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## ACCORDING TO PROGRAM

### Democrats Name Legislative Ticket of Disgruntlers as "Independents"

### IGNORED PRIMARY LAW

#### Two-Act Farce Enacted at Hillsboro By Handful of Faithfuls Who Accept a Platform.

The motley and heterogeneous array of political recalcitrants that met at Hillsboro Friday for the purpose of nominating a Statement No. 1 legislative ticket was nothing but a protest of the remnant of the militant democracy of Washington county. Such a move was natural and expected. No political significance is to be given the movement for the bulk and majority of the delegates present have for years affiliated with either the Union or the Democratic party which to all intents and purposes are one and the same.

From the inception of the convention as an alleged non-partisan gathering up to the hour of its adjournment as a democratic convention, the meeting bore the earmarks of the democratic machine or rather that of the democratic leaders of the county.

The domination of the convention by the democrats was plainly visible at all times, and the few Statement No. 1 republicans present have not been active for the republican party and have always declared themselves as independents. Everything went off "according to program," just as the political sage of Oregon City, George C. Brownell, would have done it.

It has been said that the day's proceedings made up the best, all-around, genuine farce ever played in Washington county on the political stage. The piece was refreshing, amusing, thrilling and held the attention of the curious ones from beginning to end. The first act was enacted in the Statement No. 1 party forum while in the second act the scene was depicted in the democratic wigwam. The dramatic personae however was the same for both.

It was about 10:30 when the convention assembled. The leaders of the movement occupied front seats and after some discussion James H. Sewell, who at one time was defeated for the office of state senator on the union ticket, was placed in nomination as chairman of the meeting. Robert O. Stevenson of this city, nominated John W. Wall of Hillsboro, as secretary and his choice was ratified by acclamation. Many of the delegates present did not exactly understand the purpose of the meeting but they were edified by the reading of the call, or rather one of the posters announcing the meeting by Mr. Wall. From now on the democratic machine reigned supreme.

W. H. Wehrung who owes his political prestige to the favor of juicy rumors which Governor Chamberlain has resented him at various times, moved to a committee of six members be appointed to draw up a platform and order of business. Chairman Sewell and John M. Wall immediately got their heads together and named the following committee: W. H. Wehrung, chairman, B. G. Leedy, Wm. M. Langley, Dr. F. M. Robinson, J. C. Miller and Wm. Schulmerich. Notice of political complexion of this non-partisan committee! Every one of them hated with the democratic party and every one of them a Chamberlain voter.

The "success" of the convention ended, a motion was made to adjourn at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The Forest Grove delegation was up with bells and in the lime light while it played its part well, wedding well. The stalwarts who favored the primary election had favored to secure candidates to run a Statement No. 1 platform, but not give up the work until the convention adjourned.

Wehrung. Mr. Langley asked that the nominations be closed and Mr. Wehrung be declared elected. And it was. Lawyer Langley moved that the convention proceed to nominate a state senator. (Buck) Myers seconded the motion.

W. H. Wehrung, who as chairman of the committee on platform, had summoned A. N. Cutting of Sherwood, before the committee and inquired into the character of his political affiliations, placed the Sherwood man in nomination for state senator. There were no other available candidates, the committee had exhausted the material at hand; the aspirant was willing to run; he called himself an independent republican; hence his qualifications were sufficient.

Wm. Schulmerich also a member of the committee, thought Cutting would make a good nominee "because he had a mind of his own." As proof Schulmerich said Cutting at one time hung a jury on a \$40 case in which he (Schulmerich) was interested. The remark was intended to get a demonstration from the candidate, but it fell flatter than a pancake. Schulmerich then delivered himself of a few additional remarks and ended with the sentence "This convention is going to make history." Thinking that perhaps they were to become historians, the delegates applauded and Schulmerich sat down. It now fell upon Dr. Robinson of Beaverton, a democrat and member of the committee on platform, to move that Cutting be nominated by acclamation. And he was.

