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GAGE IN THE LEAD FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP.

The Convention Will Get Down to Work To-Day.

At a late hour last night L. H. Brown announced his withdrawal from the gubernatorial contest. He said he was satised he could not win it, and preferred not to remain in the fight and thus embarrass the friends who were loyal to him.

It was also stated by friends of Dr. Pardee that the latter had conceded the hopelessness of his efforts and it was thought he would to-day withdraw from the fight and that Gage would be nominated by acclamation.

After midnight a reliable Sacramentan informed the "Record-Union" that Judge J. M. Walling of Nevada had just informed him that he had withdrawn from the fight for Congress in the Second District. If so, this leaves F. D. Ryan of Sacramento without any opposition.

When the delegates to the Republican State Convention assembled in the great Pavilion yesterday afternoon they were surprised at the beautiful decorations, the rich array of banners and burting, and the many evidences of cool comfort in the very heart of summer.

Grateful to the eyes of Republicans was the sight of the pictures of our real heroes, instead of portraits of the man whom Dana named "the great stuffed prophet" and his followers in the West. Everywhere were beheld the evidences of patriotism and devotion to principle.

The convention was called to order by Chairman McLaughlin a little before 2 o'clock. When his gavel fell there was silence, after which a quartet of young women and a band rendered with considerable spirit, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." This was followed by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," in which everybody joined. Then there was hearty cheering for President McKinley, then for the immortal Dewey. The San Francisco delegates also cheered for Sacramento and the ladies who had sung. Thus the convention opened with general good will.

In contrast with the delays and wrangling that characterized the preliminary organization of the late Democratic Convention, the delegates were of one mind on the point that they had come together to proceed without delay to the business of the hour. Accordingly Jacob H. Neff and J. C. Campbell were placed in nomination for temporary Chairman. The balloting began without delay, and as soon as it had progressed so far that it was evident that Neff was elected one of Campbell's supporters moved that Neff's election be made unanimous, and this was was done with hearty good will as soon as the Chairman could make the motion. Campbell and ex-Judge Van R. Paterson were appointed a committee to escort Mr. Neff to the chair, which they did amid great cheering.

After motions had been carried to the effect that the Chair be authorized to appoint committees on Platform and Resolutions, on Credentials, and on Permanent Organization and Order of Business, the first session was over, and there was no parley about adjourning until 7 p. m.

The night session, like that of the afternoon, was characterized by business-like methods, the interim being taken up with Congressional and other fights in the various districts.

The most dramatic event of the first session was the speech of Chairman Neff, who repelled with considerable heat a statement, which he said had crept into the newspapers, to the effect that he was in the convention to carry out a slate.

"I am the tool of no boss or corporation," he said, "and I am here as a private citizen for the purpose of doing all I can for the success of the Republican party and its grand principles. I mean it in all kindness, but I am obliged to say that the scurrilous things that have appeared about me are wholly untrue. I wear no collar, and I am not here for the purpose of carrying out any slate."

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES.

The canvassers of various delegations have made it apparent that Judges McFarland and Van Fleet will be nominated to succeed themselves on the Supreme Court bench. Night before last and yesterday morning there was talk of Judge Angelotti of Marin, Judge Williams of San Bernardino and Judge Sweeney of Shasta, but last night it was conceded that the present incumbents would be renominated on the first ballot. The Marin delegation met, with Judge Angelotti present, and that gentleman announced that he would withdraw from the contest and it was then decided that the delegation would vote for Judges McFarland and Van Fleet. The San Joaquin delegation also held a caucus and decided to support those gentlemen. Last evening the San Diego delegation held a meeting and it was understood that the two gentlemen named would also receive the support of that delegation. Numerous other delegations are said to have arrived at the same conclusion.

BROWN'S CHANCES.

The friends of Secretary of State Brown were in high feather yesterday, and claimed that his strength was developing in fine style. They were greatly gratified at the result of the caucus of the San Diego County delegation, held yesterday morning, which, it was reported, had unanimously agreed to cast its entire vote for L. H. Brown.

