

DEMOCRATS RATTLE SKELETONS

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nominate a real progressive democrat for president. You may call yourselves progressives, but it is your nomination that will stand the test.

"I don't want to let this chance pass without saying something about one of the greatest men in the country who has been obscured a little during the past few months, and that man's name is Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey. He has one of the best records of any man before the public today, although he has been in politics practically only two years.

Thereupon Hugh Kennedy nominated Hugh Forbes as temporary secretary. Election was by acclamation.

The Committees. Mr. Hall announced his committees as follows: Credentials—J. E. Dean, R. E. Gove, C. H. Mott, F. W. Cowan, Peter Peterson.

War Breaks Out. The afternoon brought war, uncompromising, firm-lipped, to-the-last-ditch, over-our-dead-bodies war.

A. J. Violette moved that the report be accepted and adopted, barring that part of it that covered the contesting delegations in the Sixth, and that the situation in this precinct come before the convention.

were two primaries held in the Sixth ward, and we find that there was no definite place that was known to the general public. They submitted a statement showing 24 people who voted at the primaries held at the garage.

Then there came the presentation of both sides of the Sixth precinct squabble, Frank H. Woody speaking first. Mr. Woody said:

"We appear before the convention to show our side of the case. We do not think that the showing made demands the unseating of our delegation. The county central committee met, fixed a day for the convention and primaries, but did not fix places for holding the primaries.

Next came Mr. Stiff. Speaking for the standpaters, Mr. Stiff said: "What you gentlemen desire to know is the facts of this proposition. The gentleman in the rear of the hall expressed these views when he said you want the facts. I will now give them to you. I am going to tell you what has come within my knowledge concerning this matter, but before doing this I will state that it has been my understanding of democratic custom and rules as practiced in the politics of county and state is that the place of holding primaries is left to the designation of the committee man, and I supposed it would be done in that way in this instance.

"I am informed that the primaries were held at the barber shop in this manner. Stiff, Marlowe, 'Dougal' McCormick and his men were present there. After the primaries were opened at least 15 votes were cast by men who not only were not residents of the Sixth precinct, but did not even live on the south side. When we went before the committee we showed our list and challenged the others to produce their list. They didn't have it, and even if they did, they could not have showed those 15 men to have been living or voting on the south side of the river.

eratic campaign fund. You will find Frank McHaffie. Two years ago Mr. McHaffie donated his time for nearly two months to work for the good of the party. John H. Tolan is on that list and he was a candidate two years ago. You will find a man who has not supported the party merely because he wasn't a candidate. You will find men who have tried to aid the democratic party in every way possible. We have showed what we did. We met at the time designated and at the place designated. We knew the other people had no right to hold a primary at any other place, and, particularly, when no one knew it was going to be held.

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"Who asked that question?" someone shouted. "As good a democrat as has ever been in Missoula county, Thomas Marlowe," was Mr. Stiff's response. "Mr. Marlowe told me that he felt sure he could get the barber shop at the end of the bridge, so that if no other place had been fixed they could hold the primaries there, and every democrat we met was, so far as my knowledge goes, informed that the primaries were to be held at the barber shop unless some other place were designated. The fact that there was nothing done was the reason for making the arrangement referred to. It is correct that I went to the garage at South Higgins avenue. I went there for this reason: I remember seeing Mr. Russell there and I saw others there, some of whom I knew to be, and others whom I supposed to be connected with the garage. I heard someone ask Walter Beck as to whether or not the primaries were to be held there and he said that he did not know anything about it until five minutes before. I am informed that he said it would be all right to hold them there. There was no committee man there. Mr. Duncan, I knew, was in the east. I knew Mr. McHaffie was the other man. There was nothing pointed to show that it was to be held there. Democratic primaries were to be held, I said that on account of the uncertainty it had been arranged to hold primaries at the barber shop and that any democrat who wanted to can go down there and vote. I went down there. We organized regularly and by democrats who are known to be such. I don't think Mr. Woody makes the statement before the committee that Mr. McCormick didn't participate. Keating, Russell, Marlowe and myself were there. Russell, Keating and Marlowe were selected as judges and Marlowe was designated as clerk. Mr. Woody came and asked us down to the other place and declined our invitation to vote there. They were men voted there whom I didn't know, but I have had in my possession recently a list of the registered voters and I do not know one out of 10. All that voted with us were real democrats and not for revenue only. I want to say that I am before this convention and that I will match my democracy against that of any man. I was fighting democratic battles when Mr. Woody was acting as the secretary of a republican club.