The faithfuls, the fellows that had scoured the county for candidates yelled "speech, speech," and Mr. Cutting modestly and with a huge grin playing upon his face stood up. "Buck" Myers who wanted everybody to see the big man from Sherwood, yelled at him "Come forward and show yourself." (Laughter). Cutting came. He made a short talk for Mr. Cutting makes no pretense at oratory. He said in part: "I didn't expect such a move to be taken here although I was requested to be present at this convention I am in sympathy with Statement No. 1 because I believe the people want it." He continued by saying that in politics a man should be free. He said he favored independence and believed in safeguarding the interests of the farmers. He said that it was a poor rule to be extravagant when it came to making appropriations and told a little of his own history—how he had lived in Vermont, Minnesota, Iowa, Idaho and Oregon. He has resided in this county for eight or ten years.

Again Mr. Langley came to the front and moved that three nominees for representatives be chosen. "All in a bunch or one at a time?" interjected William H. H. Myers. A voice shouted "one at a time." And so it was.

J. W. Barnes of Beaverton, nominated William Schulmerich, the dairyman of the Farmington neighborhood. Schulmerich got up and said he had consented to run only after all other material had been exhausted. Mr. Langley arose and shouted that he wanted no such report to go out of the meeting that "All the timber had been exhausted." Schulmerich was accordingly nominated. Charles Miller presented the name of John Chapman for representative. Miller didn't know from what precinct his candidate hailed but a good brother came to his rescue. Lawyer Langley didn't intend that a good man be defeated so he seconded the nomination. Chapman got there of course. Ed Schulmerich of Hillsboro, nominated N. I. Burnett of near Greenville, who in declining took occasion to throw a bouquet to Ira Purdin and nominated him. Purdin said he wasn't a resident of the county and gracefully extended his thanks. Dr. Robinson put up C. F. Hedges and J. W. Barnes, the Statement No. 1 republican, presented the name of B. G. Leedy of Tigardville. He too showed modesty and in this way an attempt was made to disabuse the crowd of the existence of any slate. There was some talk that the ticket was too sectional in its make-up, that there were too many candidates from the eastern part of the county. The hero of the day, Mr. Langley, again arose to say that locality had nothing to do with the vote getting qualities of a ticket.

"We want good men, that's all," said he. "Buck" Myers who had been silent for some time, saw the occasion to make a few remarks. He arose and

with dramatic effect said "Gentlemen, for 2,000 years, the wise men have come from the east. Let's have our nominees from the east." (Laughter).

Tellers were appointed to gather the ballots which resulted as follows: Burnett 49, Leedy 20, Hedges 9. Mr. Chapman was not present but his friends said he was a republican and would make a great run. The crowd called on Burnett the successful nominee, for a speech. "This nomination comes entirely unsought by me," said he. "I thank you very much for the honor, for it is an honor for a rancher to be chosen nominee for the legislature. If elected, and I shall be and there's no question about that, (laughter) I shall do the best I know how for the people of this county."

### Democratic Convention.

Now as a fitting climax to the whole show, the assembly resolved itself into a democratic convention for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Democratic State convention which meets in Portland on June 9. At this point of the seance some of the delegates became perfectly disgusted with the "program" and the hall was being depleted of its spectators when W. H. H. Myers of this city, raising his right arm aloft and with stentorian voice called the assembly to order. Quick as a flash one of the braves nominated B. G. Leedy as chairman of the meeting, who to prevent a stampede quickly assumed his seat and called for the convention's choice for secretary. Some one shouted "Charlie Miller of Forest Grove," and the local druggist rushed forward to record the history-making events of the great convention. His labors were not strenuous for the business transacted was not large. Here again the party whip was cracked by W. H. Wehrung but to no avail. The man to whom Chamberlain has given numerous appointments arose and suggested that the matter of choosing the delegates to the state convention be left with the county central committee. The convention would not stand for this and John M. Wall with keen foresight restored harmony by making a motion that the convention proceed to select seven delegates to the state convention. Wall's motion carried unanimously. Queer as it may seem there were many seekers after this honor and as soon as seven names had been placed before the convention, they were railroaded through. The first man nominated was C. F. Miller of this city, who wants to go to the national convention at Denver to see "the peerless and matchless leader" nominated on the first ballot. The other delegates are C. E. Hedges, J. A. Abbott, John M. Wall, B. G. Leedy, W. H. Wehrung and David O'Donnell.

