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THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

THE DELEGATES, April 16.—If there be a democrat or obscure known or unknown, who wants to run for congress on the democratic ticket this year, let him send in his name at once—say before 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. No one so far mentioned for the position will consent to make a martyr of himself, and the nomination is going a-begging. Ex-Senator Nesmith, answering an inquiry from Al. Zieber, chairman of the state central committee, declines the use of his name before the convention for any position, and a delegate showed me a letter from Col. Nesmith, asking him to withdraw his name should it be presented.

Eastern Oregon does not want to propose a man from that section for the reason that they want Slater for senator again, in case the democrats carry the legislature next June. Hence it is not likely that either Judge McArthur of Wasco, or L. B. Ison of Baker, will be presented.

W. D. Fenton says that one race is enough for him, and he has no desire to head a forlorn hope a second time.

Since 3 o'clock this afternoon, there has been considerable quiet talk among the delegates, but no conference, formal or informal. The Umatilla house was naturally chosen as headquarters, and the day being fine, the porch and the street made an excellent lobby.

SOME SLATES.

About the only available timber among the delegates for the congressional nomination are W. F. Owens of Douglas and Henry Klippel of Jackson. Each refuse, but it is believed Owens can be induced to accept. Eastern Oregon delegates say that if southern Oregon names a man he can have their votes, and consequently the nomination. The fact is no one wants it, and whoever is named may say truthfully that the honor was thrust upon him.

For supreme judge the only name I have heard is Judge R. S. Strahan of Albany.

For presidential electors the southern and eastern counties have fixed up the following slates: Owens of Douglas, Ison of Baker, and Fenton of Yamhill, provided the first named is not nominated for congress. Eugene Semple of St. Helens will be urged by the Multnomah delegation. Every Multnomah delegate is here, but Portland cuts no figure in the fight, and seems to ignore it. Probably the only recognition she will receive is one delegate to the national convention.

Every eastern county is represented, Umatilla and Baker by delegations, and the remaining counties by proxies. The delegations from Jackson, Josephine, Coos and Curry, and a part of that from Marion are not yet here but will arrive to-morrow.

JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

In the first district J. R. Neil of Jacksonville and Charles Cogswell of Lake View are candidates for district judge. Cogswell is certain of the nomination. T. B. Kent has no opposition for district attorney. In the second district J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg is booked for the district attorneyship, and will no doubt make it.

In the third district George V. Bell of Independence and P. H. D'Arcy of Salem are mentioned for prosecuting attorney. Multnomah, as yet, can find no one willing to run for judge or attorney in the fourth district, and it is likely these nominations will be referred to the county committee. In the fifth district, Judge A. S. Bennett is the only person mentioned for judge. M. LaTourrette of Oregon City is named for attorney. I am informed that the sixth district have fixed on G. W. Walker of Pendleton for judge, and M. D. Clifford of Grant for prosecuting attorney.

THE PLATFORM.

Judging from the tenor of private discussion, it is likely that the platform will include a plank relative to the mortgage tax law. It is the sentiment of the delegates that mortgages should be taxed, but on a more equitable basis than under the present law. Still, if Linn county, which fathered the act of 1882, were to present a plank demanding that the law be repealed, such a plank would be incorporated in the platform, for the reason that no one in the convention has anything better or more equitable to offer. Little has been said upon the tariff question. The Ohio idea and "tariff for revenue only" have about an equal number of supporters in the convention.

AN APPEAL TO NESMITH.

Late in the afternoon there was some talk of holding a caucus to-night, but none will be held.

At 7 o'clock this evening a telegram was sent to Colonel Nesmith, urging him to accept the nomination. The feeling to-night is that if the convention was asked to name, from a personal choice, the best party representative and the most available candidate, Colonel Nesmith would receive the vote of every delegate, except one from Multnomah.

THE MULTNOMAH DELEGATION.

The Multnomah delegation had a caucus to-night with the following result: Chairman of the delegation, Fred N. Holman; member of state central committee, E. J. Jeffery; delegate to the national convention, V. K. Strode; member of the committee on resolutions, S. Penoyer. Another caucus will be held to-morrow morning to select a district attorney.

AN INFORMAL MEETING.

