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room at the county courthouse, requesting all delegates to take seats within the railing. Chairman Pierce briefly announced the purpose of the meeting, to this effect:

That the populists have assembled in convention, and there would probably be some trying times before the close, for the reason that the populists were to take up the question of forming an alliance or union of reform and silver interests of Umatilla county, and Mr. Pierce urged that all delegates, in whatever came up, remember to conduct themselves in a manner to reflect credit on the populist party of Umatilla county and the state of Oregon. Nominations for temporary chairman being in order, L. E. Penland, of Helix, was nominated as temporary chairman. Dr. G. W. King, of Pendleton, was nominated as secretary on motion the nominations were closed and Mr. Penland was unanimously elected. On taking the chair Penland remarked that he was no speaker; that the convention had come together to work instead of listen to speeches, and he had only one thing to urge—whatever they did or did not do, not to wrangle.

Joe T. Hinkle was nominated for temporary secretary and on motion declared unanimously elected. On motion the chair appointed a committee of five on credentials as follows: Geo. Carmichael, of Weston, A. S. Swaggart, of Athena, Od Teal, of Echo, Henry Pierce, of the reservation and Ben Markey, of Milton.

On motion a committee of five on order of business was appointed as follows: Dr. G. W. King, of Pendleton, A. B. Stanley, of Echo, M. M. Wyrick, of Union, J. N. P. Gerking, of Athena, Nathan Pierce, of Milton.

They made this report: "We your committee on order of business report as follows: We recommend: That, in our judgment no satisfactory order of business can be arranged until after the report of the conference committee, and we recommend the selection of such committee to be made at once."

"Further, we recommend the election of delegates to the state convention during the deliberation of conference committee. Signed: G. W. KING, A. B. STANLEY, "Committee."

On taking up the report, permanent organization was effected by the election of L. E. Penland chairman and J. T. Hinkle as secretary.

Afternoon Session.

Chairman Penland called the convention to order at 1:30 p. m. On motion committee on platform was appointed as follows: H. S. Garfield, of Pendleton, C. W. Gates, of Adams, Fred Haecall, of Pilot Rock, Robt. Slater, of Athena, O. Teal, of Echo. This committee was by the motion to confer with a like committee from the democratic convention.

Four o'clock boomed out in the overhead at the court house, when the delegates began dropping in by twos and threes. Five, ten, minutes passed, and still the conference committee failed to show up, and the chairman hesitated to call the convention to order. At 4:15 Chairman Penland rapped the convention to order. On motion it was decided to have an assistant secretary, and M. M. Wyrick being nominated was unanimously elected.

Conference Committee's Report.

"We, your committee appointed to confer with the democratic party through a committee appointed by the democratic county convention, hereby submit the following report: "First, We recommend that the report of the conference committee appointed by the county central committee be adopted, with the following change:

"That the democratic party relinquish to the free silver republican party the nomination of county treasurer, and the democratic party to nominate the county coroner; the people's party to make no nomination for coroner.

"We further recommend that the convention now in session do nominate such candidates for the various offices as have been so allotted to the people's party."

On motion of Rev. Parker, seconded by Col. Parsons, the above report was unanimously adopted.

Nomination of officers being next in order, L. E. Penland, the convention's able chairman, was named for the state senatorship, and unanimously made the nominee.

The populists had one representative to choose, and voted for three nominees: J. N. P. Gerking, 30; A. B. Stanley, 22; A. E. Troyer, 13. Having the lowest number of votes, Troyer, of Milton, dropped out, and Stanley of Echo, withdrew his name. This gave the unanimous nomination to Gerking, who is a leading farmer near Athena.

The vote for gentlemen named for assessor stood as follows: M. M. Wyrick, 34; Rev. F. W. Parker, 22; H. E. Oates, 3. Wyrick was declared the unanimous choice of the convention.

W. W. Harrah, of Helix, and O. C. Ewert, the populist candidate last election, were named for school superintendent. Harrah received 43 votes and Ewert 26, and the former was declared unanimously nominated.

The report of the proceedings of the democratic convention was now brought in, and enthusiastically endorsed.

Fred Haecall, of Pilot Rock, was chosen candidate for county commissioner.

Dr. H. S. Garfield was unanimously elected chairman and J. T. Hinkle secretary of the county central committee.

Delegates to the state convention were elected by the following votes: Robert Laing, 63; Robert Slater, 65; O. Teal, 68; Dr. G. W. King, 53; J. T. Hinkle, 48; Col. William Parsons, 46; C. W. Gates, 45; Nathan Pierce, 53; M. M. Wyrick, 38; George Peebler, 35; A. B. Stanley, 34.

Col. Parsons moved that the chairman of the democratic and populists central committees be empowered to give the union ticket a name to be used on the ballot under the Australian voting law. Upon the adoption of this motion the convention adjourned, and the joint ratification with the democrats, who had already arrived at the court house, was begun.

WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE. A Short Biographical Sketch of Each Candidate as Taken from the Note Book of a Pendleton Reporter.

L. E. Penland.

L. E. Penland is the populist candidate for state senator. He was born in Benton county, this state, in 1857. His father was a farmer. When a mere lad he went to Linn county with his parents, and remained there until 1880, when he came to this county. He located one and a half miles south of Helix, where he now has a half section of fine land. He is a family man, has a wife and five children. His two sons attend the Pendleton academy. He never was nominated for office before, when he was chosen temporary and permanent chairman of the populist convention, and received the nomination for the office for which he now is a candidate. He was a republican until five years ago, when he deserted that party for the populist.

Richard M. Powers.

