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## POLITICAL NEWS AND COMMENTS

**Republicans Hold Convention at Ashland and Elect Delegates to Congressional and State Conventions—A Lively Contest is Had between Senator Carter and Dr. Keene and Henry Kubli for Control of Convention.**

The convention held at Ashland last Saturday to select delegates to the congressional and the state conventions, instead of being a tame affair, as was expected by those not in the confidence of the Republican leaders, was quite as exciting as a Japanese bombardment of Port Arthur. State Senator E. V. Carter, Ashland, Dr. J. M. Keene, Medford, H. D. Kubli, Applegate, and W. H. Gore, Pooh Bah, were the principals in this contest for the control of the convention and of the party organization in Jackson county. Senator Carter began his work a month ago to secure the election of delegates friendly to himself and to Mr. Harris, whom he was quietly supporting for congress. He was making good headway, for he is an adroit politician, but in an evil moment he wrote some letters, and they were his undoing as many another politician has experienced and learned that it was better to spend \$10 for livery hire than two cents for a postage stamp, for some of his letters fell into the hands of the enemy and they thereby learned his plans to secure control of the country precincts. And the other fellows wrote no letters, but sent themselves, or their trusted lieutenants into the outlying precincts and arranged for the friends of Mr. Carter to be left at home. And they succeeded and their secrecy was so perfect that the Ashland Boss knew not of their plans until the delegates began to gather in Ashland and he saw that he was out generated, but that did not daunt him and he went into the convention determined to win by audacity and courage which he had lost by mismanagement. Napoleon made his mistake and landed in exile and Mr. Carter made his mistake brought upon himself the condemnation of all fairminded men and paved the way for his political exile. When he won out on his motion to allow the Ashland delegation to name their candidates to the state convention had he announced to the convention that he was striving only for the principal involved and not for selfish motives he could have turned the tide of battle in his favor and regained his lost political prestige. But he was Carter, the boss, and setting aside the names of Capt. J. E. Thornton, Wm. Fox and C. H. Gillette, three of Ashland's most prominent Republicans, coolly named himself, his fogleman Fred Wagner, and his right-hand man D. B. Grant, as the three delegates for Ashland. It was a raw piece of political work that did Mr. Carter more harm than good.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the hour of meeting, Fred Wagner, secretary of the county central committee in the absence of Chairman A. E. Kellogg, called the convention to order in Fox's opera house. W. H. Gore, of Pooh Bah was made temporary chairman and Jas. L. Hammersly, Gold Hill and Fred Wagner, Ashland were chosen secretary and assistant secretary the three votes being by acclamation and were unanimous. In compliance with motions to that effect Chairman Gore appointed the following committees:

**Credentials**—J. M. Keene, S. S. Aiken, S. G. VanDyke, E. Beeson, A. L. Kromling.

**Permanent organization and order of business**—H. D. Kubli, Paul Demmer, J. R. Cook, E. H. Dunham, Emil Britt.

**Resolutions**—E. V. Carter, H. E. Ankeny, G. W. Dunn, E. D. Briggs, J. W. Robinson.

A recess of 30 minutes was had to enable the committees to formulate their reports. The committee on resolutions made no report. The committee on order of business recommended that the temporary offices be made the permanent officers and that the election of congressional and state convention delegates be chosen in the order above named. The report was adopted without opposition. The committee on credentials reported no contests and that all delegates were entitled to their seats. The report was adopted and the delegates by precincts are as follows:

West Medford—W F Isaacs, by Heard, Paul Demmer, Lewis Warner by L C Narregan, J D Heard, J D Pay by J R Woodford, A S Drisko.

East Medford—I L Hamilton, D T Lawton, W I Vawter, M F McCown J S Howard, H G Nicholson.

Eagle Point—Geo Brown, J R Cook, John Watkins, A L Haselton by Brown, Capt T J west.

North Jacksonville—J W Robinson, W G Kenney, Henry Dox, S P De Robaum.

South Jacksonville—Theo Cameron, Emil Britt Geo Lewis, Phillip Gleave, by W G Kenney.

Gold Hill—C Vroman, C F Young, Fred Bailey, J L Hammersly, H J T Smith Willow Springs—W A Mansfield, J W Hicks, H H Haskell.

Barron—J M Wagner, G W Barron.

Rock Point—A L Trombley, J T Miller by Trombley, J U Smith.

Pooh Bah—Isaac Wolff by Gore, C E Stewart, W H Gore, Adolph Schultz, Talent—G R Carlock, E Beeson, W Beeson H H Goddard, E H Dunham.

Phoenix—C S Sergeant, J A Bish, L A Rose, S G Van Dyke, W R Coleman.

Central Point—J W Merritt, W J Freeman, A J Hanby, W C Leever by Merritt.

Dunn—G W Dunn, D H Jackson, C C Walker, Geo Owens, Fred Homes, jr.

South Ashland—J K Reader, A L Aikins, F D Wagner, E V Carter, D A Applegate by T E Hills, G W Crowson, C P Jones.

East Ashland—Wm Fox, L L Angle, E F Loomis, P B Whitney, P W Paulson, G W Vaupel, H E Gale by Whitney.

