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The Truth About the Convention


 The above is from a Porttand dispotch appearing in the of the closing scene of the committee session.
The faets were these: When the 14 th ballot was announced there was quite enthusiastic cheering from the aud
ience, but no great demonstration. People, including the ience, but no great demonstration. People, incluarg
members of the eemmittee , started to get up preparatory to
breaking away. The show was over. It had been long and rather tedious. Men and women were anxious to get out of
the hall. In this respect it was just like any other sort the hall. In this respect it was just like any other sort of
indoor contest, athletic event or similar affair: when the
result was known the crowd turned its head on breaking result was known the crowd turned its head on breaking
away. The chairman pounded his gavel and quieted the eon-
fusion. A motion was made and pat to make the nominaing vote, though with a very few "no" calls from the aud-
ience in the rear of the room. The committee then voted an adjqurnment.
There was no "wild scene." There was no "storm of
protest and derision." The applause was temperate and the The writer has attended political convcntions for a
good many yearg, and has some knoledge of the methods
of convention manipulation. We must eonfess that the meet-
ing of the state committee last week was the most individing of the state committee last week was the most individ-
uallstic affair and the least "machine-ridden" of any he has
observed. The committeemen did not know in advance nor observed, The committeemen did not know in advance nor
during the balloting how other members were voting, save
as a few had expressed themselves openly. There was plenty
of prewsure brought on individual members, but the heavias a few had expressed themselves openly. There was plenty
of pressure brought on individual members, but the heavi-
est of all was from the Meier faction. There were appeals
for support, there may have been "promises," there may As a matter of fact, conditions made ceals almost
sible. No member could deliver more than his single vote
There were no groups hanging together as a group. Variou
proposals were made, for instance to Mr. Kay respecting th
treasurership but those who made them could not give any assurance that their overtures would
declined to trade; but we do not think that cost him the
ncmination because as just stated, all one man could deliver
was his own vote.
A lot of criticism was made against the secret ballot.
Yet if peple will stop to think, the secret ballot proved a Yet if people will stop to think, the secret ballot proved a
real preventative against deals and machine control. It gave
each member of the committee the chance to vote as his
conscience dictated. It made it difficult if not mpossible for candidates to go to individuals voting against them and
make offers and promises to get them to switch over. The
candidates were working quite in the dark even through the noon recess. So while from the standpoint of the newspaper
reporters and the public on the outside, the secret ballot
form was not so interesting, yet the claim that the secret
ballot was vicious hardly holds water. The Statesman opposed the nómination of Metschan,
and still thinks the committee erred in judgment. But writ-
ing objectively in the effort to give an honest report of what happened, we must repeat that the committeeert meet-
ing was freest from machine domination of any nominating convention we have observed or participated in. We may
expect the democratic press joined by the extreme pro-Josand "machine control," but the howling will be solely for po litical effect, beeause the voting by the 36 committeemen
was the most independent and individualistic which we have with all the shifts and turns it did if the business of nom-

##   Savings bank and in the Albany State bank, has been so- cured by the Linn Securities company which also controls the Valley Building and Loan association. the This means that the major financial institutions of the city are in the hands of one board of directors through the operation of the holding company. It also means that any operation of the holding company. It also means that any ty territory must deal with a holding company and can not bid one bank against the other in an effort to enter the community. For Abany citizens the merger has the advantage of keeping control of Albany's banks in local hands and in creatting an effective barrier to the sudden entry of any outside banking interests. The advantages or evils of com- bining all the financial interests of a cotmunity groug of hands will depend almost entirely on the fairness the sound judgment, the balanced conservatism and proin banking procedure is by any test interesting, one which will be watched by other communities. <br> $$
\begin{tabular}{|c|} \hline \multirow[t]{5}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l} "Ma" Ferguson won the Texas primary by a det lead and now enters the run-oft primary with good chane of enceess, "Ma" is fust the front for that old heller Jim For arol whe kithed \\  Primaties are bad, and we can't see that efnveifitions afe any better. How much longer have we got to hive on this old burth any how, doc? \end{tabular}
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