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For sheriff-Wm Blakely of Eastland. r county clerk-John Vert of Pendleton.

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For treasurer-Chas Bowling of Adams. D W McDannald of Valley. For school superintendent-

F J Van Winkle of Weston. For surveyor-G L LaDow of Pendleton. For coroner-

Chas Beale of Pendleton. For representatives— S P Purdy of Athena. M Toner of Cottonwood. J. B. Saylor of Echo.

The Umatilla county democratic convention, held at Pendleton, on Saturday last, was without doubt the most business like and harmoniously conducted of any held before in the history of the county. Perfect harmony prevailed from start to finish. Every nomination made was unanimous.

C. B. Leatherman, of Weston, was chosen chairman, and with the able assistance of the secretaries, the business of the convention was conducted in a most expeditious and satisfactory manner.

The various committees did their work in an able manner, and taken all in all, the democratic county convention of 1896 will go down in convention record as being most ably conducted, harmoniously blended and absolutely free from schemes, wire-pulling, etc. To the East Oregonian we are indebted for the following complete report of the proceedings of the conven-

Democratic delegates met at the held an informal conference. Col tion will act wisely in the selection E D Boyd presided and made a of candidates and that a ticket will various delegates from all over the victory at the polls next June." county were called on and suggestions were made regarding the ticket and platform to be made the next day. The one prevailing names of WJ Furnish, CP Davis, sentiment was in favor of harmony in the convention, by no means barring rivalry for nominations, but a spirit which called for an open and above board contest for places on the ticket and then a was declared the unanimous choice united and enthusiastic party to of the convention for temporary support the ticket and prosecute a secretary vigorous campaign. About 75 delegates attended the caucus and ant secretary. there was an admirable spirit of harmony and interest was intense. The general opinion was that a convention conducted on the lines laid down would insure the naming of a winning ticket. No specific action was taken by the caucus, and an adjournment was taken at 10 o'clock. The delegates went to their hotels and spent an hour or so in discussing the various issues. Jas Maloney, Wm Price. It was generally conceded that Senator J H Raley would have the state delegation favorable to him for the nomination, provided he decided to make the run. Between A D Stiffman and T G Hailey, very sharp rivalry existed for the state delegation, which each one wanted and every effort made to secure a majority. This was the chief conless insistent.

The convention was called to order at 10:10 a. m. by C P Davis. filled, the bald-headed row being and legislative campaign, especial-Dr. Garfield, Nathan Pierce and Sam Tillard.

order Mr. Davis said:

county, but two years ago they suffered a complete defeat for the first time in the history of the county. Nevertheless they should not feel discouraged at this time. The democracy at this time is well united and there are no factions. There is no strife in the party for places, but on the other hand the office is seeking the man. There have been dissentions in the past, but it is not so now.

"There are some who think democrats are discouraged and stand no show in the coming presidential election: But I assure you they will find that such is not the case next June.

"I hope the deliberations of this convention will be harmonious and that the best men will be selected for office.

"I trust the convention will select men for county offices who will, if elected, conduct their offices with a view to the strictest economy and a reduction of taxes." Charles Carter nominated C B Leatherman, for temporary chair-man, and Col. Raley presented the name of Col E D Boyd.

There were 84 votes cast on the irst ballot as follows: Boyd 43, Leatherman 42, blank 1. On the second ballot Boyd received 35 votes, Leatherman 50. Mr. Leatherman was therefore

declared the choice of the convention, for temporary chairman. A motion was made by Col. Boyd and seconded by J H Raley and

carried that the vote for Mr. Leatherman be made unanimous. Upon assuming the chair, Mr. Leatherman said: "I am a little surprised at the result of the contest, but I am sure

that it has been in a friendly spirit. M K Cunningham. This is the first time I have ever presided at a meeting of this kind and fully realize that I cannot fill the office with the dignity or degree of intelligence that Col. Boyd could have filled the important position, nevertheless, with the concurrence and co-operation of the members of the convention I hope to be able to do the work satisfactorily and trust court house Friday evening and that the members of this convention will act wisely in the selection short address in opening. Then be put up which will win a glorious

R M Powers, of Weston, nominated M K Cunningham, of Umatilla, as temporary secretary. The John E Lathrop. Wm McReynolds, Mr Hager, C P Rosenburg, Harry Morgan and J F Johnson, were also placed before the convention, but each declined. Mr Cunningham

J F Johnson was elected assist-Upon motion of John E Lathrop,

the chairman appointed Matt Tay lor, sergeant-at-arms. Upon motion the chair appointed

the following committees: On platform and resolutions-J H Raley, C P Davis, R M Turner, Jerry Stone, George Hewett. On order of business-C H Car-

ter, J L Killian, Col E D Boyd, On oredentials-R B Beatie, M Toner, Wm McReynolds, R M