Mr. Brown's friends also claimed that he had thirty-two votes in the Alameda delegation, which would be thrown to him after the first ballot, and that after the second vote, if no result was secured, he would get the entire sixty-eight votes of that delegation. They also claimed that he has friends in the San Francisco delegation who cannot be swerved, even by the adoption of the unit rule, to vote for any other candidate. It was further said that Mr. Brown has a strong following from other counties south of Tehachapi, and that he will get a strong vote from Tulare and Fresno Counties. These, added to his strength in the center and north, his friends say, will make him formidable, even in the face of the "slate."

ON THE SECOND BALLOT.

The Gage contingent was resting easily last evening, and claimed everything in sight for their candidate. They considered that the opposition candidates, though their following made a great deal of noise, would cut no important figure when it came to voting.

One of the foremost politicians of Los Angeles, in speaking on the subject, said: "We will give Gage two ballots in which to win out. He could win just as easily on the first ballot, but I don't think it would be good politics for him to do so. We want to give those delegates who are with us, and who are pledged to vote for other candidates, a chance to redeem those pledges by casting one vote according to instructions, and on the second ballot they will flop over and nominate Gage. There will no doubt be a centering of the opposition on some one candidate, but we claim to have enough votes, and to spare, for our candidate."

THE KNIFE FOR KIRK.

The fight for the nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction warmed up yesterday, and the friends of Samuel T. Black, the present incumbent, claimed that his success was an assured fact, as many delegates who were formerly adherents of Kirk had stepped over into Black's camp.

The trouble with the Kirk delegation hinged, it was said, on the fact that while he had promised to work for the nomination of Pillsbury, as against Needham for Congress in the Seventh District, he had failed to deliver the goods and as a consequence the delegations from Tulare and Kings counties, his principal stronghold, would knife him and vote for Black.

MANY MEN HAVE THEIR SAY.

It was noticeable all day yesterday—in the convention as well as out—that men expressed themselves with a great deal of freedom on the convention and its work. It was the general opinion that the delegates were sincerely in earnest and that it was the all-pervading ambition of those assembled to put up a ticket that would win. The following are some of the opinions caught in the hurry of organization yesterday:

Charles Garter, ex-United States District Attorney: This is a fine body of men, and I think they will nominate a ticket that will win. With the principles of the party, with representative men of brains on the ticket, and with the record of the late war behind us it will be hard to lose.

George Knight: Things look all right, and I believe the convention will do something worthy the support of the people. I feel that its judicial nominees, as well as the entire ticket, wil be one worthy of the people.

Colonel J. P. Jackson, Collector of the Port of San Francisco: I am here to look after my son's fight for Attorney General. It looks all right, though Ford is a good man, and it is not a walkover, though things look better every hour. I believe the heads of the party have about decided that Gage is an available man, though I say nothing against any other candidate. Any of them can win in this campaign.

Fred M. Campbell: It is a fine looking body of men, and it is sure to do something worthy of the delegates who have been intrusted with the responsibility of naming the Republican nominees.

Jacob H. Neff: You can say that I am under no boss, and that I shall wear no corporation collar under any circumstances. I am here as a Republican for the purpose of doing all in my power to see that the principles of the party are carried out by a strong ticket.

Judge Post: It looks very much like Gage, while the other fights are all mixed up. It is no man's walkover. Fitzgerald ought to be put up for Governor.

Attorney General Fitzgerald: I think this is a good convention, all right, but they do not seem to think much of me.

Mayor Land: I thing Gage is in the lead, but if he does not win on the first ballot I believe Brown will beat him. Brown is a bright fellow, and he seems to be making a great deal of headway with the delegates. I hear that he will give Gage a big run.

Colonel Stone: Nobody has a walkover in any fight you can name, and there will not be much satisfaction until there is an actual counting of noses.

