday (an unlucky day to begin with) and notwithstanding the press announcement that it was a "most harmonious meeting," there was some very lively and interesting scenes enacted, bordering at times on the dramatic order. This was the condition in the democratic as well as the populist convention, the free silver republican wing being somewhat of an exception on account of its limited numbers. The main fight of the democrats was over the nomination of a candidate for sheriff and a bitter contest ensued though outside of the convention hall, resulting in a victory for the Roseburg ring in turning down the present incumbent for re-nomination, who, by the way, is today one of the very strongest men in the party in this county, but who has been too independent, conscientious and economical in the administration of his official duties during his term in office to receive any further endorsement, recognition or favors at the hands of the ring. However, the many friends of R. L. Stephens, stood by him nobly to the last, or until he withdrew from the contest, many of whom openly expressed themselves as unwilling to support the successful candidate for the nomination owing to the manner in which the nomination was brought about.

In the populist convention there was a clash between the fusionists and anti-fusionists and some very warm words were exchanged, resulting in the latter element either declining to participate further in the convention or retiring.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

convened in the opera-house at 10 o'clock a. m. and organized by electing B. W. Strong, chairman; Ira Wimberly, secretary; E. W. Diller, assistant secretary; the following committees were appointed:

Credentials—Frank Gorrell, H. L. Engels, W. A. Webber, Douglas Waite, H. R. Challenor.

Conference—V. C. London, C. L. Chenoweth, J. L. Boyle.

Order of Business and Permanent Organization—G. W. Wonacott, C. T. Nail, F. F. Wells.

Platform—O. H. Fisher, Peter Nelson, G. G. Guth.

THE PLATFORM.

We, the representatives of the democratic, populist and silver republican parties, allied in one common organization, striving for a single purpose, under the name of the union party, do submit to the voters of Douglas county the following declaration of principles:

We re-affirm the cardinal planks of the national democratic, populist and silver republican platforms of 1896, emphasizing our loyalty to the cause of independent American bi-metalism which is based upon the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. We believe the constant falling away in the prices of the products of the farm is due to the so-called "sound money" legislation which is constantly decreasing the volume of circula-

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