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. While the committees were at work and the delegates were eating the noontime luncheon, there was considerable discussion over the for the district judgeship. The form of platform and suggestions delegates were generally canvassed were numerously offered to the for the honor you have conferred and I want to say to you, gentleplatform committee. There was some diversity of opinion regarding | highly appreciate. test, the other candidates being the introduction of planks. One idea which gained quite general democracy of Umatilla county is prevalency was that the platform should contain only reference to The court house was comfortably local issues affecting the county occupied by three faithful populists, ly referring to republican extrava- simple principles and I look forgance and delay by the last legis- ward and trust that the action of lature in relieving the 'state from this convention today will redound motion was made unanimous. In calling the convention to burdensome commissions and the to the honor of the demo racy of many useless outlays of the people's this county."

and other national issues. The platform committee went into session at Col J H Raley's office at 11 We, the representatives of the

Convention re-convened 1:30 p m. committee, read the following re-

and J C Stamper, proxy.

Alta—J Royer, J S Cherry, J
Manning, W C Shield. Adams-Chas Bowling, Robt

Morrison, T A Lieuallen. North Athena-J W Maloney, C W Hollis, by W E Young, proxy; W S Chamberlain, J P DeFreece, W W Raymond, G C Osburn. South Athena-F M Mansfield,

Sam Purdy, Jerry Stone.

Bingham—R Hagar.

Cottonwood—Colton Wood, Donald McRea, John Martin, by M

Toner, proxy. Echo-Frank Spike, L C Rogers, A J Dillon. Encampment-J W Bellew, C W

Rambo. Fulton-H J Taylor, Samuel Gilliland-A M Isaac.

Helix—George H Hewitt, Chri Simpson, W W Scott. Hogue—John L Cox.

D J Phelps.
North Milton-W D Chastain, by J E Burges, proxy; Wm Lloyd,

Mountain—F E March, J E McDaniel by F E March, proxy.

East Pendleton—A D Stillman,
C O White, G I LaDow, J R McClure, by E D Boyd, proxy; George
K Light, James F Johnson.

North Pendleton-C H Carter, Lathron, Burr Johnson, Furnish, John Hailey, A R Draper. South Pendleton-J M Bertley.

Hexter, B B Bishop, T J Means, William McBride.

Ruddock-Isaac Ruddock, by Cal Masterson, proxy. Union-J S Furnish, H C Bran-

Umatilla-H C Means, Peter Schwab, by H C Means, proxy;

Ukiah-Wm McReynolds, J Huston, by Wm McReynolds, Vansycle-A B McEwen, I At

kinson. Valley-D W McDannald, Jas Vinson-Jas Nelson.

East Weston-C B Leatherman Ivan O'Hara, J H Price, Wm Weston-R M Powers, James

Lieuallen, M O'Harra, M Hicks. Willow Springs-J C Coomes. Yoakum-B Hopper. The following report was submitted by the committee on order

of business and adopted: To the chairman of the demotilla county, Oregon.

We. your committee on order of following report:

Adoption of platform. Nominations as follows: Sheriff. Clerk. Recorder of conveyances.

County judge. County commissioner. Treasurer. Assessor. County school superintendent.

Coronor. Three representatives. 10 delegates to the state conven-

County surveyor. Introduction of resolutions. Selecting members of county central committee.

We recommend that precinct officers be selected by the respective precincts. Upon assuming the office of permanent chairman, Mr. Leather-

man said: upon me. It is an honor which I

no small matter.

"We are here today to work in barmony, to work for the upbuilding of democracy in its pure and

"For many years the democrats money. Others favored making a The report of the committee on tion for county recorder. enjoyed the ascendency in this decided expression on the money platform and resolutions was read J. E. Lathrop heartly endorsed J. L. Killian of Vansycle, S. P.

democratic party of Umatilla county, in convention assembled, believing it to be only the province Dr. Beatie, of the credentials of county conventions to deal with county and state affairs, and believing it to be our imperative duty "We, the committee on credentials, find the following delegates entitled to seats in this convention:

"We, the committee on credentials, find the following delegates of our home people, hereby pledge the party of this county and all candidates named by this convention: Alba—C E Hoover, R McDonald tion, from the highest to the lowest office, to work for and support by halta—J Royer, J S Cherry, J S ballot and in all other honorable means retrenchment in every form, and especially reduction of salaries and expenses in all county and state affairs; and under this pledge hereby resolve that we are unequivocally in favor of

First, placing all state and county officers upon salaries, such salaries to be made commensurate with the salaries paid by individuals for like talert and services.