Mr. Stiff was here interrupted by Mr. Woody, who said: "I am rising to a point of personal privilege and I say that the statement made is a deliberate, willful, malicious lie." John Lucy cut in at this point. He said: "If Woody is right, make Stiff sit down. If Stiff is right, make Woody sit down. I don't care who is seated, but to get this thing right I want each one to produce the list of the men who voted that day."

The uproar was finally quelled and Mr. Stiff continued, as follows: "His Record. "As to my democracy, I never voted for a candidate for president who wasn't a democrat; I never voted for a candidate for congress who wasn't a democrat. I never ran on the democratic ticket without supporting every man on that ticket. Can the gentleman who preceded me say as much? What is the test of democracy? Is it voting democracy some times and letting it alone at others? That is not my idea. It has come to my ears that a man soliciting money came to me for a contribution and that I refused and said that I was through with the democratic party, and since that has been noised around I will tell the facts. Mr. McHaffie came to me and

I did decline to make a contribution. I said that there was at least one candidate on the ticket who was not loyal to the democratic party and that I didn't propose to put my money into a fund that was going to support him, but that I would spend my money in my own way and as I pleased.

"I have said what the facts were with reference to that primary, which was held for the purpose of giving every man a chance to vote. We are not making any threats about what action will be taken. We are not making any threats that we will defeat the democrats and are not making any arrangements to get into any third party to help out Joe Dixon."

Tolan Closes. John Tolan closed the discussion by making a talk in favor of the progressive ticket. He said: "Gentlemen of the convention, I see broad smiles on the faces of some of our republican friends who are glad that we are having trouble, but they were not game enough to pull it off this way. We have a pretty good steam roller, but it is nothing to the one they have. While the other side is in the majority, it has given us the right to thresh it out on the floor. It simply means that this shall come up next fall unless we get a decision here today. This long talk in favor of the progressive ticket to me. He admits that he was at the garage at 5 o'clock, but his ticket was not represented there. If Mr. Stiff had 26 qualified voters in the Sixth, why didn't he outvote us at the garage? Mr. Stiff appears on his ticket as alternate to Dr. Mills, who has been in New York for three weeks, and I will say right now that in the inside pocket of my friend, Mr. Cowan, is a list of the voters who voted at the Beck garage, where we legally voted, and I ask them now to show their list of 26 qualified voters in the Sixth. I say to you, Mr. Cowan, Mr. McCormick and Mr. Campbell, that if you are going to run over us, run over us on the square. They didn't tell us about it, but it was 'Dougal' McCormick who heard the lone bugle call of Henry C. Stiff. We need you, Mr. Campbell, and you, Mr. McCormick; but I say the democratic party cannot live any better than the republican party if these things are to be pulled off. Although they are in the majority, I say there is only one way to run our party, and that is on the square. Dr. Anderson was at the garage. How did he know the primaries were to be held there? Stiff and Russell were there, and how did they know it was in the place? It might be that some of you should organize a rump convention in the Fifth ward and send a delegation to Butte, find yourselves in the majority at Butte and organize a convention at Anaconda. I say that these are facts. We had only 24, and if they could have outvoted us, why didn't they do it? Again I say, produce your list."

of course, personalities have appeared in this thing, but I want to tell you that any time you bring such matters to the sunlight the party is going to be the purer for it. Some of William Jennings Bryan's most noticeable fights have been within his party, the same as we are trying to do here today. I wouldn't talk about Mr. Stiff's democracy, because he lives too close to me. What I am going to say as far as democracy is concerned is that we are all pretty good democrats. Mr. Hall says he is not asking anything. I am not asking anything, but I want to show to the people of this community what we have got to fight. I have no personal feeling against any of you and I am the only one that's right, but I do say, let's fight on the square. Don't go down into the slime of corruption, because, I say, it is going to come back on you. I will prognosticate that you will see the steam roller working in both national conventions. There is a battle going on in the state of Montana. Let's make up our minds under what banner we are going to fight." John M. Lucy then asked for the list mentioned by Mr. Tolan and said that he'd like to hear from Mr. McCormick. Mr. McCormick stood up and said: "I took no part in the primary in the Sixth precinct and took no voters over there."

He was fully contradicted by Wayne Johnson: "I know that Mr. McCormick did take part in the primaries. I am only a young man in the party, but I hope to be a good democrat. I want to make known certain facts. The primaries were duly called for Beck's garage. I looked down the street and saw a sign at the barber shop. I went down there and it was 'Dougal' McCormick with 20 stewhams. I went in and challenged one of the men. They didn't even give me customary courtesy. The man I challenged said his name was 'Tome,' and I have

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