Frank Powers: There may be slates, but some of them will be broken before the thing is over. I think the nominees of this convention will unite the strength of the party.

Emile Bauer: It is all nonsense to say that Maguire will beat the man decided upon by this convention. He may unite the discontents to a degree, but there are a great many contented and happy people in this country. It is all nonsense to say that this State depends upon a single man for its salvation. Maguire cannot ruin the State, but the reign of Democracy is always more or less of a blight. What we want and what this convention is inclined to give is a conservative man who stands for the party of progress.

Charles Patton: Brother De Young is the best politician in the State, and Mr. Gage ought to be able to subscribe to a statement to that effect. De Young wil be the next Senator, the program for Governor having been well aranged and with a great deal of harmony.

Attorney Harry Melvin of Oakland: What a winning card Gage seems to be; but we will go down with colors flying, all the same.

William Friend: We, we, we are straight. Watch the country break the slate; Pardee, Governor of the State. These are my sentiments.

Willis G. Witter: They are all right, but there are stronger men than Gage. I hope he will win, but I should prefer to see a San Francisco man.

Charles Curry: My fight is as good as won, if I may judge of appearances. But I am not quitting until all is over.

Ex-Superintendent of Schools Madison Babcock of San Francisco: It looks like Kirk for Superintendent of Public Instruction, though Black has made a fine officer.

Ex-Judge D. J. Murphy: I have just arrived here, but it strikes me this is a fine body of men, and I think they will name a winning ticket.

Benjamin Porter of Los Angeles: Pardee is a good man, but Davis was indorsed by the better element of his county. I see no show for anybody under the circumstances, except Gage.

Judge F. M. Angelotti, Marin County: This is as fine a body of men as I ever saw together for the purpose of making a strong ticket, and I am glad to see so much harmony.

SOME LATE GOSSIP.

There is a feeling among some of the delegations of the northern counties that a northern man should receive the Gubernatorial nomination. As a delegate from the far north expressed it yesterday "We think Los Angeles always comes up to the convention to push us overboard, and the north is entitled to more consideration. The south pushed us over and nominated Markham, and we don't want it to happen again; that is all. We have nothing against Mr. Gage, who is a fine man."

Tehama County favors a northern man, but had not caucused on the matter.

It is conceded in most quarters that Brown stands next to Gage, and Pardee third. Modoc will vote for Brown at first, but if it finds he has no show will go to Pardee, to head off the south.

There is no truth in the reported secession of the San Diego delegation to Pardee, as reported yesterday morning, and it will stand solid for Gage.

In the Attorney General fight Gray still is in the ring, and feels confident that his prospects are growing brighter. It was stated late in the afternoon, however, that the greater portion of the Los Angeles delegation would support Ford, and the fight seems to lie between the two.

Black seems to be in the lead for the nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction, but it is a lively fight, and Kirk is moving everything for the nomination. It was claimed, however, that the Tulare and Kings County delegations have seceded from Kirk on account of his alleged treachery in the Pillsbury-Needham Congressional fight, and are now working for Black. The Kirk men assert that the matter has been patched up, however ,and that the two delegations will stay with him.

El Dorado County will throw its vote for Childs, who has relatives and friends in that county.

Senator Bulla arrived from Los Angeles yesterday morning, and expressed the opinion that "everything was going all right."

William Beckman is pushing his fight for Railroad Commissioner with vigor, and seems to have a large following. Edson is backed by a large number of the delegates from the northern part of the State, but he is not such a vigorous campaigner as the Sacramento man.

CONVENTION MEETS.

J. H. Neff Chosen Temporary Chairman on First Ballot.

At 1:40 o'clock the convention was called to order by Major Frank McLaughlin, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, who, waiving preliminaries in the form of remarks of any kind, introduced an octet composed of four male and four female voices. The octet sang "America," while the convention arose and kept time to the inspiring music by waving the small editions of "Old Glory" which had been distributed among the several delegations.

