

DID NOT ADOPT IT

The People's Party County Convention Last Night

OPPOSED A WHISKY PLANK

And Refused to Insert it in the Platform. Delegates to the State Convention Chosen—Committees.

About fifty delegates of the people's party gathered in the circuit court room last evening to elect delegates to the state convention to be held at Lansing, June 16. It was a quiet affair, but little enthusiasm being manifested.

Alpine was the only township represented. The delegates present were called to order by Ralph Treat, who explained that Frank DeHaar, chairman of the county committee, was sick and not able to be present.

Mr. Treat read the call for the convention, and upon motion William F. Tea was called to the chair. Mr. Tea made a few remarks, in which he said the people's party had everything to gain and nothing to lose, while the old parties have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

Whereas, Believing that the fullest enforcement of the demands of the people's party is absolutely necessary to the betterment of the present deplorable condition of our masses, and that these demands, as set forth in the St. Louis platform, fully cover the ground; therefore

Resolved, That we, the people's party of the county of Kent and state of Michigan, in convention assembled, hereby demand of the coming state convention of said party, to be held at Lansing, in said state, in June next, and of future conventions not to attempt to retard this grand movement of the people by attempting to ingratiate into that platform the so-called liquor question, the action of the recent Lansing convention in regard to that question having already greatly injured the new party in this locality, as shown by the late municipal election in this city, and believing further that the demands of the people's party, as contained in the fore-said St. Louis platform, are of so much greater importance to the present and future welfare of the people generally as to leave the so-called prohibition question in obscurity. Therefore, be it further

Resolved, That our delegates to the state convention be instructed to do all in their power to prevent this milestone (prohibition) from being hung upon the neck of the people's party, and that we heartily and unquestionably endorse the St. Louis platform in its entirety, without the addition or subtraction of a single word or letter.

After the resolutions were read C. C. Howell jumped to his feet and said that he was afraid the plank relative to the prohibition question had been inserted to catch votes, and that he was opposed to instructing delegates to state conventions. He moved to lay the resolutions on the table. The plank referring to prohibition was discussed at length, a feeling antagonistic to that plank being potently expressed. Delegate Field thought that if the St. Louis platform were endorsed the whole principle of the people's party would be satisfactorily embraced. John Burrows spoke against that portion of the resolutions, and finally George Dean moved as an amendment to Mr. Howell's motion that all that portion under consideration be stricken out and that the remainder of the resolutions be adopted. The amendment was carried with but slight opposition and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The convention then proceeded to elect a chairman of the county committee by ballot. The first vote resulted as follows: William Tea, 20; Paul Marrin, 18; George Dean, 2; Henry J. Kiverson, 1. A second ballot was secured which resulted as follows: William Tea, 13; Paul Marrin, 28. Mr. Marrin was declared elected chairman.

County Committee Elected. A motion was then made to elect a county committee consisting of two members from the city and one from each township in the county. The motion was carried. The following gentlemen were elected: William Tea, chairman; D. W. Carby, William Tea, city; H. C. Bachmuth, Walker. The members elected were given the power to complete the membership of the committee by appointment at a future time. The following delegates to the state convention were then selected by acclamation: C. C. Howell, Charles Rasmontte, D. W. Carby, James Moerman, Paul Marrin, George Dean, Frank Sherman, William F. Tea, W. A. Cowles, Wallace Watson, Ralph Treat, William E. Foote, George W. Wrightman, H. C. Bachmuth, George Robson, John Haggans, Charles Belmont, John Berry, Cannon, Charles Linn, Ada; E. B. Keach, Algona; Robert G. Heavely, John A. Lemm, city; A. D. Lamoreaux, Ada; John Sherwood, city.

The order of business was the election of a committee of three members, which resulted in the election of the following gentlemen: D. W. Carby, Henry J. Kiverson and Charles Goosen. A meeting of these committees throughout the state has been called for counsel at Lansing the day preceding the state convention. The new Holland paper to be published in the interest of the Holland working classes by the Holland Furniture Workers' union was discussed. It was stated that the first 3,000 copies will be issued next week. It will be printed in the Holland language and will be a people's party organ under the name of Het Volkblad. A collection was taken for funds to defray the expense of putting out the first edition. The convention then adjourned.

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