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STATE CONVENTIONS.

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CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Said to Be Favorable to the
Simon Faction.

DEMOCRATS ARE IN SESSION.

The Convention Will Probably Be
for Free Silver.

PORTLAND, April 9.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 11:15 by Chairman Steel, of state central committee, at the exposition building. General George H. Williams of Portland was elected temporary chairman by acclamation. On taking the chair General Williams thanked the convention for the honor and said:

"In my rulings I recognize no factions in the Republican party. I assume that you are all Republicans."

S. B. Eakin of Lane county was elected temporary secretary, and Otis Patterson of Morrow assistant secretary. The chair then appointed the following committee on credentials: J. M. Patterson, Wasco; H. B. Cline, Baker; Judge Magers, Yamhill; S. A. Dawson, Linn; E. M. Brattain, Lake; Claud Gatch, Marion; F. J. Taylor, Clatsop.

The following committee on order of business was appointed: J. E. Magers, Yamhill; E. L. Smith, Wasco; A. J. Johnson, Lane; C. E. Woolcott, Jackson; W. H. Connor, Columbia. A motion was made that when the convention takes a recess that it meet again in the chamber of commerce on account of the exposition building being cold. The motion was lost. A motion was also made that the chair appoint a committee on resolutions, but the chair ruled it out of order until after the credentials committee reports. The convention then adjourned till 3 p. m. The fight between the delegates from Multnomah county will be renewed this afternoon on the floor of the convention. The committee on credentials, as made up, is favorable to Simon but a minority report will be presented.

THE DEMOCRATS MEET.
PORTLAND, April 9.—The Democratic state convention was called to order at 10 o'clock this forenoon by D. W. Sears, chairman of the state central committee. J. K. Weatherford of Linn placed P. H. D'Arcy of Marion county in nomination for temporary chairman. Ex-Mayor D'Arcy was unanimously chosen. In his speech D'Arcy said "the time had come when the Democratic party must take a stand on one of the most vital questions before the people. If the Democratic party would survive, it must declare for free and unlimited coinage of silver." George Nolan of Clatsop was unanimously chosen temporary secretary.

The following committee of five on credentials was appointed by the chair: J. N. Teal, Multnomah; O. P. Coshaw, Yamhill; O. H. Wood, W. N. Gatens, Multnomah; David Miller, Jackson.

On order of business the chair appointed G. G. Green, Multnomah; J. H. Smith, Clatsop; D. A. McAllister, Eugene; Willis, Marion; C. F. Hyde, Baker. After this came the fight of the morning. Flood, of Douglas county, moved that each county name a delegate on platform committee. T. H. Crawford in behalf of the free silver element moved to amend by giving the chair power to name the committee. After a parliamentary

struggle, Crawford in the interest of harmony, withdrew the amendment and Flood's motion was adopted. The convention took a recess till 2 p. m. A hot fight is anticipated over the adoption of the platform.

It is plainly evident though that the free silver men are largely in the majority and not only will the platform contain a declaration for silver but all delegates to the national convention will be for silver. The sound money men are endeavoring to have the convention declare that they will abide by the platform of the national convention what ever it may be.

Spanish Cruelty.

LONDON, April 9.—A Paris dispatch to the Daily News says: "A French resident of Cuba, writing to the *Soir*, draws a lamentable picture of the character of the war as assumed under Weyler. He believes, however, that the rebels will eventually shake off the Spanish rule. He states Weyler allows the troops to shoot and bayonet villagers suspected of harboring insurgents."

"A few days ago, he continues, a band of volunteers, infuriated by the resolutions of the American senate, shot six sons of an American farmer at Casigues. The United States consul-general is inquiring into the matter."

In a Burning Mine.

BUTTE, Mont., April 9.—Information reached Butte late last night from Basin, 36 miles from Butte, that the shaft of the Hope mine was on fire, and that six men working below were undoubtedly suffocated. The men said to be below are Ed. McArthur, Barney Wall, Will Belden, B. McKeown, Martin Sullivan, John Buckley and Pat Buckley. The fire caught in the hoist, and the building was soon destroyed, the flames communicating to the shaft, cutting off all hope of escape for the men. Senator Thomas Carter is the principal owner of the mine.

Statehood Bills.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The house committee on territories voted in favor of reporting the bill for the admission of New Mexico as a state. The Arizona statehood bill was laid aside at the request of Murphy, delegate of that territory, and will probably be taken up at the next session of the committee.

Mrs. Maybrick Again.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The house adopted a resolution calling on the state department for information regarding Mrs. Maybrick.

Arbitration Committee.

ALBANY, April 9.—The Arbitration Committee of the Bar Association will meet here today. They will consider the memorial which is to be sent to President Cleveland asking him to use his influence to bring about the appointment of an international tribunal, to which all disputes of English speaking nations shall be referred to.

Is Rhodes Dead?

LONDON, April 9.—There were rumors on stock exchange today that Cecil Rhodes, formerly premier of Cape Colony, had died of fever in Matabela Land. The rumor caused a decline in the company's securities. Officials of the British chartered company discredit the rumor.