MAYOR LAND'S WELCOME.

Then Major McLaughlin introduced Mayor Land, who welcomed the delegates to the city in the following words:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention: Once again the Rspublicans have met in the city of Sacramento for the purpose of nominating candidates for the coming election. Four years ago the Republican State Central Committee saw fit to honor the city of Sacramento by selecting it as the place to hold their convention, and they have seen fit to honor us again.

"In behalf of the citizens of Sacramento, it is my pleasure to express to you their sincere recognition for the honors conferred upon them. As Mayor of the city of Sacramento, I thank the State Board of Agriculture for the manner in which they have assisted in carrying out the program that has been outlined to-day and in the Democratic Convention held last week.

"I believe we have done everything that lay in our power to make these conventions as pleasant as possible for the visitors who came here. As the Mayor of the city of Sacramento, I extend to you the greetings of her citizens, and bid you a hearty and cordial welcome to our city, and express the hope that your stay may be so fraught with pleasure and good fellowship that it may be your desire to continue with us."

Then again the octet were given the commanding position, and they snag "The Star-Spangled Banner," while the convention waved flags, cheered and came in on the chorus like veterans. At the conclusion of the song three cheers were given for the song, the singers, President McKinley, Admiral Dewey and other celebrities.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

Ex-Senator William Johnston of Sacramento sent the following list of names for temporary officers other than Chairman to the desk. The list was accepted by acclamation: Secretary, Frank D. Ryan; Chief Clerk, W. P. Thorpe; Assistant Clerks, T. W. Measure, John Shock, James T. McNiff, M. Ginsberg, George D. Goldman, G. W. Ficks and Will Howe; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. T. Stafford; Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, Enoch Dole, Richard May, William Grubbs, George T. King and John Carey; Pages, Albert Burkhart, Charles Schenk, James Axtay, Master Burnes, Emil Schwitzer, Frank Bowman, R. Koch and G. J. Fink.

NEFF AND CAMPBELL.

Nominations for temporary Chairman being in order, Frank Powers nominated Jacob H. Neff of Placer. He said:

"On behalf of the younger men of the Republican party, who have learned their Republican principles from the old hero I am going to name, I nominate for temporary Chairman of this convention the old miner, Jacob H. Neff of Placer County."

Van R. Paterson of San Francisco nominated J. C. Campbell, as follows:

"For temporary Chairman of this convention I nominate that prince of parliamentarians and good fellows, J. C. Campbell of San Francisco."

Mr. Levinsky of San Joaquin, in seconding Campbell's nomination, said:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention: As an humble representative from the San Joaquin, it affords me pleasure to second the nomination of that stanch Republican, Hon. J. C. Campbell of San Francisco. To those gentlemen who come from the sunny south I desire to say: 'Please remember that he was the efficient Chairman who presided over the destinies of the convention which nominated and afterward elected your favorite son, Henry H. Markham.' Mr. Campbell believes that a position worth having is worth asking for. We ask at your hands that he be made the temporary Chairman of this convention."

Hart North of Alameda seconded Campbell's nomination. He said:

"Representing sixty-eight delegates from Alameda County, I desire to second the nomination of the Hon. Joseph Campbell for temporary Chairman."

A delegate from Sutter County: "I rise for the purpose of seconding the nomination of Jacob H. Neff. There is not a member but knows he has had experience and that he will make a good presiding officer. I believe it to be the will and pleasure of this convention to put him in the chair.

A motion that nominations close was carried, and a roll-call was ordered.

JACOB H. NEFF ELECTED.

The vote almost from the start showed Neff to be a general favorite, and before the roll-call was finished a Fresno delegate moved that his nomination be made by acclamation. The motion was carried with a whoop, and Major McLaughlin declared Mr. Neff elected to be temporary Chairman of the convention.

