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COUNTY CONVENTION OF POLK REPUBLICANS

One of the Most Largely Attended Conventions Ever Held by Republicans in Polk County.

A Good County Ticket Put Up and Delegates Sent to State and Congressional Conventions.

DALLAS, April 9.—A complete county ticket was nominated by the republican county convention in session in the circuit court room of the county court house here today.

Nine delegates each to the congressional and state conventions to be held in Salem and Portland on the 13th and 14th respectively were also named.

The Polk County Republican ticket.

For State Senator U. S. LAUGHARY.

For Representative D. L. KEYT.

For County Judge E. J. COAD.

For County Clerk E. M. SMITH.

For Sheriff, MARK SCRAFFORD.

For Commissioner, Wm. RIDDELL.

For Assessor, CARL GRAVES.

For School Superintendent, C. L. STARR.

For Treasurer, J. E. BEEZLEY.

For Surveyor, JOHN VAN ORSDELL.

For Coroner, LINN CHAPMAN.

Delegates to the congressional convention:—Frank Gibson, H. B. Brophy, F. A. Patterson, C. R. Farley, Lee Rowell, L. E. Bedwell, T. B. Hooker, C. L. Hubbard, E. E. Paddock.

Delegates to the state convention:—D. L. Keyt, E. N. Hall, E. M. Young, J. L. Hanna, F. Lucas, J. R. Ford, U. S. Grant, T. J. Graves, Al Baxter.

The convention was called to order at 10 a. m. by W. W. Percival and W. T. Hoffman elected temporary chairman and U. S. Grant temporary secretary without opposition. A committee on credentials, committee on order of business, and another on resolutions were appointed, and the temporary organization adjourned until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The weather was perfect and notwithstanding the demand of hop yards and farms for labor was urgent there was a remarkably good attendance of delegates. Out of 136 delegates, 133 were present and the manner of voting the proxies of the absent three precipitated the first discussion on the floor. Mr. Leet moved to instruct the committee on credentials to confine the voting of proxies to the delegation of the precinct from which the proxy came. Mr. Hawkins rose to a point of order claiming the temporary organization had no authority to give such instructions. The chair ruled the point was not well taken and upon motion of J. H. Moran the proposal to instruct the credentials committee was laid on the table.

AFTERNOON.

Upon re-assembling in the afternoon the temporary organization was made permanent and the committees promptly reported, and their reports were adopted without

alteration or amendment. The committee on credentials recognized as entitled to seats in the convention all present whose names had been certified up by secretaries of the various primary conventions. No recommendation was made as to the three proxies and the convention allowed them to be voted by parties outside of the precinct.

Following out the order of business adopted, the first vote on candidates was for state senator. E. L. Keyt placed U. S. Laughary in nomination and G. L. Hawkins presented the name of E. C. Kirkpatrick. Through some misunderstanding the name of J. M. Stark was not presented though it was understood by the Independence and Monmouth delegations it would be. The vote resulted: Laughary 90; Kirkpatrick 37; Stark 5; Blank 4. Had Stark's name been presented he would have received a complimentary vote from the Independence and Monmouth delegates and some others. There were loud calls for Laughary following his election on the first ballot and in response he thanked Polk county republicans for the honor of the nomination and pledged his best efforts toward the election of the ticket, and for Dallas, Polk county and the state of Oregon, when elected. Mr. Kirkpatrick was also called for and made a few remarks.

REPRESENTATIVE.

E. L. Keyt had many admirers in the convention who would have been pleased to support him for senator but he declined to enter the contest and when his name was proposed for representative he was given the nomination by acclamation.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

The contest for commissioner lay between Wm. Riddell of Monmouth and J. B. Teal, the present commissioner. Mr. Riddell was not a candidate for the place and only consented to accept the nomination at the earnest solicitation of his friends. On the first ballot there were four more votes cast than there were delegates present and a second was taken. It resulted: Riddell 74; Teal 58.

COUNTY CLERK.

For county clerk, but one name, that of E. M. Smith, was presented and he received the nomination by acclamation. Mr. Smith belongs in Monmouth precinct, though he is now teaching at Bethel.

COUNTY JUDGE.

There was some interest displayed in the selection of a candidate for county judge, but only two ballots were necessary to decide. J. R. Shepard nominated J. W. Hodson of Spring Valley. Mr. Ashbaugh named Hardy Holman of Dallas. John Smith of Bridgeport, presented the name of Ed. Coad of Dallas, and U. S. Grant placed Geo. W. McBee, of Dallas, in nomination. The first ballot

gave Hodson, 48 votes; Holman, 18; Coad, 52; McBee, 17. Second ballot: Coad, 69; Hodson, 42; Holman, 15; McBee, 10.

SHERIFF.

Mark Scrafford found no opposition for the nomination for Sheriff and when his name presented, the nomination was given him by acclamation.

ASSESSOR.