There were those present who thought that a county ticket should be nominated at this time. The metamorphosis from a Statement No. 1 meeting to a democratic convention appeared to some to be alarmingly dangerous to the success of the Statement No. 1 Party ticket. This sentiment was voiced by J. W. Barnes of Beaverton, a Statement No. 1 republican, who in former years affiliated with the populist party, in a calm unassuming speech. He said he was not a democrat, that he had come to the meeting as a Statement No. 1 man to put up a Statement No. 1 ticket and that so far as he was personally concerned he could not sanction the putting up of a democratic ticket at this time. He said that the day's proceedings would be quite a jolt to the silent voters, that the fact that a democratic county ticket was put up at the close of the Statement No. 1 convention, would prove an impassable barrier to the men running on Statement No. 1 platform. He said: "Republicans are good fellows, they gave us this primary law and we should not antagonize any of them by declaring ourselves as favoring the nomination of a democratic county ticket at this time."

Lawyer Langley of Forest Grove, stepped into the breach and in a speech full of advice, warned the convention to do nothing that would encumber the ticket. He suggested that a county ticket might be nominated by petitions as so many independent candidates. John M. Wall moved that aspirants for county offices be assisted by the secretary and chairman of the meeting in the preparation and circulating of their petitions.

### The Platform.

To the voters of Washington Co.: We your committee on platform and resolutions would beg leave to make the following report: Whereas, heretofore, the people of the state of Oregon by a large majority

at the general election passed and adopted what is known as the Primary Election Law, together with the Initiative and Referendum and what is termed Statement No. 1. The said statement provides that candidates nominated for the offices of state senator and representatives may obligate themselves to support for U. S. senator such party as shall receive the largest popular vote for that office at the previous general election; and

Whereas, said law has been tested and found beneficial, as the senators elected under and by virtue of said law were duly seated in the U. S. senate; and

Whereas, we believe and maintain that the U. S. senator should be elected by the direct vote of the people and that Statement No. 1 of the Primary Law is the most accessible manner of obtaining this result under our present constitution; and

Whereas, it is the sense of the voters of Washington county in mass meeting assembled that any political party that places in nomination candidates for representatives unpledged to this Statement is not representing the desire or welfare of the people.

Therefore, be it resolved that we adopt Statement No. 1 as the platform of this non-partisan assembly; and be it further

Resolved, that the assembly be hailed, known and placed upon the official ballot as the Independent Statement No. 1 Party and the nominees pledge their vote and support for the people's choice for U. S. senator.

W. H. WEHRUNG, Chairman.  
F. M. ROBINSON, Secretary.

### FOR A LARGER CHURCH.

#### Local Methodists Contemplate Improvements on Their House of Worship.

Local Methodists are agitating the proposition of remodeling and making improvements on their church building. The Methodist church has the largest active membership of any church in the city, and the growth of its Sunday school is such that the present accommodations are inadequate. In fact, many of the church members are of the opinion that the work of the church must retrogress unless additional room is provided. These were the expressions of the members who spoke on the proposed improvements at the morning service, last Sunday. The board of trustees has considered the proposition and favor the making of the improvement, but naturally they will not go ahead with it until they are assured of the hearty co-operation of a good majority of the church members. Rev. Hiram Gould believes that the improvements are needed, but he does not wish to force the proposition on the membership of the church.

Already plans have been drawn and estimates made upon the improvements which will cost about \$1800. The present front vestibule is to be removed, and in the rear, a kitchen, lavatory and other modern improvements are to be made. A gallery, seating 100, will also be an innovation and the main auditorium will easily accommodate 300 people.