A Convention.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 9.—A convention of Connecticut state league of Republican clubs will be held here today. Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, and Governor Coffin have been invited to attend and will make addresses.

Fast Day.

CONCORD, N. H., April 9.—To-day will be observed throughout the State as fast day. The Governor has issued a proclamation asking all people of the State, in some manner and form, to express their individual faith.

Crack-a-jack of the Willamette. Don't be flummoxed into boarding a slow steamer when you can travel on the O. C. & E. new and beautiful steamer "Albany" at the same price. Leave for Portland from "Albany" dock at 11:15 a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; up river points at 3 p. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 4-3 66

ELLIS RENOMINATED

Over Malcolm Moody of the
The Dalles

ON THE THIRD BALLOT.

Delegates Instructed for McKinley
for President.

PORTLAND, April 9.—W. R. Ellis, of Heppner, a free-silver man, was renominated for congress, last night on the third ballot, by the Republicans of the second district.

Wallace McCannant of Multnomah and C. W. Parrish of Grant county, sound money men, were elected delegates to the St. Louis convention and instructed for McKinley.

Ellis's nomination was brought about by a combination of the Ellis men with the anti-Simon delegates from Multnomah county. When the convention met yesterday morning and elected C. W. Fulton of Clatsop county, chairman and A. W. Patterson of Heppner, secretary, it was apparent that the anti-Simon men would at least have a representation in the convention.

Committees were appointed on credentials and order of business and the convention adjourned until 4:30.

It was nearly 6 o'clock before the committee on credentials reported. There were three reports submitted, a majority and two minority reports. The majority report favored seating the anti-Simon delegation and the second minority report presented by F. J. Taylor, of Clatsop, favored seating General Geo. H. Williams and Hon. Sol. Hirsch, who were then on both tickets, and giving each side one-half of the remaining forty-six delegates.

Several speeches were on both sides and finally the convention called for a statement from Gen. Williams, as to the justice of the claims of each side.

He reluctantly consented and in a brief speech gave his views. He said both sides were wrong; that both had used money at the primaries and that a great majority of respectable citizens were crowded away from the polls by hirelings and prevented from voting at the primaries. He said the most satisfactory solution would be to give each side one-half the representation. A vote was taken by ballot by the delegates from all counties except Multnomah on the adoption of the report of the committee on credentials. The vote resulted 37 to 29 in favor of Taylor's minority report, giving each side one-half the representation. The convention then adjourned until 8 p. m.

When the convention reassembled, the Multnomah county delegates were allowed to cast 23 votes each exclusive of the votes of Williams and Hirsch. Nominations for congressmen were then declared in order. Brown, of Morrow, placed W. R. Ellis on nomination. It was seconded by Beltz, of Umatilla, Hume, of Multnomah, and Allen, of Columbia.

E. L. Smith, of Wasco, then placed in nomination M. A. Moody of Wasco, C. A. Johns, of Baker, named J. L. Rand, of Baker.

The first ballot resulted: Ellis, 51, Moody 49, Rand 14, Caples 1. Necessary as a choice 58. The anti-Simon cast 23 votes for Ellis; the Simon faction cast their 23 votes for Moody. The second ballot resulted: Ellis 57, Moody 52, Rand 6.

Third ballot: Ellis 53, Moody 53. The next order of business was the nomination of two delegates to the Republican convention. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Multnomah; C. W. Parrish, of Grant; Wallace McCannant, of Multnomah; Fred W. Hendley, of Umatilla, were nominated. The ballot resulted: Bourne 56, Hendley 56, Parrish 59, McCannant 58.

Paxton, of Multnomah introduced a resolution instructing the delegates to the national Republican convention to work for McKinley first, last and all the time. The resolution was adopted with a yell. Bourne and Hendley were elected as alternate delegates to the national convention.

W. H. Parker was chosen a member of the congressional committee from Clatsop county. The anti-Simon people stole a march on the Simon faction by securing the vote of Williams for Carey which gave him 25, ensuring his election.

thank you most earnestly, most sincerely, for the distinguished honor you have shown me. In this year 1896 it is an honor to be a Republican. It is a double honor to be in a Republican convention, and it is the highest of all honors to be called to preside over a Republican convention. At no time in the history of our country has a man had a greater right to compliment himself on the fact of his being a Republican. Four years ago the Democratic party gained control of our government. It possessed every executive branch, and, as a result, today we enjoy the prosperity that the Democratic party has given to us. Then the country was a humming beehive of industry. The Democratic party started where it had left off in 1860, and almost the first thing it did was to haul down the American flag which had been raised at Honolulu. This done, came the Wilson bill, and with it the funeral of hope and prosperity. The workshops were shut up. Every American industry was prostrated, and since then we have enjoyed in its fullest sense Democratic prosperity. In this time of profound peace, we are called upon to witness a secretary of the treasury calling for bonds to meet the expenses of the government, and today our indebtedness has increased in this Democratic administration nearly \$200,000,000, and this in a time of peace. There is a wave of protection rising, starting from the grand old state of Ohio. (Cheers.) It is sweeping east and west, north and south, and on the foremost wave, on the topmost crest, is inscribed 'McKinley and protection.' (Great cheering.)