West Ashland—Wm Myer, J E Thornton, D B Grant, T H Simpson, E D Briggs C H Gillette.

Sams Valley—S M Nealon, J C Pendleton, I J Stacy by Nealon.

Meadows—C E Pomeroy, F X Musty by Pomeroy, A J Olsen.

Big Butte—A B Chartraw by Keene, J B Watkins by I A Webb, J M Keene.

Flounce Rock—S S Aiken, McDonald Perbue by Aiken.

Sterling—H E Ankeny, D L Jones by Ankeny, S S Randles by Ankeny.

Union—John Devlin, R J Cameron by Devlin, Wm Cameron by Devlin, C M Ruch.

Applegate—H D Kubli, C H Elmore by Kubli J M Tolms by Kubli H F McLaughlin by Kubli.

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Watkins—John Loudon, A D McKee by Loudon, Geo Wait by Loudon.

Up to this period of the convention's work all had been as harmonious as an Ashland primary under the Carter regime, but it could be observed that Senator Carter was not in the usual composure that is his wont, and Dr. Keene and Henry Kubli were as alert as two foxhounds watching a rabbit hole, while Chairman Gore performed his duties with a celerity and a certainty that indicated that he realized that strenuous times were at hand.

In the interim before the regular order of business was taken up Dr. J. W. Robinson of Jacksonville, introduced a resolution in favor of Judge H. K. Hanna for nomination for Circuit Judge on the Republican ticket, and pledging the delegates from Jackson county to the state convention to support his nomination and on motion of Henry Kubli it was adopted by an unanimous motion.

The expectancy hanging over the convention was broken when J. R. Cook of Little Butte, arose and in a highly eulogistic speech prophesied the renomination on the Republican ticket and the reelection to congress of Hon. Binger Hermann, and from a printed ballot he read the names of twelve men whom he said would be solid for Mr. Herman, his list being: George Brown, Eagle Point; W. I. Vawter, Medford; Henry Kubli, Applegate; I. L. Hamilton, Medford; W. G. Kenney, Jacksonville; C. Vroman, Rock

Point; W. H. Gore, Pooh Bah; J. M. Keene, Medford; E. H. Durham, Talent; J. W. Robinson, Jacksonville; J. D. Heard, Medford; C. E. Stewart, Pooh Bah. As not a name from Ashland had been read Senator Carter made a charge of unfairness and named, A. F. Hunt and D. B. Grant as candidates from his town. Dr. Keene replied that no unfairness had been attempted, and that Ashland candidates would have been placed upon their list could men known to be true to Hermann been secured. The Ashland delegates to the convention they would not have for the fear that these men being under the influence of Mr. Carter would be liable to vote for Harris. Of Ashland men known to be friendly to Hermann they were not in the convention and declined to go on the ticket when a place was offered them.

Chairman Gore then appointed Carl Narragen, G. W. Dunn, Henry Dox and W. K. Coleman tellers and a ballot was taken resulting in the following vote: Brown, 112; Vawter, 115; Hamilton, 113; Kubli, 83; Kenney, 104; Vroman, 114; Gore, 115; Keene, 83; Dunham, 109; Robinson, 112; Stewart, 109; Heard, 105; Hunt, 51; Grant, 51. Mr. Carter had stated that his candidates were for Hermann but that did not save them and they only polled the straight Carter vote which was 33 votes less than the Keene-Kubli strength. The Carter contingent made an effort to defeat Keene and know but failed.

The next order of business was the election of twelve delegates to the state convention. Dr. Keene read the list of the following names: Theo. Cameron, Jacksonville; H. E. Ankeny, Sterling, D. T. Lawton, Medford; W. J. Freeman, Central Point. Emil Britt, Jacksonville; A. L. Kromling, S. M. Nealon, Sams Valley; S. G. Van Dyke, Phoenix; M. F. McCown, Medford; J. E. Thornton, Wm. Fox, C. H. Gillette of Ashland. To find the names of three Ashland men on the list and not there by his direction brought Senator Carter into action at a 24 knot speed and he moved that the names of Capt. Thornton, Mr. Fox and Mr. Gillette be stricken from the list of nominees. Chairman Gore preemptorily ruled that he would not entertain such a motion as it was illegal and unparliamentary in that it prevented these candidates from the right of a ballot along with the other candidates as is allowed by all rules of parliamentary practice. The chair informed Senator Carter that the only way he could get the obnoxious names stricken from the list was to get the person nominating them and the one seconding them to withdraw them. This Dr. Keene refused to do as he said the three gentlemen were prominent Republicans and leading citizens of Ashland, and that one of them, Captain Thornton, would likely be the party nominee for sheriff, and if so, would get every Republican vote in Jackson county. But Senator Carter was obdurate and appealed from the decision of the chair and he won, as a number of the opposition delegates had taken the 4 p. m. train for their homes, and there had been such a confusion that many of the anti-Carter delegates yet present, misunderstood the ruling of the chair and did not vote. Carter's motion to allow Ashland to name their candidates then passed. The Ashland contingent then gathered around their chief for a conference, which lasted about a minute, at close of which a

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