An informal meeting of the county delegates was held late this evening and adjourned at midnight. It was resolved to submit to the convention to-morrow a resolution declaring the protective tariff unconstitutional, and demanding gradual and persistent reduction of the existing protective duties. Also a resolution demanding the legislature at the next session to pass a law regulating freights and fares on all transportation lines in the state. There promises to be a warm discussion on the tariff plank, and prominent members of the valley

counties declare that it will pass despite all opposition.—Oregonian Special.

Morrison's Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The tariff bill was taken up in the house yesterday by a vote of 140 to 138, the victory of the revenue reformers being secured by the votes of five Republican representatives.—James of New York, Anderson of Kansas; Seldon, Strait and Wakefield, of Minnesota. Thirty-nine Democrats voted against consideration of the bill. Thirty-eight representatives were paired, and seven members were absent or not voting. The vote does not indicate by any means the passage of the bill, as over twenty Democrats voted for consideration of the bill who will oppose its passage. The defeat of the Randall forces is due to the fact that six members of the Ohio delegation relied on to oppose consideration, voted for it. None of these men, however, will vote for the bill. Eleven of the twelve Pennsylvania Democratic votes were cast against consideration. Consideration having been called away by death in his family. All of New Jersey's Democratic votes were cast against the bill; eight of the twenty-one Democratic votes from New York, and four of the six Democratic votes from California were cast with the opposition.

Randall's friends say it is a significant fact that the main opposition to consideration comes from New Jersey, New York and California, states which must be carried by the democratic party next fall if they win the presidential election. There are those who see in the vote the influence of Tilden in the contest of the party. No serious opposition will be made in the future to consideration of the bill. The protectionist democrats see that it would be of no use to offer further opposition to discussion, and being confident of its ultimate defeat, they are willing the debate should run on. They desire, however, that the vote on the final passage of the bill shall be reached at as early a day as possible.

Morrison told Mr. Randall this afternoon that he wanted a week for general debate. After that, discussion under the five minute rule will be in order. At that time a motion will be made either to strike out the enacting clause or indefinitely postpone it.

The most serious feature of yesterday's action is that as the revenue and appropriation bills have precedence, under the rules, of all other legislation, the time consumed in tariff discussion renders less probable the chances for favorable action this session on the inter-state commerce, the land-grant forfeiture, the postal telegraph and the Chinese restriction bills.

Henly, Budd, Glasscock and Tully voted "no." Rosecrans voted "aye," Cassidy of Nevada voted "aye," and George of Oregon "no." Sumner was absent, on account of sickness, but had been present would, it is stated, have voted "no." As will be seen, the presence of Sumner and the change in the attitude of Rosecrans would have defeated consideration of the tariff bill, as it was taken up by a vote of 140 to 138. Rosecrans says his reason for voting as he did, as he intends to vote against it on the final passage, was that he could see no reason why he should not grant the request made so courteously by Morrison and the other tariff reformers to permit the bill to be debated.

Tillamook Mail Service.

At a meeting of the Astoria chamber of commerce held in this city on the 16th inst., the following preamble was adopted:

Resolved, That the county of Tillamook, Oregon, is so situated and surrounded by mountains and having but one wagon road from the Willamette valley, and that impassable on account of deep snow during several months of the year, and

WHEREAS, From the best information we can obtain, that county containing 2,750 square miles, has now a population of over 2,000 inhabitants, and would rapidly increase provided they could depend upon regular and safe water communication, and

WHEREAS, The establishment of an Oregon mail route in accordance with petitions to the Hon. John A. Gresham, Postmaster-general of the United States, numerously signed by the citizens of Clatsop and Tillamook counties, asking for said ocean mail service, would, no doubt, result in regular and reliable steam communication between Astoria and Tillamook, Oregon. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By this chamber that we heartily endorse the petition to the postmaster-general, asking him to establish an ocean mail route between Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, and Tillamook, Tillamook county, Oregon.

Resolved, That Senators J. N. Dolph and Slater and Representative M. C. George are requested to use their earnest endeavors to accomplish the object of the former resolution.

Resolved, That the secretary is hereby instructed to send a copy of this preamble and resolution to the postmaster-general, Senators Dolph and Slater and Congressman George, under the seal of this chamber, and to receive and forward all petitions for the establishment of the Astoria and Tillamook ocean mail route, and as soon as practicable to forward them to their proper destinations.

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