"Let us, all of us, join in insuring a lusty republican victory. Let us march under one banner, with one purpose in view—to give to the people the grandest government on earth. "We must rise above all factional feeling, all factional strife, and a man who cannot do so is unworthy the name of a republican. Let us start the ball rolling toward victory; let us unite all our forces in one grand effort, not to fight among ourselves, but the enemy."

Mr. Fulton's remarks were well received, and as he closed, they were loudly applauded. When the cheering had subsided, he asked, "What is your pleasure, gentlemen?"

Early Fruit Destroyed.
PORTLAND, April 9.—The amount of damage done to the fruit crop by the last freeze-up has been pretty well ascertained, and it is more serious than at first supposed, but not so bad as it might have been. Practically, the entire peach crop of the state has been destroyed. In the vicinity of Medford there may be a tenth of a crop, but to all intents and purposes the peach crop is done for. Early cherries are also completely destroyed, and 50 per cent of early pines were killed. Early pears were also injured to some extent.

These facts are obtained from Mr. M. O. Lowndale, who has carefully looked into the matter. He says it was not a frost that did the injury, but a regular freeze-up, the like of which so late in the spring has not been known here since the state was settled. The only consolation fruit-growers have is that the trees on which this fruit was killed will have a rest this season and will make an extra growth. No one need be alarmed about a scarcity of fruit, as there will be plenty of late cherries, pears, plums, apples, etc.

ARBOR DAY.—Tomorrow will be observed as arbor day by the public schools of the city. Beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. a program will be rendered at each school, made up of music and recitation. Trees and shrubs will be planted and those already planted will be cultivated. The grounds at all the buildings have been cleaned up for the occasion and all patrons and friends of the schools will be made welcome.

FRESH GRAPES.—A very unusual delicacy at this season of the year is fresh grapes, but Branson & Co. have some very choice ones fresh from the vine.

STRAW HATS.—Go to the New York Racket for all styles of straw hats, for men and boys, which they have just received direct from New York, and are selling at racket prices, step in and save money.

ACCEPTANCE FILED.—Senator W. S. Vanderberg, of Marshfield, today filed his acceptance with the secretary of the state of the Populist nomination for congress.

THEY DRAW.—Whether the city fire engine draws or not, La Corona cigars have a drawing way about them, and every smoker prefers them for flavor and quality.

NOTARY.—Ethan W. Allen, of Portland, was today appointed notary public.

BRITISH SHIP CAPSIZE

Six Men Lost, but the Craft
May Be Saved.

A FATALITY IN OGDEN.

Five Men Killed and Five More
Badly Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The British ship, Blatmore, anchored in Mission Bay, in the southern part of this city, capsized this morning, turning completely over, in which position she is in at 11 o'clock, although tugs are trying to right her. Six men were known to be on board last night. These cannot be found, and it is supposed they were drowned when the vessel capsized. They are first officer, sailmaker and four seaman. The ship came hither two months ago coal laden from New Castle. She was in ballast when she capsized in a squall this morning. It is probable the ship will be saved.

The list of drowned is as follows: Thomas Ludgate, first officer; T. R. Renbaum; sailmaker, H. Synstrauv, able seaman; Henry F. Clarke, able seaman; Samuel Kenny, steward, Roland Emil Stiegl, ship's apprentice, aged 19.

ELECTRIC POWER EXPLOSION.

OGDEN, Utah, April 9.—A terrific explosion, entailing the loss of seven lives and the wounding of several others, occurred shortly after 6 o'clock last evening in the canyon four miles from this city. The men were employed by the Pioneer Power Dam company, and were about to prepare a blast, when a premature explosion occurred. The following is a list of those killed:

Dan Morean; of Ogden; B. Kirkman; of Ogden; George Weaver, of Ogden; Nate Kempton, of Provo; Samuel Hatfield, of Provo; Jeff Ruby, of Huntsville; and Mike Leanan, of Provo.

The wounded are Andrew Sprowes, Alfred Ellington, Geo. Slater and several others. A report was widely circulated late last night that there were over 20 men near the scene previous to the explosion and it is generally believed the loss of life was far greater than at first reported.

LATER

OGDEN, April 9.—The accident at the electric power works late night is not as serious as was at first reported. Five men were killed and five injured.

AT RICKY SCHOOLHOUSE.—Frank Davey and George Allen discussed the tariff question at the Ricky schoolhouse Wednesday evening. Jay Bowerman presided, and vocal music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphrey, Misses Myrtle and Maude Duboise, Misses Minnette Ashby and A. A. Duboise. David Giger sang a Populist solo. Mr. Davey will discuss the initiative and referendum with the Populists at their next meeting.

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