Major McLaughlin appointed J. C. Campbell, Van R. Paterson and Frank Powers a committee to escort Mr. Neff to the platform. The latter was received with prolonged cheers, and in accepting the position spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen: When called upon to preside over such a body of Republicans as I see before me I feel that I have indeed been greatly honored.

"I come here reprsenting no faction, no corporation, no individual, and no boss. I am here as a Republican, to do my duty to the party, and to no individual; and I hope and trust that during the temporary occupancy of the chair my rulings shall be characterized with fairness, impartiality, and, I hope, to your entire satisfaction. (Cheers.)

"Gentlemen of the convention, the eyes of the people of the State are focused upon you. They expect from you a ticket which will meet success at the ensuing election. Bear in mind that the tax-gatherer is bearing down upon the people of this State, and you must put before them a ticket that will go forth preaching economy in public affairs.

"I say to you that the time has come when economy should be practised in the affairs of this State Government.

"It is not necessary for me to say to you that I have been a resident of this State for nearly forty years. My life, both public and private, is an open book. Some scurrilous statements have been circulated to-day that I represent a boss. In all kindness, in all frankness, I say that that is untrue, and not founded on fact. (Cheers.) As I state, I represent as an humble individual the Republican party so far as I am able, and I hope now that your deliberations may be characterized with harmony and decorum befitting the occasion. (Cheers.) I thank you most heartily for this honor." (Prolonged cheering.)

COMMITTEES TO BE NAMED.

On motion, Chairman Neff was instructed to appoint a Committee of twenty-one on Permanent Organization and Order of Business; another, to consist of twenty-one members, on Credentials, and a third, also of twenty-one members, on Platform and Resolutions.

The Chairman said that while it had been charged that he had in his pocket the list of committeemen to be appointed, it was not true, and that he wanted abundance of time to well consider the representations of the party.

In order to give him necessary time to complete the lists, at 2:20 o'clock a recess was taken until 7 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Platform, Credentials and Order of Business Committees Named.

At 7:30 o'clock the convention reassembled, and Chairman Neff announced his committees as follows:

COMMITTEES NAMED.

Committee on Credentials—T. C. Hocking (Chairman), A. M. Duncan, E. C. Hennessy, A. C. Bolt, Jr., C. A. Swisler, T. E. Morgan, J. E. Flemming, W. R. Pond, A. Hockheimer, J. C. Campbell (Colusa), T. V. Eddy, A. H. Leutgen, Thomas Dougherty, George W. Ross, Max Goldberg, George R. Fletcher, C. F. Lacey, W. L. Hardison, Louis Thorn, W. S. Hooper and A. C. Maude.

Platform and Resolutions—R. H. Lloyd (Chairman), C. L. Gregory, R. S. Alexander, W. F. Price, Warren Sexton, J. M. Fulweiler, Frank West, E. V. Taylor, M. B. Ivory, W. B. Collier, C. S. Laumeister, D. A. Wentworth, D. J. Lennon, E. F. Preston, J. C. Campbell (San Francisco), L. E. Savage, H. C. Osborn, C. L. Lloyd, W. R. Porter, F. H. Short, George Frost and C. C. Thorkill.

Permanent Organization and Order of Business—Grove L. Johnson (Chairman), F. D. Soward, C. R. Mayhill, H. R. Drynan, Joseph Durfee, C. D. Fontana, D. F. Newby, Hart North, W. R. Wells, A. Reuf, T. D. Reardon, Jacob Levi, Jr., F. H. Powers, I. J. Truman, James Alva Watt, J. H. Glass, W. J. Variel, H. F. Corn, C. P. West, Simon Levy and C. G. Lamberson.

Loud of San Francisco moved that all resolutions presented for the consideration of the Committee on Platform and Resolutions be submitted without debate.

A Santa Cruz delegate protested against what he termed "gag" law, and contended that all resolutions offered ought to be explained when offered by delegates who were not members of the committee.

