

Hermann Regains His Grip

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and touched the hearts of all who knew the man. One of the men closest to the late congressman was E. P. McCormack, of Salem, who headed the Marion county delegation, as he had many delegations for Tongue.

The Battle Began.

I. T. Harris, of Eugene, named Geo. C. Brownell for chairman. Cheers by the Hermann delegates.

B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook, named S. B. Huston, of Washington county, and the cheering lasted several minutes. T. B. Kay protested against Brownell, as he was not a delegate, and had not a right to be chosen. Cheers.

Senator Marsters came to the rescue, and said Brownell could get a proxy from any county. The chair ruled that Brownell was eligible.

Harris moved that the convention elect by ballot. Carried. Before his name was presented Brownell had objected to the Lane delegation offering his name, as he deemed it had politics.

Brownell Elected.

After a close contest Brownell was elected by vote of 93 to 86, amid great cheering. This was considered a victory for Hermann.

"Let us be friends, let there be no passion," said the chairman. He said that 25 years ago was the anniversary of Lee's surrender, when the flag of secession went down.

He said the trouble with the Oregon Republican party was that two or three men who live 125 miles north of here, had played the role of dictator to the party, and this should no longer be tolerated.

This closed the speech, and Crawford, of Douglas, moved that there be a secretary and assistant secretary named by the president. "I will do so," said the chair, "according to program." This caused a great laugh, and the program seemed to have the day.

The Program Carried.

The chair named H. B. Cosper, of Polk, as secretary, and E. Tomlinson, of Benton, as assistant secretary.

There was the usual motions for committees.

T. B. Kay moved that no more motions be necessary, but that the entire program be adopted. Carried with great laughter.

Chair announced following committees:

- Committee on credentials—C. B. Winn, of Albany; A. C. Marsters, Roseburg; J. M. Shelley, Eugene; E. T. Tongue, Hillsboro; R. M. Emmett, of Lake; I. C. Campbell, of Josephine. Resolutions—J. U. Campbell, Clackamas; B. L. Eddy, Tillamook; B. F. Jones, Lincoln; T. B. Kay, Marion; W. J. Henderson, Yamhill.

Committee on order of business and organization.

E. H. Belknap, Benton; E. M. Bratton, Lake; A. F. Stearns, Coos; A. H. Rosa, Jackson.

These committees were also according to program.

The committee on credentials reported as before published.

The committee on platform reported briefly and formally. The committee seemed to have done their work in a great hurry. It was adopted.

The Platform Adopted.

We, your committee on resolutions, hereby recommend that the following resolutions be adopted by this convention, to-wit:

Resolved, That we hereby record our high appreciation of the private

worth and the public services of the late Hon. Thos. H. Tongue, congressman from this district, and we deplore his death as a loss to his state and nation.

Resolved, That we recognize in Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, a stalwart type of American citizenship worthy of these, the best days of the republic, and we heartily endorse his position upon the great public questions of the day, and his administration. And be it resolved further that we hereby extend to him the hospitalities of this state upon the occasion of his proposed visit.

Resolved, That we do hereby endorse and reaffirm the platform of the last Oregon state Republican convention.

Resolved, That the Republican party of this congressional district favors and will earnestly labor for the improvement of our rivers and harbors by the national government.

The Nominations.

"Nominations are now in order," said the chairman. There was a lull for a few minutes.

"If nobody wants the nomination, I will take it," said Crawford, of Douglas.

Kay, of Marion, broke the ice by naming Claud Gatch. He was capable, and the younger elements of the party had a right to be recognized at this time. A candidate was needed who was in perfect harmony with the national administration, and who could greet the President on his coming visit to Oregon without feeling that he was a person objectionable in any way. Great applause.

There was another lull, and then Auterson, of Woodburn, moved to make it unanimous. Laughter.

Gus Newberry, of Jackson, took the floor and nominated Vawter. He made an eloquent plea for a candidate from Southern Oregon, a section that had never been honored with a nomination for congress. But they had other claims than geography. Their section had always been loyal to the nominees of the Republican conventions, when other counties had helped slaughter the head of the ticket. W. I. Vawter was a son of pioneers, worked his way through the state university; was a lawyer and a business man of the highest character, and loyal to Republican principles at all times. He would inspire and arouse the entire party to its highest action. If the convention did its duty it would nominate Mr. Vawter.

