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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

By order of the democratic county central committee of Barton county, a delegate convention is hereby called to be held in the court room, in the city of Great Bend, on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1895,

at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination the following county officers, viz:

Representative to the state legislature to fill vacancy.
Treasurer,
Register of deeds.
Sheriff.
County clerk,
Surveyor.
Commissioner for Third district.

The basis of representation is fixed at one delegate at large and one alternate at large for each township or ward, and one delegate and one alternate for every ten votes or fraction over five votes cast for W. B Lucas, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction in 1894. The following is the number of delegates each township is entitled to:

Albion	2	Liberty	1
Beaver	3	Logan	4
Buffalo	5	Pawnee Rock	2
Cheyenne	5	South Bend	2
Clarence	5	Union	1
Cleveland	2	Wheatland	1
Commanche	4	Walnut	7
Eureka	2	Washburn Precinct	2
Fairview	3	First ward, Gt Bend	3
Grant	3	Second ward do	3
Great Bend	2	Third ward, do	4
Homestead	4	Fourth ward, do	2
Independent	6		—
Lakin	18	Total	96

It is recommended that townships hold their caucuses to select such delegates on August 10, 1895, if possible, and that a list of the delegates selected be sent to the secretary as soon as possible.

H. J. ROETZEL, Chairman.
W. P. FEDER, Secretary.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES.

FIRST WARD.

The democrats of the First ward, city of Great Bend are requested to meet at the register of deeds' office at 8 o'clock p. m., Monday, August 12, to choose delegates and alternates to the county convention.

A. WEISS, Committeeman.

SECOND WARD.

The democrats of the Second ward will meet at the office of Clarke & Russell at 8 o'clock on the evening of Monday, August 12, to choose delegates and alternates to the county convention.

D. F. COUGHLIN, Committeeman.

THIRD WARD.

Third ward democrats will meet at Feldkamp's bakery at 8 p. m., Monday, August 12, to choose delegates and alternates to the county convention.

G. M. MOSS, Committeeman

FOURTH WARD

Democrats are requested to meet at the Hotel Greene at 8 p. m., Monday, August 12, to choose delegates and alternates to the county convention.

J. W McMICAN, Committeeman.

CLARENCE.

The democrats of Clarence township are hereby requested to assemble at the school house in district 11 at 8 o,clock p m., Saturday, August 10, to choose delegater and alternates to the county convention.

D. G. BIRD, Committeeman.

HOMESTEAD.

The democratic caucus to choose delegates and alternates to the countp convention will be held at my office in Hoisington at 8 p. m., Saturday, August 10.

A. H. BAKER, Committeeman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to present the name of GEORGE VALERIUS of Homestead township as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic county convention.

I am a candidate for Sheriff of Barton county, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention, to be held on the 17th inst.

L. N. KELLY.

Early campaigns are annoying to farmers and business men and expensive to the candidates. But this year it will serve to very thoroughly ventilate the incompetency of some of the andidates.

POPULIST CONVENTION.

The Middle-of-the-Road, Prohib-Female Suffrage Element on Top.

The convention of the populist party to nominate a county ticket was called to order at Hoisington last Saturday forenoon, and T. H. Butler made temporary chairman and W. F. Honen temporary secretary. The usual committees were appointed and the working machinery started, and an adjournment was then taken to 1:30 p. m.

After dinner Prof. Stryker was put in as permanent chairman and the reports of the different committees were heard. When these reports were in it was plain that the Armstrong-Newton-Brinson element had got things fixed up satisfactorily and the convention would be run according to their masterful ideas.

The resolutions pledged allegiance to the Omaha platform; favored the free coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1; commended Senator Armstrong for getting a fees and salaries bill passed by the populist senate last winter, and condemned Representative Cole for not getting it passed by the republican house.

The order of business provided for the nomination of candidates in the following order, viz: 1, treasurer; 2, register of deeds; 3, representative; 4, clerk, 5, surveyor; 6, coroner.

Deacon Armstrong moved that all nominees be brought out by informal ballot; carried.

An informal ballot was then taken for treasurer, resulting as follows: T. O. Cole 92, Miller 5, Joe Strothman 5. Deacon Armstrong moved that the rules be suspended and the nomination of Cole be made unanimous, which was of course done.

An informal ballot was then taken for register of deeds, as follows: T. C. Downey 88, Klein 11, J. W. Downey 9, H. Uden 2, M. L. Harrison 1, W. F. Honen 1.

Deacon Armstrong here thought best to have the candidates come up and say whether or not they were for "fusion," and moved that all candidates stand up and be sized up.