A rising vote was necessary to settle the question, and the motion was declared carried, though the vote was close. It meant, as was proven later on, that the meeting of the Committee on Platform and Resolutions should be strictly executive.

A motion that when the convention adjourn it do so until 10 o'clock this morning, was amended to read 9 o'clock, and as so amended was declared carried by an extremely doubtful viva voce vote.

It was announced that the Second Congressional District Convention would be held on the floor of the Pavilion at 12 o'clock, noon, to-day, and at 7:45 o'clock the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Barham Was Re-nominated in the First District.

The First Congressional District Convention was called to order by R. S. Taylor of Siskiyou.

The committee of fourteen appointed in the morning was instructed to pass on the credentials of delegates, Tehama County having elected a separate set of delegates for the Congressional Convention, in addition to the State Convention delegates, and settled on officers and order of business.

Otto C. Gregor of Humboldt acted as Secretary.

The committee reported for permanent officers R. S. Taylor of Siskiyou and O. C. Gregor of Humboldt.

The credentials of the State Convention delegates were declared correct, as well as those of the Tehama County delegates. The members of State Central Committee were recommended as committeemen for the Congressional Committee.

The report was adopted.

Nominations for Congressman from the First District being in order, G. D. Dodson of Red Bluff placed John A. Barham of Sonoma in nomination for the position in a brief but neat speech.

The nomination was seconded by Carl H. Neilson of Sonoma and Hutchinson of Napa, in eulogistic terms.

Mr. Barham was nominated by acclamation, and, being called on, said that he had tried to serve his constituents according to the dictates of his conscience. The past four months had made history fast for this country, and we will have to study geography again to learn the limits of the United States. We had been thought to be a commercial nation, and that our citizens could be insulted with impunity, but Dewey at Manila and Sampson and Schley at Santiago had dispelled that notion, and made us respected. Whatever is good enough for other nations to seek and war over is quite good enough for us to keep when we get it. (Cheers.) Foreign nations thought before the war that the South would secede again, but the gray fought side by side with us, and the nation is unified.

The Nicaragua Canal is a question of the utmost importance to us, and the bill settling the Union and Central Pacific Railroad debt has been passed, and is no longer in politics. It is not a funding bill, but, rather, a special power of attorney that gives to certain men power to settle the matter equitably. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Morgan, one of the best friends California has ever had. It could not have passed with his (Barham's) amendment, except by unanimous consent, and it settles the question as it should be settled.

The convention appointed as Finance Committee W. F. Price, A. B. Lemmon, C. H. Neilson, W. J. T. Orr and Judge Brush, all of Sonoma.

On moton of A. B. Lemmon, the convention appointed 10 a. m. to-day in the Supreme Courtroom for the meeting of the Railroad District Convention, provided the other delegates of the district concur.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

The Fourth Congressional District Convention, comprising a portion of the city and county of San Francisco, met at the Pavilion at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and organized by electing Joseph F. Speer, Jr., Chairman, and P Pendergast Secretary.

It had been previously decided not to nominate a candidate for Congress until after the conclusion of the State Convention, and on motion an adjournment was taken to meet in San Francisco at the call of the Chair.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Some of the delegates of the Fifth Congressional District met in the Pavilion yesterday afternoon and decided to wait until the General Committee on Credentials should report before organizing for business.

WAGE-EARNERS DEMAND FAIR TREATMENT.

Demagogues Are Denounced by Railway Employes.

WATERS IN THE SIXTH.

The Sixth Congressional District Convention was held at Grangers' Hall at 5 o'clock last evening, and organized by electing ex-State Senator Orestes Orr of Ventura Chairman and Claude F. Lacey of Monterey Secretary.

Messrs Orr and Lacey addressed the convention, and were both happy and brief in their remarks.

On motion, a committee of seven on credentials was appointed, consisting of the following: Messrs. Woods, McKevitt, Crowe, Maher, Grigg, Dorn and Lindsay.