Some of the members, while not opposed to the improvements, believe that an entirely new edifice would be more practical if some of the property, the parsonage and the present meeting house could be sold at a reasonable price. The regular sermon was omitted and nearly all the members who favored the proposed improvements expressed their views. Several of the more progressive members pledged generous financial contributions and others made pledges of both money and work. There is little doubt that the Methodists of this city realize the need of a new and larger edifice with which to carry on their work here. The continuous growth and development of Forest Grove and the surrounding country make it imperative for the religious forces of the city to keep pace with the march of progress. A rising vote of the congregation showed that the members and those worshipping at that church favored the proposed improvement. However, at the meeting of the trustees to be held the latter part of the week, the proposition will be discussed again and some definite plan of action decided upon.

E. W. Haines, H. J. Goff and L. J. Corl went to Sumpter, the fore part of the week, to examine the mining property in which Frank Kane is interested. It will be remembered that Mr. Kane turned over to the Haines bank a considerable number of shares in a mining company, as the result of court proceedings begun against Mr. Kane by Mr. Haines, the banker.

## GREAT S. S. CONVENTION

Soul-stirring music, inspirational addresses, renewed interest in the various branches of the work, largest representative body of Christian workers ever gathered in an Oregon convention—these were some of the features of the twenty-third annual state Sunday school convention which assembled in Forest Grove the forepart of the week.

Forest Grove was proud, and with good reasons, to entertain this host of workers who are engaged in the worldwide movement of making men's lives happier, nobler and more helpful.

From the first session of the convention till the impressive closing gathering of the big convention, the First Congregational church was filled to overflowing by throngs eager to listen to sweet music and hear great addresses by eloquent speakers.

The opening service Monday evening was largely attended and was in the nature of a welcome meeting. Rev. H. W. Boyd of the convention church, delivered the invocation and inspiring music was furnished by a mixed chorus of forty voices under the leadership of Principal H. L. Bates.

The welcome in behalf of the city and the commercial organizations was tendered by Hon. E. W. Haines who said he welcomed the delegates to a "wide open town, as open as a temperance town can be." He told that the mayor had ordered the chicken houses to be left open. He said that the impressions of early childhood are those that remain strong and formulate largely the character of the man or woman. Rev. C. A. Sias of the Christian church, happily welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city churches and his remarks with reference to "Washington county going dry in June" were cheered to the echo. President W. N. Ferrin extended the hospitality of the university to the visitors in a few well chosen remarks. "We are apt to think of the Sunday school as being an old movement but it is not," said he. "It has been the forerunner and pioneer in church work, yet it is still young and virile." The remarks of Dr. Ferrin were peculiarly appropriate in view of the fact that for more than forty years he has been connected with the work, and that for the last twenty years he has been teacher of a young men's Bible class.

The response in behalf of the convention was made by State Secretary Phipps, who said that the organization was bringing its best men and all it had to Forest-Grove.

The main address of the evening was that of Rev. W. C. Merritt on "The Organized Work and the Rome Convention with its World-wide Vision." The speaker told of his ocean trip from Boston to Rome and the many places the party visited prior to its arrival at the Eternal City. His description of Gibraltar rock was interesting but he wished to disabuse the mind of any one that a well known insurance company had painted across it the word "Prudential." He told of the international Sunday school convention which met in Rome on April last. The meetings were held in the old Coliseum made historic by the gladiatorial contests and martyrdoms of early Christians. His speech was intended to set before his hearers the greatness and bigness of the Sunday school work and to show how it covers every section of the earth.

Never before have the Sunday school workers of Oregon taken deeper interest in the state work than at this annual gathering when in thirty minutes the sum of \$3000 was pledged by the various counties. Of this amount Washington county pledged \$235 after having engaged in a spirited contest with Yamhill county.