T. C. Downey, a very pleasant looking gentleman, old enough to have had his gray hairs respected and not to be led to the slaughter that way, said he "never had been a fusionist and hoped he never would be; was elected justice of the peace in his township and therefore had a good standing and good qualifications."

J. W. Downey said he "was not built that way himself" and thought it now time to cut loose from the contaminating influence of democracy.

Mel Harrison "thanked his one lonesome friend for going him a vote, but did not know what he 'done' it for;" was not a candidate for that office, but intimated that he would be a candidate for county superintendent next year.

Henry Uden thought it a pretty hot place for his kind of people and was not a candidate for any office in that convention.

A formal ballot was then taken—T. C. Downey 79, J. W. Downey 19, Klein 5. T. C. declared the nominee for register of deeds.

Informal ballot for representative—J. E. McQuillen 52, Isom Wright 24, M. W. Cobun 20, Joe Strothman 14, F. M. Russell 5, J. W. McCauley 3, E. C. Davis 3, Randall Livesay 2, Deacon Armstrong 1.

Put in Deacon Armstrong's sweat box, the gentlemen deposed as follows:

Joe Strothman; "Have had enough honors; not a candidate."

McQuillen: "Am too poor a man to make the canvas; I am—I have been—I think—you all know I'm a pop—I'll do the best I can to be elected."

Hon. M. W. Cobun; "I thank the gentlemen kindly who remembered me with their votes; am glad there are so many who have confidence in me, and can say that with a few exceptions I have confidence in all the people of Barton county; but have had honors enough and decline, positively, to be a candidate."

Isom Wright was not present—he had probably heard that Deacon Armstrong would not support him (Wright) if nominated, because he was not a subscriber to Deacon Armstrong's organ—but O. A. Smith politely declined the nomination for Mr. Wright.

Deacon Armstrong: "I'm a pop, but not a candidate," and he sat down with a 2x4 smile that plainly said: "It's lots cheaper to pull the strings than to dance or pay the fiddler."

Randall Livesay; "I could not afford to run for office; don't carry this joke any farther, please."

James W. McCauley positively declined to permit his name to be used.

A formal ballot was then taken, with the following result; McQuillen 59, Wright 38, Russell 2, scattering 5; McQuillen declared the nominee.

Informal ballot for sheriff—Smed Wilkinson 33, Elmer Epperson 19, John Houston 17, John Johnston 16, Frank Byram 4, Sam Shattuck 3.

In Deacon Armstrong's sweat box. these boys spoke out in meetin' as follows;

John Johnston: "Am a populist and appear before you as a candidate a second time; will try to make you a good officer."

Wilkinson: "I am also a candidate a second time and am still a populist."

Sam Shattuck: "Am not a candidate before this convention."

Brinson: "Am a middle-of-the-road populist; am a farmer, and having brains enough to run a farm I think I have brains enough to be sheriff."

Epperson: "I thank my friends, but I am not a candidate; I withdraw my name."

Huston: "Am a straight-out pop, always have been and always will be."

Formal ballot for sheriff—Wilkinson 41, Johnston 26, Huston 20, Brinson 8, Boxwell 6, Epperson 3.

Second—Wilkinson 48, Johnston 21, Huston 21, Brinson 6, Epperson 4.

Third—Wilkinson 57, Johnston 26, Brinson 6, Huston 5. Wilkinson nominated.

Informal ballot for clerk—C. F. Wilkins 28, Randall Livesay 22, J. W. Soderstrom 17, Frank Fruit 14, M C. Simpson 7, H. Uden 7.

In Deacon Armstrong's sweater Livesay, Simpson and Uden declined to have honors thrust upon them, and Fruit, Wilkins and Soderstrom swore allegiance to populism, while Mr. Davis made quite a pyrotecnical little free silver speech; 'though he said that he had only a couple of days before made up his mind what to do about fusion, he was now "in the middle of the road."

First formal ballot—Wilkins 44, Livesay 20, Davis 20, Fruit 13, Soderstrom 5.

Second—Davis 50, Wilkins 40, Soderstrom 10, Fruit 3.

Third—Davis 65, Wilkins 24, Ed Traylor 14.

For surveyor, a ballot was taken and O. R. Kackley given practically unanimous nomination. But he positively declined to accept, and suggest that Prof. Stryker had a young man at the college, D. E. Miller, who was a surveyor, and the professor's man was nominated.

Dr. W. H. White was given the nomination for coroner, and the delegates from the Third commissioner district nominated H. C. Merhoff for commissioner.

Deacon Armstrong and Capt. Newton were elected as chairman and secretary of the central committee, and the fun was over.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

---Chairman Stryker wanted to take at the votes in a hat.