The Chairman appointed as a Committee on Resolutions Messrs. Newberry, Barnes and Boise, after which a recess was taken to allow the committee time to formulate their report.

Upon reassembling the Committee on Credentials reported recommending that the list of delegates present be given seats in the convention. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the convention pledges its nominee for Congress to use his best endeavors to secure the unexpended balance (originally appropriated for San Pedro harbor, and unused in the completion of the existing contract for the construction of an outer harbor). Such balance to be applied to the dredging out and other improvements of the inside harbor of San Pedro, or the construction of a Government drydock at that point."

Nomination of candidates for Congress being in order, ex-Governor Beveredge, formerly of Illinois, now of Los Angeles, in an eloquent speech, placed in nomination Hon. Russell A. Waters of Los Angeles County. Governor Beveredge said the nomination of Waters meant his election, and the retirement to the shade of private life of "Billy" Barlow, the Populist.

Maher of Santa Cruz seconded the nomination of Waters, as did also Judge V. Gregg of San Luis Obispo, the latter of whom moved his nomination be made by acclamation. The motion prevailed, and Waters was declared to be the nominee.

Mr. Waters addressed the convention, accepting the nomination in the same spirit with which it was offered to him. He spoke of the achievements of the Republican party in the past, and predicted victory at the polls in November.

Ex-Congressman McLachen was called for, was cheered to the echo and made a speech full of fire and vim, enlisting himself under the banner of Waters for the position of Congressman and against the man whom he said had for the past two years misrepresented the State in the legislative halls at Washington.

Judge Gregg of San Luis Obispo, who had been a prospective candidate for nomination, also said a few good words in favor of the nominee, and suggested that everybody get out and work for the election of the nominee.

The Chairman was instructed to appoint an Auditing and a Purity of Elections Committee, and the convention adjourned.

EQUALIZATION.

No Candidates Have Yet Been Nominated.

The Second Equalization District Convention, comprising the city and county of San Francisco, met in the Pavilion at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and organized by electing Perry Bemish Chairman and P. Pendergast Secretary.

It had been previously agreed that an equalization candidate should not be nominated until after the close of the State Convention, and on motion of A. Reuf, the convention adjourned to meet in San Francisco on September 15th, at which time a candidate will be placed in nomination.

CREDENTIALS SETTLED.

Rea Wins in Santa Clara and There is Peace in Nevada.

At 8 o'clock last evening the Credentials Committee took up the contests from Santa Clara and Nevada Counties, that from Nevada County first. In this the speakers were limited to fifteen minutes each. The contest was between John F. Kidder and N. B. Brown, the former claiming to have been elected by the people, the latter that he was appointed by the County Central Committee. Kidder based his claim on the fact that the County Central Committee had no authority to nominate any delegate, and that he was elected lawfully by the people.

Brown claimed that Kidder and himself went before the committee and that he won, after which Kidder placed his name on tickets and got some votes. He also claimed that it has been the custom for ten years for the County Central Committee to appoint the delegate at large. On Colonel Eddy's motion it was decided that but ten delegates from Nevada County be seated and that they be allowed to cast eleven votes. The contestants were rejected because but ten delegates were embraced in the Central Committee's call.

Th Santa Clara contest next demanded the attention of the committee. The contestants circulated the following circular on their behalf, and read it in argument as a resume of the case:

The contesting delegates of Santa Clara County hereby present to the delegates to the State Convention a brief resume in part of the facts upon which they ask

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The Associated Railway Employes of California, composed of citizens in the employ of various railroad companies, last evening submitted the following memorial to the Committee on Platform:

To the Committe on Platform and Resolutions of the Republican State Convention—Gentlemen: The Associated Railway Employes of California desire to call your attention to the following, viz:

1. That it is an organization representing the railway employes of California to the number exceeding 20,000.

2. It is not a partisan organization, for it numbers among its members men of every political faith.

3. It is a voluntary association, in no manner connected with or under the control of any railroad company or its owners or managers.

