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PLEGGED FOR REFORM.

A Common-sense Platform that Stands for Economy in County Affairs.

WILLIAM BLAKELEY FOR SHERIFF.

M. Toner, Sam P. Purdy and J. B. Saylor for Representatives Scott for County Judge and Frazier for Commissioner.

- For sheriff—Wm Blakely of Eastland. For county clerk—John Vert of Pendleton. For recorder of conveyances—Jas A Howard of Pendleton. For county judge—Wm Scott of Helix. For county commissioner—Henry Frazier of Milton. For treasurer—Chas Bowling of Adams. For assessor—D W McDannald of Valley. For school superintendent—F J VanWinkle 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.

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 dissensions in the past, but it is not so now.

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.

Democratic delegates met at the court house Friday evening and held an informal conference. Col E D Boyd presided and made a short address in opening. Then various delegates from all over the county were called on and suggestions were made regarding the ticket and platform to be made the next day.

While the committees were at work and the delegates were eating the noon luncheon, there was considerable discussion over the form of platform and suggestions were numerously offered to the platform committee. There was some diversity of opinion regarding the introduction of planks. One idea which gained quite general prevalence was that the platform should contain only reference to local issues affecting the county and legislative campaign, especially referring to republican extravagance and delay by the last legislature in relieving the state from burdensome commissions and the many useless outlays of the people's money. Others favored making a decided expression on the money

and other national issues. The platform committee went into session at Col J H Raley's office at 11 o'clock. Convention re-convened at 1:30 p. m. Dr. Beatie, of the credentials committee, read the following report: "We, the committee on credentials, find the following delegates entitled to seats in this convention: Alba—C E Hoover, R McDonald and J C Stamper, proxy. Alta—J Royer, J S Cherry, J S Manning, W C Shield. Adams—Chas Bowling, Robt Morrison, T A Lieualen. 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 Bellow, C W Rambo. Fulton—H J Taylor, Samuel Rose. Gilliland—A M Isaac. Helix—George H Hewitt, Chris Simpson, W W Scott. Hogue—John L Cox. Juniper—Alex Rennick, by J L Killian, proxy; J P Cox, by J L Killian, proxy. McKay—R M Turner, William Fraker, J H Raley. South Milton—J E Cherry, J E Kirkland, J D Winn, J A Howard, D J Phelps. North Milton—W D Chastain, by J E Burges, proxy; Wm Lloyd, W Shafer. 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, R B Beatie, J A Howard, J E Lathrop, Burr Johnson, W J Furnish, John Hailey, A R Draper. South Pendleton—J M Bertley, by T G Hailey, proxy; C P Davis, George O Daniel, J O Sheek, Harry Morgan. Pendleton—Mark P John, Harry Hexter, B B Bishop, T J Means, William McBride. Ruddock—Isaac Ruddock, by Cal Masterson, proxy. Union—J S Furnish, H C Branstetter. Umatilla—H C Means, Peter Schwab, by H C Means, proxy; M K Cunningham. Ukiah—Wm McReynolds, J E Huston, by Wm McReynolds, proxy. Vansycle—A B McEwen, I Atkinson. Valley—D W McDannald, Jas Dodd. Vinson—Jas Nelson. East Weston—C B Leatherman, Ivan O'Hara, J H Price, Wm I Price. Weston—R M Powers, James Lieualen, M O'Hara, 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 democratic county convention of Umatilla county, Oregon. We, your committee on order of business, respectfully submit the following report: Adoption of platform. Nominations as follows: Sheriff. Recorder of conveyances. County judge. County commissioner. Assessor. County school superintendent. Coroner. Three representatives. 10 delegates to the state convention. 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. Leatherman said: "Gentlemen: I again thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. It is an honor which I highly appreciate. To preside at a meeting of the democracy of Umatilla county is no small matter. We are here today to work in harmony, to work for the upbuilding of democracy in its pure and simple principles and I look forward and trust that the action of this convention today will redound to the honor of the democracy of this county." The report of the committee on platform and resolutions was read