Richard M. Powers, the candidate for representative on the democratic ticket, was born in North Carolina in 1831. His parents were farmers, and moved to Indiana in 1840. There he received a liberal public school education and graduated at the Danville academy. He came west in 1858, and settled at Albany, Linn county, where he ran a blacksmith shop. He moved to Weston in 1874, where he practiced law and is now serving as justice of the peace. In 1874, he married Mrs. Mary J. Reynolds. He has five children, all settled near Weston.

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J. N. B. Gerking.

J. N. B. Gerking, populist candidate for representative, is a native of Indiana, where he was born in 1846. He lived in that state until he was seven years old, when he accompanied his parents to Illinois. Thence they went to Missouri, and came to Oregon across the plains with a team of oxen in 1862. He resided nine years in Marion county, and came to Umatilla county in 1872. He lives at Gerking flat, three and a half miles south of Athena. Mr. Gerking has a happy home of a wife and eight children, some of whom are married. He is connected with the Christian church at Athena, having been one of the founders, and has been an officer in that body ever since its foundation in 1872. He is now leading elder of the church. He helped organize the union party in this county. He has never been a member of any of the regular parties.

D. B. Watson.

D. B. Watson, candidate for representative on the democratic ticket, was born in Missouri in 1862. He came west in 1883 and settled at Adams, where he taught school for two years. He then started a general merchandise business at Adams, and continued in the trade for two years. He then worked a crop ranch on the reservation for some time, and is now the representative of the Hamilton-Rourke Warehouse system at the Mission.

William M. Blakely.

William M. Blakely, candidate for sheriff on the democratic ticket, was born in Platt county, Missouri, in 1840. His parents were farmers. The family settled at Brownville, Or., in 1846. Mr. Blakely settled at Eastman in 1867. He has been engaged in the cattle business since that time. He cultivates 640 acres of wheat land. He married Miss Margaret Baird, of Linn county, in 1864, and has two boys. He has been ran for sheriff on the democratic ticket two years ago.

Charles W. Gates.

Charles W. Gates, candidate on the populist ticket for county clerk, is an old railroad man, having served in many positions, some of them important, for the last 30 years. He was born in Warren county, Ill., in 1847. He went to Wyoming when a comparatively young man, and worked for the Union Pacific, in subsequent years being station agent, superintendent of the mines and superintendent of the bridge and building department, besides other positions. He was justice of the peace at Grainger, Wyo., in the '70s, when that district was an exceedingly wild one. He is now station agent at Adams for the O. R. & N., where he has been for the past five years. He became a populist during the Cleveland first administration. He is married.

James W. Maloney.

James W. Maloney, candidate for county recorder on the democratic ticket, was born in Sullivan county, Missouri, in 1870. His father was a prosperous mechanic, and he received a liberal education in the public schools of Umatilla county. The family came west in 1883, settled at Athena. He taught school for three years in the county, and was postmaster of Athena from 1893 to 1897. He now represents the Kershaw Grain company at that station. In 1893 he married Miss Nora Zeiger, of Athena, and has two boys. He has filled the office of clerk and treasurer of Athena several terms.

Marshall M. Wyrick.

Marshall M. Wyrick, populist candidate for assessor, was born in Indiana, in December, 1849. His parents were farmers. When a child he went to Iowa with his family, and was raised there. He came to Oregon and Umatilla county 18 years ago, and settled in Despain gulch, 10 miles from Pendleton, and has since lived there. He is still farming the same land he originally located on, and owns 480 acres of fertile wheat soil. He has never held nor run for any office outside of his own precinct. He is married, and has five children. He was formerly a democrat, and has been a populist the last eight years.

Wesley W. Harrah.

Wesley W. Harrah, populist candidate for county school superintendent, was born in Davis county, Missouri, in 1859. He lived there with his parents, who were farmers, until he attained his majority, and then came to Umatilla county, where he at once began his profession of teaching in the Cold Springs district. He has continued teaching ever since, and during the last three years has taught 66 weeks. He is now teaching his third term at Helix. He is a graduate of the Northwest normal school at Stanberry, Mo., and of the Portland business college. He holds a first grade state certificate. He is married, but has no children. He joined the farmers' alliance seven years ago, and followed that organization into the populist party.

R. H. Simpson.

R. H. Simpson, candidate for county treasurer, was born in California in 1863, being now 33 years old. He came to Umatilla county 10 years ago and settled in Helix where he now resides. He followed the merchandise business at Helix for a number of years. He has always been a republican and voted the straight republican ticket until in 1896, when the party raised aloft the gold standard. He is at present agent at Helix of the B. B. Kershaw Grain company.

Fred Haecall.

Fred Haecall, populist nominee for county commissioner, was born at Rutlin, Vt., in 1866. He was raised on a farm and secured a good education, graduating from the Pittsburg academy. In 1884, he came west and settled on a ranch eight miles from Pilot Rock, and has a family of two boys. This is his first candidacy for office.

Frank J. Van Winkle.

Frank J. Van Winkle, of Weston, candidate on the democratic ticket for county surveyor, was born in Linn county, Or., in 1863. His parents were farmers. He attended the East Oregon normal school at Weston, and graduated from Harvard university in advanced mechanical and engineering. In 1880 he married Miss Ethel Hastings, of Walla Walla, Wash., and has a family of three little girls. He has occupied the chair of mathematics at the state normal school for the last seven years. He was candidate on the democratic ticket for county school superintendent two years ago.

Charles Beale.

Charles Beale, candidate for coroner, came to Oregon in 1853, settling in Linn county. He was born in St. Clair county, Mo., in 1842. He lived five years in Linn county and went to California where he lived until 1892, then came to Umatilla county. In 1870 he removed to California. In 1880 he returned to Umatilla county and has resided here since. He has been nominated three times by the democratic party for coroner, and expects to be elected in June.

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