Carl Graves, a popular young man of Jackson precinct was another who met with no opposition and was nominated by acclamation for the office of assessor.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

C. L. Starr, the present incumbent, and W. J. Crawford of Spring Valley, were placed in nomination for school superintendent. The seconds of Mr. Starr's nomination were so numerous and well distributed over the various sections of the county, that Mr. Crawford did the graceful thing by withdrawing and Mr. Starr was nominated by acclamation.

COUNTY TREASURER.

G. W. McLaughlin, of Buena Vista, and John E. Beezley, of North Dallas, were before the convention for treasurer and Mr. Beezley won out by a vote of 76 to 58.

SURVEYOR.

The nomination for county surveyor has long been conceded to Johnnie Van Orsdell and there was no disappointment. Johnnie was placed down toward the tale of the ticket, and he won without opposition and by acclamation.

CORONER.

Quite a little merriment was indulged in over the selection of a candidate for coroner. Hi Plummer resented the nomination as an insult. The gag rule was applied and Joe Hubbard was nominated without the privilege of protest. Before receiving credentials, he declined and Linn Chapman was made the nominee.

The vote on delegates to the congressional convention stood as follows: Frank Gibson 108, H. B. Brophy 107, F. A. Patterson 108, C. R. Farley 108, Lee Rowell 109, L. E. Bedwell 96, T. B. Hooker 106, C. L. Hubbard 106, E. E. Paddock 135, Fred Oberer 29, Thos. Wann 31, I. F. Yoakum 32, J. H. Moran 31, D. T. Hodge 30, Geo. L. Hawkins 32, G. L. Kelly 30, H. B. Cosper 30.

Before the vote on state delegates was taken, E. C. Kirkpatrick announced the ticket headed by T. J. Graves was not pledged or purchasable and was for Geo. H. Burnett for circuit judge. He was followed by D. L. Keyt who announced that the ticket headed by Keyt was not pledged or purchasable and was for Geo. H. Burnett for circuit judge. The vote resulted:

D. L. Keyt 85, E. N. Hall 79, E. M. Young 84, J. L. Hanna 86, F. Lucas 86, J. R. Ford 86, U. S. Grant 89, T. J. Graves 124, Al Baxter 89, W. W. Percival 46, G. A. Hurley 50, W. E. Yeater 47, T. B. Rowell 53, H. B. Plummer 43, W. W. Collins 47, C. L. Hawley 58, Frank Butler 50.

Before adjourning delegates of the different districts made nominations for justices of the peace and constables as follows:

Falls City, Bridgeport, Luckiamute and Rock Creek—A. J. Syron j. p.; B. J. Harrington, constable. Eola and Spring Valley—J. R. Shepard, j. p.; C. O. Garfield, constable.

Independence, Monmouth, Suver, and Buena Vista—No candidate named for justice of the peace; J. H. Moran, constable.

Dallas and Rickreall—H. Holman, j. p.; F. E. Muscott, constable. Perrydale and McCoy—H. G.

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HERMANN AGAIN

Was Nominated by Acclamation at the Salem Convention. Only Name Presented.

L. T. Harris Withdrew From the Fight a Short Time Before Convention Convened.

Salem, April 13—Binger Hermann was re-nominated for congress by the republican convention here today. No other name was presented. L. T. Harris of Lane was here with his friends to contest for honors with Hermann, but last night it became evident that it would be futile to carry the fight into the convention. Harris was short of votes.

When A. C. Masters of Douglas placed in nomination, the Hon. Binger Hermann, A. C. Woodcock of Eugene, law partner of Mr. Harris moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the convention for Mr. Hermann. In seconding Mr. Woodcock's motion, E. Hofer said that last year when Marion county went into the convention with a candidate its delegates bowed to the wishes of Lane county and took Mr. Hermann; now Lane was asked by Marion to take him again.

Mr. Harris assured the convention Lane county will stand by its nominee.

For delegates to the republican national convention, Dr. J. M. Keene of Medford and J. W. Campbell of Oregon City were chosen. Walter Tooze of Woodburn was made chairman of the congressional committee for the ensuing two years.

Geo. C. Brownell acted as chairman of the convention. Some of Harris' friends feel that he should have made a fight against Brownell for the chairmanship, but it was the judgment of his managers that he should not show his hand in opposing the Hermann organization.

While waiting for the credentials committee's report, Ex-Governors Geer and Lord and B. L. Eddy addressed the convention.

There was some criticism of Chairman Brownell's manner of conducting the proceedings "according to program" and Cliff McArthur of Rickreall aroused applause by moving that the nominations and committee reports be made "according to program." E. Hofer asked permission to offer a motion if in "accordance with the program."

Leisure Hour Club.

The Leisure Hour Reading Club was pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. O. D. Butler Friday afternoon, April 8th. The house was prettily decorated with a profusion of narcissus, and the ladies were entertained with progressive top spinning which produced abundant merriment. Mrs. R. H. Knox proved herself to be the most skillful spinner and received a prize, while Mrs. D. B. Taylor was awarded the booby prize. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Butler was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. A. Nelson and Mrs. I. W. Dickinson. The reading club consists of twenty-six members, each of whom contributes a book which is passed in routine every two weeks. The club is entering upon its third year. A committee has been appointed to procure new books for the year's reading.