by Col. J. H. Raley and is as follows: We, the representatives of the democratic party of Umatilla county, in convention assembled, believing it to be only the province of county conventions to deal with county and state affairs, and believing it to be our imperative duty to look first to the direct interests of our home people, hereby pledge the party of this county and all candidates named by this convention, from the highest to the lowest office, to work for and support by 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 talent and services. Second, The abolishment of all unnecessary state commissions, and especially the railroad commission, and domestic stock commission and fish commission. Third, The abolishment of the office of attorney-general of this state. 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 betrayal of the trust reposed in him by the people. Fifth, That we denounce the action of the last legislature of the state of Oregon in passing house bill No. 64, whereby the school lands of the state of Oregon were withdrawn from market, 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 individuals may profit. Sixth, We denounce as worse than robbery the scandalous action of the last republican legislature in the employment of a large number of clerks for political purposes. Seventh, While we are firm believers in giving charity to all the county's needy poor, we condemn as reckless extravagance the action of our present county court in granting county aid to the lazy and shiftless, as well as to the needy. Eighth, We further denounce the action of the county court in its negligent, careless and unbusiness-like 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 years, and in the light of the action of the late republican convention, we charge them with insincerity in their demands for efficiency and economy in office. H. L. Hexter was appointed second assistant secretary. W. J. Furnish and D. W. McDannald were appointed tellers. W. J. Furnish in a neat little speech nominated Wm. Blakeley of Eastland, for the office of sheriff. 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. Blakeley. There were no further nominations and Mr. Blakeley was declared the unanimous choice of the convention for the office of sheriff. The next order of business being the nomination of county clerk, J. H. Raley took the floor and said: "It becomes my pleasant duty at this time to place before the convention another democrat who is tried and true, and another democrat who will be elected next June, and I want to say to you, gentlemen of the convention, no more competent man can be placed before 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 motion was made unanimous. C. H. Carter placed Jas. A. Howard, of Pendleton, in nomination for county recorder. J. E. Lathrop heartily endorsed

the nomination and expressed the belief that no better material could be found in the county for the office and believed that Mr. Howard 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, and stated that he was authorized to withdraw the name of T B 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 this 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 times not only to manage his own business in a good way and make money but to increase his wealth all the time. I believe he is a man who could transact the county affairs in the same manner as he does his own business. I therefore have the pleasure of placing before this convention the name of Henry Frazier of Milton." J. C. Boling of Adams, was nominated county treasurer without opposition, protesting all the while that he would not have the office if elected. D W McDannald, by J L Killian, George P Rosenberg, by J H Raley, and John M O'Hara, by R M Powers, were placed in nomination for the office of assessor. The result of the first ballot was as follows: Number of votes cast 92; McDannald 43; Rosenberg 29; O'Hara 20. No election. The result of the second ballot was McDannald 60; Rosenberg 17; O'Hara 18, which gave the office to McDannald. For school superintendent, Prof A R Draper, nominated F J VanWinkle of Weston, in the following words: "I believe that the office of school superintendent is the most important in the entire list of offices. "I believe we should have a man who has a good education; who is a thorough business man; who has acquaintance with the schools of 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 VanWinkle was nominated by a unanimous vote. R M Turner placed in nomination for county surveyor G I LaDow. 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 office. 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 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 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 of coroner. Not an old man, but a 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 chosen as assessor. The motion prevailed unanimously. J L Killian of Vansycle, 8 P

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Purdy of Athena, W Toner of Cottonwood and J B Saylor of Echo, were placed in nomination for 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 convention, among whom were Mesdames A D Stillman, C P Marshall, John Vert, C S Jackson, C O White, J A Howard, Frank Clifton, R M Turner. Splendid music was furnished 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 state delegates was the most important item. The issue turned on the question of the candidacy of T. G. Hailey and A. D. Stillman for the district judgeship, each desiring the nomination at the hands of the democratic district convention of Umatilla and Morrow counties. In case either secured the nomination 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 were made in placing names before the convention, as candidates for state delegates. Straight Hailey and Stillman tickets were before the convention, each having been printed, expecting that Senator Raley and T. F. Rourke were on both tickets. The Hailey ticket was elected straight. During the count, intense interest was manifested, and half the delegates crowded about the secretary's desk as the 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 J Furnish, Chas Bowling, C P Davis, D J Phelps, R B Beatie, D McRea, M K Cunningham. Furnish, Bowling, Raley, Davis, Phelps, Rourke, Powers, Beatie, Osburn and McRea having received a majority of the votes cast were declared the nominees for state delegates, and Hailey had won the day. Before adjournment, W. J. Furnish introduced the following resolution: "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 amend 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 insisted that he was in duty bound to stand by his pledged word. The passage 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 hereby 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 p. m.

RATIFICATION MEETING. In the evening, the democrats ratified. They filled the court Continued on page 4.



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