There were 314 delegates in attendance not counting the special excursion from Portland and 17 counties were represented.

The main address Wednesday afternoon was that of Rev. Clarence True Wilson who spoke on "How to House and Hold the Young." He said that the young get enough of the secular in the common schools, enough of frivolity when at play. They must be taught early the absolute necessity of radical conversion.

The closing session of the convention last night was the most largely attended. Two stirring addresses were made by the noted Portland Baptist preacher, J. Whitcomb Brougner, who captivated the audience and Marion Lawrence also made a strong talk.

The committee on resolutions extended words of appreciation to Forest Grove and its people for the warm-

hearted hospitality given the delegates while here; went on record as favoring the continuance of the quarterly temperance lessons; and as being opposed to the constitutional amendment to be voted upon in June "giving towns practical home rule" as its originator, J. F. Reddy of Medford, expresses it, because it is a saloon measure intended to nullify the local option law.

An attempt on the part of a Lane county delegate, who is professor in the Eugene Divinity school, to have the convention declare in favor of the passage of the State University appropriation bill met defeat. The convention members may have been favorable to the measure but they did not think it advisable to take official action on the question.

Marion Lawrence who for the past thirty years has been connected with Sunday school work in Toledo, Ohio, spoke Tuesday evening on "The Work of the Sunday School Teacher." He said: Teaching is the finest of the fine arts. The Master could have been a lawyer, a doctor or anything that he might have chosen, but He chose to be a teacher. His last impressive command was "Go, teach." He said that the teacher was the hinge upon which swings the Sunday school. He referred to the good people outside of the church as "guerilla saints" and said there were enough of them and that the business of the Sunday school was to bring them into the church. He explained that preparation was the important thing with the teacher and that without preparation there can be no real results. Rev. Wm. H. Foulkes of the First Presbyterian church, Portland, spoke on "Things That Must Abide." Stronger faith, clearer ideas of the Bible, teaching of sound doctrines, joyful hope, and reliance on the Holy Spirit are some of the things that the Sunday school must hold steadfastly. He spoke of the new and old criticism against the Bible and declared that critics have done more to strengthen the faith than to overthrow it.

Pendleton will pull to become the convention city next year.

### NEW BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE.

Cornelius is to have the best and most modern appointed school building in the county. All arrangements have been made by the board of directors for the erection of the building which is to be a two-story structure with a basement. It will be equipped with a heating apparatus and the recitation rooms will be furnished with automatic ventilation. This new building is made necessary by the increasing number of pupils that must be accommodated. The board has an option on a piece of property, near the encampment grounds, upon which the new building is to be erected. The site of the school house is to be exchanged for the new site and the present building will be sold. The coming year the enrollment of the school is expected to reach the 200 mark. The school directors who have made the arrangements for the erection of the new building are, M. H. Henderson, James Morrissey and C. W. Fitch, H. G. Fitch is clerk.

Mr. C. W. Fitch recently removed to Dilley to reside permanently, and an election has been called for May 4 to select his successor.

The principal of the school is A. L. Thomas, and the teachers under him are Lester Mowberry and Miss Anna Newman of Forest Grove.

### Delegates Chosen.

At a meeting of the Republican county central committee held in Hillsboro last Monday the following delegates were chosen to attend the state convention to be held in Portland May 14: W. J. Buttner, Beaverton; J. P. Ireland, Banks; J. W. Hughes, Dilley; C. F. Tygard, Tigardville; B. F. Purdy, Gaston; B. H. Laughlin, Forest Grove; Benton Bowman, Hillsboro; Herman Collier and A. N. Davis.

### Socialist to Oppose Barrett.

C. V. Kuykendall, of North Yamhill, a well-to-do farmer, has filed his petition with the county clerk as Socialist candidate for joint senator from Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook and Lincoln.

Burke Tongue will be opposed by J. Y. Kauffman of Vernonia, another socialist candidate. Democrats have taken out blank petitions and are making a strenuous chase for candidates to run for county offices.