Second, The abolishment of all unnecessary state commissions. and especially the railroad commission, and domestic stock com-mission and fish commission.

Third, The abolishment of the office of attorney-general of this

Fourth, We denounce the secretary of state taking fees in excess of the constitution as being a plain violation of his official oath, and a Juniper-Alex Rennick, by J L betrayal of the trust reposed in Killain, proxy; J P Cox, by J L him by the people.

Killain. proxy.

McKay—R M Turner, William
Fraker, J H Raley.

South Milton—J E Cherry, J E
Kirkland, J D Winn, J A Howard, withdrawn from market, and whereby and wherein it is made possible for corporations and timber grabbers to acquire large tracts of the most valuable lands of the state at nominal price, defrauding the school funds of the state out of large sums of money, that individ-

uals may profit.
Sixth, We denounce as worse than robbery the scandalous action R B Beatie, J A Howard, J E of the last republican legislature Lathrop, Burr Johnson, W J in the employment of a large number of clerks for political purposes.

Seventh, While we are firm beby T G Hailey, proxy; C P Davis, lievers in giving charity to all the George O'Daniel, J O Sheek, Harry county's needy poor, we condemn as reckless extravagance the action Pendleton-Mark P John, Harry of our present county court in fexter, B B Bishop, T J Means, granting county aid to the lazy and shiftless, as well as to the

Eighth, We further denounce the action of the county court in its negligent, careless and unbusinessike methods of allowing printing bills, mileage, and other illegal bills and fees.

Ninth, We condemn the action of the county assessor in the employment of needless deputies, thereby adding unnecessary burdens upon the taxpayers for the

purpose of personal gain. Tenth, We pledge our nominees to the legislature to the support of a labor lien law, whereby the laborer shall have the first lien upon the products of his labor services.

Eleventh, We favor the deduction of all just debts from the amount of each individual's assessment.

Twelfth, We endorse the efficient and business-like manner in which the office of recorder of conveyances has been kept during the past two cratic county convention of Uma. years, and in the light of the action of the late republican convention, we charge them with insincerity in business, respectfully submit the their demands for efficiency and economy in office.

H. L. Hexter was appointed second assistant secretary. W. J. Furnish and D. W. Mc Dannald were appointed tellers. W. J. Furnish in a neat little

speech nominated Wm. Blakeley of Eastland, for the office of sacriff. The motion was seconded by J. F. Johnson in a few well chosen remarks, during which he paid high tribute to the character and qualifications of Mr. Blakelev. There were no further nomina-

tions and Mr. Blakelev was declared the unanimous choice of the convention for the office of sheriff. the nomination of county clerk, J. H. Raley took the floor and

this time to place before the convention another democrat who is tried and true, and another demo-"Gentlemen: I again thank you crat who will be elected next June, of coroner. Not an old man, but a men of the convention, no more competent man can be placed be-"To preside at a meeting of the fore you for consideration than the gentleman I have the honor to place before you today. Now gentlemen I have the honor to place before you the name of John Vert, of Pendleton."

There being no other nominations the vote for Mr. Vert upon C. H. Carter placed Jas. A. Howard, of Pendleton, in nominaHighest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U.S. Gov't Report

could easily be elected.

There were no other nominations and the vote for Mr. Howard was made unanimous.

For the office of county judge, H J Taylor of Fulton, placed in nomination T B Wells. W J Furnish nominated Wm Scott of Helix, dames A D Stillman, C P Marshall, and stated that he was authorized John Vert, C S Jackson, C O to withdraw the name of T B White. J A Howard, Frank Clop-Wells. Mr. Taylor consented to the withdrawal, Wm Scott was declared the unanimous choice of the convention.

Upon nominations for county commissioner being called for Mr. C. P. Davis arose and said: "It gives me pleasure to place before state delegates was the most imthis convention a man who has long been a resident of this county, and an old settler and a man who has been able during all these for the district judgeship, each detimes not only to manage his own | siring the nomination at the hands business in a good way and make of the democratic district convenmoney but to increase his wealth tion of Umatilla and Morrow counall the time. I believe he is a man | ties. In case either secured the who could transact the county affairs in the same manner as he the nomination was on, as this

opposition, protesting all the while state delegates. Straight Hailey that he would not have the office and Stillman tickets were before if elected.

