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POPULIST CONVENTION.

On Wednesday, March 16, at Burns, Ore.

MORNING SESSION.

The People's Party county convention of Harney County, Oregon met pursuant to call by the chairman of the central committee.

Judge C. P. Rutherford was elected as chairman of the convention.

J. H. Loggan was chosen as secretary. Fred Odley was elected as assistant secretary.

No. 1: Motion to vote on fusion or non-fusion for County Populist Ticket; standing vote: 16 for, 11 against. Carried for fusion.—R. considered for a later period.

No. 2: Moved and seconded that a committee of five be appointed by the chair carried. Jason Bennett, W. N. Jorgensen, M. Horton, R. N. Miller, committee.

No. 3: Committee of three on resolutions and platform named. E. L. Beede, J. H. Loggan, J. P. A. R. Johnson.

Motion to adjourn carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at one o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

No. 4: Motion to allow proxies by delegates of precincts from which they come, carried.

PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS.

We, the committee appointed by the People's Party, do hereby recommend the adoption of the following platform:

1: We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, independent of the action of any other nation.

2: We demand that all money shall be issued directly by the government without the intervention of banks and that all money so issued, whether gold, silver or paper, shall be full legal tender for all debts both public and private.

3: We demand that no contract, or law shall discriminate against any money issued by the government.

4: We expose the issuance of any interest-bearing bonds in time of peace.

5: We protest against any legislation for the retirement of the paper currency of the United States.

6: We favor an income tax as a means of raising part of the revenue, necessary to administer the Federal government.

7: We demand the election of U. S. Senators by a direct vote of the people.

8: We demand direct legislation in some practical form.

9: We demand the redemption of O. G. N. bonds, commissions and corrupt methods, and demand honest elections and election laws, including a stringent registration law.

10: We pledge ourselves to re-entrance in the unity and state extend taxes and in effect to reduce the indebtedness of Harney county.

11: Resolved, That the delegates elected to the state convention of the people's party of this state to convene at Portland March 23, 1898, be and are, hereby instructed to use all honorable means to bring about a fair and honorable alliance of all reform forces of populists, democrats and silver republicans parties of this state upon the same ticket, agreeing upon the same candidates, each party to be represented thereon in proportion to its voting strength as shown by its platform, and to agree upon a platform embracing the financial, banking, and direct legislation questions as essential features thereof.

12: Resolved, That we denounce the chairman of the state central committee and all others in collusion with same, in regard to the part taken by them to corrupt the election in 1896, if said information be correct.

Sheriff—No nomination.
School Superintendent—Prof. D. L. Grace named by acclamation.
Judge—Jasper Davies; Chas. P. Rutherford.
Assessor—J. H. Loggan, Byron Terrell.
1st vote, Loggan, 16; Terrill, 16; Byron, Terrill withdrew. J. H. Loggan named by acclamation.
Commissioner—A. Denio, Robt. Drinkwater.
A. Denio, 7; Robt. Drinkwater, 25.
Drinkwater named.
Treasurer—H. E. Cheatham named by acclamation.
Surveyor—F. M. Jordan, named.
Croner—Dr. S. D. McPheters.
Delegates for State Convention—Robt. Pierson, Geo. Hagey, R. N. Miller, E. L. Beede.
13th District—Justice of Peace: Wm. Montgomery; constable: J. G. H. Howay.
Harney District—J. P. Jasper Davis; constable, W. Park.
Burns District—J. P. C. H. McPheters; constable, Robt. Pierson.
Drewsey and Pine Creek District—J. P. A. R. Johnson; constable, Jack Bartlett.
Precinct Central Committeemen: Pine Creek—Sam'l Jenkins; Burns—Chas. P. Rutherford; Harney—Robt. Drinkwater; Poison Creek—Mel Fenwick; Pueblo—J. G. Holloway; Crane Creek—David Carey; Saddle Butte—Fred Odley; Curry—N. A. Dibble; Lake—John McCoy; Island—G. Hudspeth; Catlow—
Drewsey—J. T. Moffatt; Happy Valley—J. H. Cornutt; Diamond—M. Horton; Silvies—A. Wintermeier; Wild Horse—Chas. Fields; Alvord—R. F. Claypool.
Chairman of County Central Committee: Chas. P. Rutherford.
Secretary of Committee—Jas. M. Dalton.
CHAS. P. RUTHERFORD, Chairman.
J. H. LOGGAN, Secretary.

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No. 5: Motion to vote on platform and resolutions separately, lost.

No. 6: Motion to vote on acceptance of resolutions and platform as read, carried.

No. 7: Motion for tellers to be appointed and to proceed to nominate candidates for office, carried.

Wm. Hanchett and L. N. Olsen, tellers.

Nominations in order:
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