President Brownell called S. B. Houston to the chair, and took the floor for Hermann. He admired and appreciated the merits of the candidates whose names had been presented. Politics was really the administration of public affairs, along the line of duty to the masses.

Who was the best, the fittest, the most capable man to send to Washington to represent this district? Binger Hermann, and no other. He next outlined the Oregonian for its noble struggle for sound money in 1896. The distinguished man from Douglas county had the experience and the best of the argument as between these candidates.

Politics was a business and a science that had to be learned by experience, and the intricate and delicate details of government were not learned in a day or a week. Getting in with the people, managing and controlling men, and who had the social qualities and understood manipulating things, was the superior to the inexperienced man, who was new in congress.

What we need in Oregon today is to kill and shoot to death muckrakers, and do it overlastingly. In conclusion he said the man he named would be nominated—the gentleman from Roseburg—Binger Hermann.

Judge Hewitt said he had not the humility nor the musical voice of the gentleman from Clackamas to do justice to the favorite son of Clackamas. But he would go a step farther. We want new thought, new energy and ability, and he would go a step farther, and ask for a new man. We need a man who will stand upon principles, and not upon mere policies of self-seeking. An able lawyer and an honest man, who would study questions, learn what was right and do what was right—Percy R. Kelly, of Linn.

Geo. M. Brown seconded Hermann's nomination. The people would do the rest, and a nomination here was equivalent to a certificate of election. He was the trusted friend of Wm. McKinley, and good enough to represent this district.

Walter L. Tooze said he was proud of the mossbacks, who had brought the seeds of civilization to this Western coast, and he arose to nominate a son of one of these pioneers—Hon. Claud Gatch, of Salem.

"We are here to seek a leader, not a follower of public opinion," Great cheering. His candidate stood in the state convention and fought for the gold standard when others were taking the middle ground.

His candidate was a man you don't have to defend, neither his private character nor his public record. Great applause.

Oregon had sent one of her grandest sons to the United States senate, and he was inexperienced—the Hon. Chas. W. Fulton. Mr. Gatch would take his seat the peer of any worker who would be sent there.

There would be no defensive campaign if the Marion county man was put on the ticket. Claud Gatch was a man who worked for a living. He was a friend of labor and would get all the labor votes of this district. Great applause. The galleries and crowds in the hall were two to one for Gatch.

E. H. Belknap, of Benton, eulogized the Republican party's ancient history, and seconded the nomination of Hermann.

The chairman now ordered the ballots taken.

First Balloting.

There were 175 votes cast, as follows: Hermann 79, Gatch 42, Kelly 29, Vawter 11, Brownell 1. Every vote was cast.

When the vote was known the convention broke into great cheering, and there were cries of Gatch! Gatch! Gatch! all over the house and galleries.

The second showed a change of one vote from Hermann to Gatch: Hermann 78, Gatch 43, Kelly 39, Vawter 13. Cries of Gatch! Gatch! Gatch!

Third ballot—Hermann 81, Gatch 53, Kelly 27, Vawter 12. This time the Hermann men cheered and again on the next, when both Hermann and Gatch gained one.

Fourth ballot—Hermann 82, Gatch 54, Kelly 25, Vawter 12.

Hermann was now within five votes of an election, and votes became valuable.

Fifth—Hermann 82, Gatch 54, Kelly 25, Vawter 12.

Sixth—Hermann 81, Gatch 53, Kelly 28, Vawter 12. Ballot cast out as one too many votes were cast.

On the sixth ballot Clackamas was passed until last. A conference was held. The delegates had all been vot-

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ing secretly so far. The result of this ballot was: Hermann 81, Gatch 51, Kelly 26, Vawter 14.

Seventh ballot—Hermann 80, Gatch 41, Kelly 36, Vawter 16.

Eighth ballot—Hermann 80, Gatch 39, Kelly 37, Vawter 17.

Ninth ballot—Hermann 81, Gatch 37, Vawter 19, Kelly 36.

Tenth ballot—After once failing for too many votes, the result was: Hermann 80, Gatch 39, Kelly 35, Vawter 19.