George P Rosenburg, by J H Raley, Raley and T. F. Rourke were on and John M O'Hara, by R M | both tickets. The Hailey ticket Powers, were placed in nomination | was elected straight. During the for the office of assessor. The re- count, intense interest was manisult of the first ballot was as follows: Number of votes cast 92;

O'Hara 20. No election. The result of the second ballot was McDannald 60; Rosenburg 17; O'Hara 18, which gave the office to

McDannald. For school superintendent, Prof A R Draper, nominated F J Van-Winkle of Weston, in the following J Furnish, Chas Bowling, C

"I believe that the office of school superintendent is the most important in the entire list of

"I believe we should have a man who has a good education; who is declared the nominees for state a thorough business man; who has delegates, and Hailey had won the acquaintance with the schools of day. this county, and I place in nomination Frank VanWinkle of Weston,"

The nomination was seconded by R M Powers and J E Lathrop. and Mr Van Winkle was nominated by a unanimous vote.

R M Turner placed in nomination for county surveyor G I La-Dow. In making this nomination Mr Turner said that this convention was unanimous in a desire to place men on the ticket who are honest, clean and efficient, and he believed Mr. LaDow filled the bill and would not only poll the entire strength of the democratic vote but would also draw from all fair minded men, and that he would have no difficulty in defeating the carpet bagger who now holds the

Mr. LaDow stated that he was not in a position to accept the office, but nevertheless was declared the unanimous choice of the convention.

J. E. Lathrop nominated a coroner, remarking as that office reminded us of the dead, it should be spoken of with reverence. He believed that none but bald headed men should hold this office and The next order of business being that as the republicans had nominated a man who was too young to have any hair on his head, he proposed to nominate one who was so "It becomes my pleasant duty at old the hair had all come off, naming Charles Beale of Pendleton.

Mark P. John said he also had a bald headed candidate for the office young one of vigor, of perfect health, handsome and yet bald headed, naming C. O. White. Mr. White blushingly acknowledged the compliment and declined, and the nomination was given to Mr. Beale by a unanimous vote.

T. G. Hailey moved that as every nomination thus far had received unanimous vote he desired that the convention should extend the same courtesy to the Sage of Mud creek, D. W. McDannald, who had been been chosen as assessor. The motion prevailed unanimously.

the nomination and expressed the Purdy of Athena, W Toner of Cotbelief that no better material could | tonwood and J B Saylor of Echo, be found in the county for the were placed in nomination for office and believed that Mr. Howard representatives. The last three named were the successful candidates, the vote standing as follows: Killian 42, Purdy 82, Toner 85, Saylor 74.

There was a number of interested lady spectators present at the conventson, among whom were Meston, R M Turner.

Splendid music was farnished by the Athena and Weston bands. A piece of music was rendered after each nomination.

In winding up the business of the convention, the election of the portant item. The issue turned on the question of the candidacy of T. G. Hailey and A. D. Stillman Umatilla delegation, the fight for does his own business. I therefore have the pleasure of placing before this convention the name of Henry Frazier of Milton."

the homination was on, as this county casts ten votes to Morrow county's four in the state convention. The contest was very warm and several nominating speeches and several nominating speeches were made in placing names before J. C. Boling of Adams, was nom-inated county treasurer without the convention, as candidates for the convention, each having been D W McDannald, by J L Killian, printed, expecting that Senator fested, and half the delegates crowded about the secretary's desk as the

McDannald 43; Rosenburg 29; tellers called off the names. Following are the names placed in nomination for delegates to the state convention:

E D Boyd, J H Raley, J L Killian, R M Powers, L B Plants, A D Stillman, A J Dillon, G C Osburn, T F Rourke, J E Lathrop, W Davis, D J Phelps, R B Beatie, D McRea, M K Cunningham.

Furnish, Bowling, Raley, Davis, Phelps, Rourke, Powers, Beatie, Osburn and McRea baving received a majority of the votes cast were

Before adjournment, W. J. Furnish introduced the following res-

olution: "Resolved, that the delegates to the state democratic convention from Umatilla county be and they are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to procure the nomination of Hon. J. H. Raley for joint senator from Umatilla and Union counties."

Col. Raley protested against the adoption of the resolution and gave as a reason that he was under obligations to support a Union county candidate, should one be presented. Raley requested that the resolution be laid on the table, Motion to this effect failed to pass. Mr. Furnish then moved to a-

mend by saying that "this convention endorses the past record of Senator Raley, and that it is the sense of this convention that in the event that Union county does not have a candidate. Senator Raley should be the unanimous choice of this convention."

This carried unanimously. Raley stated that he had pledged the Union county people that when the convention met next to nominate a joint senator, he would support a Union county man for the place, and he insiste I that he was in duty bound to stand by his pledged word. The assage of the resolution in amended form was reluctantly consented to by him.

Senator Raley introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that the delegates elected to attend the state convention assembled in Portland on April 9, 1896, be and they are here by instructed by this convention to use all honorable means to secure the election of Hon. W. J. Furnish as a delegate to the Chicago national democratic convention.'

The convention adjourned at 5:15

BATIFICATION MEETING. In the evening, the democrats ratified. They filled the court

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