--Three or four democratic townships were represented by one delegate and no questions asked.

—Hon. M. W. Cobun will hardly desert his fall plowing in order to throw himself into the campaign.

—What bothers us is to understand how Capt. Newton and Smed Wilkinson can work in the harness together,

—Deacon Armstrong says if the pops cannot get anything they can at least keep the democrats from getting anything.

—It was exceedingly amusing to see how fearful some of the good brothers were that they might nominate a ticket with some prospects of winning.

—George Stryker was on hand to pledge the free silver republicans to the pops, in case the pops put up a straight democrat-hater ticket. Slick move on the part of the repubs.

—Some of the sporting delegates had probably seen Kackley "line 'er out to first" or curve a ball over home plate, and therefore thought he would make an average surveyor. But Kackley would not be a victim.

—Such popular, energetic and level-headed young men as Elmer Epperson, Randall Livesay, Mel Simpson, Mel Harrison and Isom Wright were not wanted in that crowd; they were not "solid" enough with Deacon Armstrong.

Common School Graduates.

County Superintendent McKinney has kindly furnished the following list of Barton county common school graduates for 1895:

George Wilka,	Lottie Wells,
Ada Bauer,	May McGreevy,
Mary Riegel,	Geo. Riegel,
Bertha Chaffee,	Arthur Gould,
Effie Atkin,	Fred Byram,
Minnie Compton,	Martha Dee,
Ellis Ward,	Ollie N. Wylie,
Gustave Schrepel,	Edward Kaiser,
Birdie Archer,	Samuel Lewis.

BASEBALL GOSSIP.

The Marion ball club has disbanded.

Seward done up our second nine 11 to 9 Saturday.

Minneapolis opens here next Monday for a series of three games.

If Great Bend wins two of the three games from Minneapolis next week, she can claim the state championship

Kackley and Dawson, of our ball team, act as battery for McPherson in the three games with Minneapolis this week.

The Sterling ball players Cantwell help acknowledging that Great Bend won the two out of three games fairly, as a Sterling man umpired each of the two games.

One thing is sure. Great Bend is going to tackle the hardest lot of ball players they were ever pitted against when Minneapolis comes here next week. But here's 16 to 1 on we'uns.

The Wichita ball team has been reorganized, but despite this fact they were beaten 24 to 4 by a picked nine of farmer boys on Monday. There would have been more scores, but the country boys had to go home and milk the cows.

The dispute between the Great Bend and Florence clubs as to whether the run made by Allison in the second game with Florence should be scored, has been decided in favor of Great Bend. The sporting editor of the Kansas City Star, to whom the matter was left, says the run must be scored. This gives us all of the games played with Florence.

Sterling afforded the Bend boys a good practice game last Thursday. The score stood 14 to 8 at the close, and the latter figure would have been much smaller had Kackley been feeling well. The game was characterized with hard slugging and sharp fielding, and at times was a very pretty exhibition of ball playing. Summary:

GREAT BEND.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Rose, 3b	6	1	0	1	2	1	1
Allison, cf	5	2	3	1	5	0	0
Kiser, 1b	5	1	1	1	7	0	1
McMullin, Jim, lf	5	3	3	0	0	0	0
McMullin, Joe, ss	5	0	1	0	2	2	1
Kackley, p	5	2	3	0	0	2	1
McMullin, Ben, rf	5	2	2	1	2	0	2
Frame, 2b	5	1	1	0	3	1	0
Dawson, c	5	2	2	1	6	2	0
	46	14	16	5	27	8	6

STERLING.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Currier, ss	5	0	0	0	2	1	0
Haas, 2b	4	0	0	1	2	3	1
Hammond, T, 3b	5	1	1	0	0	3	0
Hammond, L, 1b	5	1	2	0	13	0	3
Brown, lf	5	1	1	0	1	0	1
Koontz, cf	4	1	0	0	2	0	0
Sturgeon, cf	3	2	1	0	1	0	1
Cantwell, p	3	1	2	1	2	4	0
Strueby, c	4	1	0	0	2	2	1
Totals	38	8	7	2	24	13	7

Two base hits, Jim McMullin 2, Dawson 1, L. Hammond 1. Earned runs, Great Bend 5, Sterling 1. Struck out by Cantwell 3, Kackley 6. Bases on balls off Cantwell 0, off Kackley 1. Hit by ball, Kackley 2. Wild pitches, Cantwell 1, Kackley 1. Passed balls, Strueby 2. Umpire, Hawkins.

Score by innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Sterling	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	8
Great Bend	0	1	0	5	3	1	0	4	*	14

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