The 11th ballot stood: Hermann 80, Gatch 39, Kelly 35, Vawter 14.

Twelfth—Hermann 72, Gatch 35, Kelly 26, Vawter 20, Brownell 17, Harris 1.

Thirteenth—Hermann 63, Gatch 33, Kelly 22, Vawter 20, Harris 13, Brownell 21.

An attempt was made to adjourn at 8:15. Lost.

On the 14th ballot Eddy got the first votes cast for him, and the result stood: Hermann 57, Gatch 34, Vawter 12, Brownell 14, Kelly 21, Harris 20, Eddy 15.

Fifteenth ballot—Hermann 41, Gatch 31, Harris 29, Eddy 18, Vawter 14, Kelly 14, Brownell 17, Belknap 9.

On the 16th ballot Gatch was the high man: Gatch 45, Brownell 17, Eddy 17, Vawter 12, Miller 1, Hermann 39, Harris 22, Kelly 15, Belknap 5.

Seventh—Gatch went up to 52, Hermann had 38, and the rest were scattered. The Hermann vote was withheld from Harris, as the Roseburg crowd considered the action of Lane treacherous.

On the 18th ballot Gatch gained 1, Harris gained 7, and the rest scattered. The ballot was illegal as there were too many votes.

On the 19th Gatch led with 50, Hermann 42, Harris 26, Kelly 16, Brownell 17, Vawter 12.

No. 20—Hermann 54, Gatch 56, Kelly 24, Vawter 12, Brownell 17. Harris had dropped out, and the Hermann push turned Bedlam loose.

No. 21—Hermann 82, Gatch 58, Kelly 24, Vawter 12, Brownell 17.

No. 22—Hermann 74, Gatch 54, Brownell 16, Kelly 15, Vawter 13, Keene 1.

No. 23—Hermann 79, Gatch 51, Kelly 27, Vawter 12, Eddy 2.

On the above ballot Brownell dropped out of the race, and there was more frantic yelling by the Hermann men.

There was delay about the balloting and cries of "ballot! ballot!" were heard all over the hall. Men were rushing about like bullets.

Stampede to Hermann. Before balloting Eddy made a speech throwing the vote of Tillamook to Hermann. There was great uproar by the Hermann men. The fight had been picked up out of the ruins and won over the opposition of the younger candidates. Vawter got up when Jackson was called, and released his delegation. At this point Brownell returned to the chair.

The Last Ballot.

Hermann was nominated on this ballot, the 24th, receiving a majority of the votes, and the convention broke into wild cheering.

The chair rapped them down, and announced that 176 votes were cast, or four more than there were delegates. But Kay, of Marion, relieved the situation by moving to make it unanimous. Hermann had 95 votes.

Hermann Introduced.

Binger Hermann was introduced, and made a speech replete with good feeling and predicting certain victory.

They would roll up the largest Republican majority ever cast in this district. Cheers. After praising all his competitors, he accepted the nomination with thanks.

It was nearly midnight when he finished his remarks.

Gatch was called for and introduced amid great applause. He regretted his defeat, but he had no complaints. He would be no laggard in the coming contest.

Vawter was given a similar cordial greeting, and predicted a sweeping victory.

Eddy, Harris and Kelly were called for and spoke briefly.

The old congressional committee were continued for their present term. The convention adjourned.

Yew Park School.

The Yew Park school had a little spring vacation of its own this morning, and the time was devoted to a regular cleaning up and beautifying of the school ground. Shovels, rakes, brooms and wheelbarrows were requisitioned, and a whole lot of good, hard work was done, in a way that made it enjoyable recreation.

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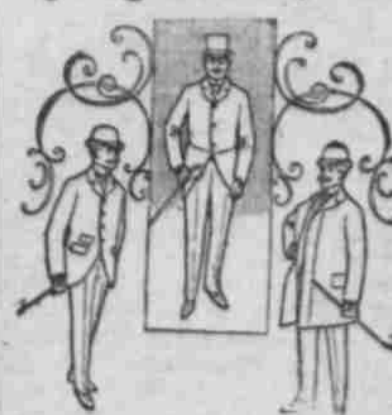
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