4. It has been formed to protect its members from unfair assaults by political demagogues who seek office and preferment by attacks upon railroads and transportation interests generally. These attacks, while ostensibly directed against the corporations, hurt us, the employes, much more than they do the companies claimed to be the objects of the attack.

5. We believe the time has come when a man should be allowed to work for any man or corporation, whether engaged in manufacturing or mercantile or transportation business, without being stigmatized as a "railroad hireling" or a "corporation tool," debarred from active participation in politics and ostracized from the list of those who may properly seek office at the hands of their fellow-citizens.

6. We further believe that the day has arrived in our State when conventions of the great political parties should recognize the fact that there is no longer any railroad issue before the people, except that made by interested aspirants for office, and should for one year at least omit from their platform all reference to the great transportation and railroad interests. We are certain that the so-called "railroad question" will quietly settle itself according to the laws of trade and the economical conditions of the country, if politicians and political parties will let it alone.

7. We therefore request of you that in the platform by you adopted you make no attack upon the railroad interests of California, for that will be an attack upon us and our means of livelihood, and will inevitably do injury to all concerned and create unnecessary antagonism.

8. We do not seek the advancement politically of any man, whether connected with our organization or not, nor the triumph of any one political party, but we do ask that our business be left unassailed and the companies for whom we labor be permitted to carry on their legitimate business without any fight being made by you against them, to the end that we may feel secure in our employment and the receipt of the wages that support ourselves and families. Respectfully submitted,

W. V. Stafford,	James I. Felter.
H. L. Sanborn,	D. L. Fitzgerald,
Henry Whithem,	E. L. Reguin,
M. D. Smith,	Geo. H. Clough,
Gus S. Turner.	James Garlick,
G. W. Hilbert,	G. S. Gillmore,
H. E. Leonard,	W. C. Renfro,
H. A. Priest,	T. N. Heffron.

Committee appointed by the Railway Employes' Association of California.

Representatives of the clubs addressed the committee and set forth the object of their presenting themselves as being for the purpose of bringing to its attention their views in regard to transportation. It was felt that any further agitation of the freights and fares question would injure them as the employes of the various railroads of the State. They expressed the hope that it would not be necessary for them to cast their votes as a unit for or against any party, but that they would be compelled to do so in the event of attack upon their interests. They asserted that the railroad employes were lining up steadily and that the clubs were growing very rapidly, and that before election day all of the great mass of railroad men in the State of California will be in the clubs, and would cast their votes according to their ideas of where their friends are, regardless of party.

It was asserted that there was a strong interest taken in the matter among the men in the shops in Sacramento and throughout the whole service here, and without doubt within a comparatively short time, practically all the railway employes in Sacramento would be in the local club. It was also stated that the representatives of all the clubs, under instructions from the clubs at different points in the State, had perfected a central organization to handle their interests throughout the campaign to be known as the Railway Employes' Political Club. It will not meddle with party politics, but keep its eyes upon all the men who are known as the vicious enemies of their interests. They were conscious of the fact that the combined vote of the organization would be a very formidable one. They trusted that candidates would take such a course as would allow them to vote according to their party affiliations.

RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED

By the Platform and Resolutions Committee Last Night.

The Committee on Platform and Resolutions met in Supreme Court room No. 1 in the State Capitol immediately after the adjournment of the convention last evening, and throughout the evening deliberated behind closed doors.

It was agreed in committee that no copies of the platform should be given out for publication until after presentation to the convention. That understanding was not, however, arrived at until a late hour.

It is known, however, that all of the following-named subjects were up for consideration, and it is further known that planks containing most of them were inserted, and will be reported to the convention this morning, with a recommendation that they be adopted.

The enlargement and extension of the navy is advocated in order that our flag shall be respected by all foreign Powers, dangers of foreign wars be reduced to a minimum, and the rights of American citzens be universally respected.

The indorsement of President McKinley's Administration, particularly with

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