

ROSEING THE LEADER

Democrats of the State Choose Their Ticket.

ALMOST A STAMPEDE TO LIND

Summary of the Platform—The Merger Issue Is Evaded.

- Governor—Leonard A. Rosing, Cannon Falls. Lieutenant-Governor—Robert A. Smith, St. Paul. Secretary of State—Spurgeon Odell, Marshall. Auditor—Albert G. Liecek, Owatonna. Attorney-General—Frank D. Larrabee, Minneapolis. Treasurer—Joseph L. Meyers, Little Falls. Clerk of the Supreme Court—George P. Jones, Luverne. Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—J. M. Bowler, Minneapolis.

Yesterday was a "sad but glorious day" for the democrats of Minnesota. Lind's refusal had taken the heart out of them, and though they kept a stiff upper lip, and a brave attempt at cheerfulness, the effort was painfully apparent. Every speaker talked with a lump in his throat and a tear just ready to start. References to coming defeat were frequent, and showed too plainly the feeling with which the party enters the campaign.

It is a fight to hold together the party organization, and help out local tickets where there are chances to win. It was put forward as a duty to name a strong ticket and fight for it, not as a harbinger of victory. C. D. O'Brien said: "If we come back from the battle a little lame, we will come back with honor." L. A. Rosing said: "I would rather be defeated as a democrat than win as a republican."

L. A. Rosing never stood higher in the estimation of his fellow democrats than when he stood ready to make a sacrifice of time, money and effort, and took up the standard left fall by John Lind.

Another Sacrifice. There were other sacrifices made. Robert A. Smith, mayor of St. Paul, permitted F. D. O'Brien to put his name through for lieutenant governor. Captain Harries and young Mr. Jones of Rock, declined, and Judge Larson squelched John A. Johnson's boom by the heinous charge that Johnson was in the university.

M. E. Neary of Minneapolis, president of the State Federation of Labor, who ran for secretary of state two years ago, refused to try it again. He said that his nomination of Lars M. Rand was put aside by the alderman, who explained that he intended to stay in the city council.

H. P. Hall declined to decline the clerkship nomination. Frank A. Day did for him. George P. Jones, the clever young orator from Luverne, was named in his absence from the hall. He was not finished his law at the university, and will probably decline to go on the ticket.

Odell for secretary of state, Liecek for auditor, Larrabee for attorney general, Meyers for treasurer, and Bowler for railroad commissioner, were all named by acclamation within a few minutes. Mr. Larrabee tried to decline, but the central man held him in conversation while the vote was taken, and when he woke up to the situation it was too late.

Stampede Averted. Until noon yesterday there was a possibility of a stampede for Lind, but the earnest work of the leaders averted it, and when the delegates met after the recess Rosing's nomination was a certainty. The state committee was opposed to Lind "foolishness," and each member labored successfully with his delegation.

The country had an idea that the cities were opposed to Rosing, and therefore united on him as a matter of fact there has been soreness in both towns, the former private secretary being blamed for patronage "throw downs," but with Lind out of the way Hennepin was half Rosing, and Ramsey was least third. The country, however, did not take kindly to Ramsey's booming of John Johnson, and when the afternoon session began Ramsey had dropped him. Baldwin and Larrabee were the only ones named Rosing, and they got no following outside their home counties. As the roll call of counties was called for nominations, county after county seconded Rosing, and when the list was finished Rosing was as good as nominated. It was only Ramsey to withdraw Baldwin, and Rosing was the nominee.

Dr. Stone of Ramsey, Frank Larrabee and T. E. McKee of Duluth escorted the nominee to the platform, and he made a brief but well considered speech of acceptance.

Mr. Rosing's Speech. Mr. Rosing said: "I fully appreciate the great honor you have conferred on me, and I feel the deepest gratitude for the expressions of good will and

appreciation that I have heard in this convention. I have come to this platform to accept the nomination you have conferred on me (cheers). It is a distinguished honor to represent the democratic party of the state of Minnesota at the head of their ticket. I would rather run on the democratic ticket to certain defeat, than to run as a republican to victory.

Democracy stands for something. That platform you have adopted to-day means something. I sympathize with every word in it, and believe in it, and if my nomination is ratified at the polls I will do my best, God helping me, to fulfill the pledges made in it to the people. My nomination is a distinguished honor, it carries with it great burdens and responsibilities. I pledge you that till the election I shall make a fight, not for my election, but for the democratic principles may live in Minnesota. When I accept this nomination I expect and demand the cordial support of every man in this hall, and of every democrat, I have never laid down when I fought for you, and I shall not expect any of you to lay down.

That platform shall be my guide, and I pray that God will give me the moral strength to stand by it, and that you will give me my services, and I ask yours.

Platform Summarized. In its discussion of state issues, the platform outlines the campaign which will be made by Rosing. It declares for tax reform along the lines supported by the democrats in the legislature last winter, it condemns the present administration for failing to enforce the merger laws against the iron range roads and for the railroad and warehouse commission's surrender of its right to fix the rates on these roads. It condemns the board of control, and the management of the blading twine plant.

The merger issue is avoided by a plank declaring for enforcement of the law. The convention was well managed and never became a bear garden. The efficient management of John Egan, the manager, provided ample accommodations for officers, committees, delegates and newspaper men.

THE PLATFORM Declaration of Principles Adopted Yesterday. The platform was adopted without a dissenting voice. The full text is as follows:—We declare our allegiance to the principles of democracy, as set forth in our national declaration of independence; as especially taught by that great exponent of democracy, Thomas Jefferson, and as reaffirmed in the latest national convention of the democratic party.

Second—We further express our admiration for and grateful appreciation of the great ability, singular disinterestedness and untiring zeal in the service of humanity of that great leader of the democracy and most fearless and eloquent champion of the rights of man, William J. Bryan, and his associates, who, with the people of Cuba as well as to draw our troops from their island and allow them a measure of self-government, and we refuse to support any party for its failure to fully comply with the congressional resolution passed before the declaration of war with Spain.

Condemn Philippine Policy. It is with deepest shame and regret that through the apostasy of the republican party the people of the United States are, by our imperialistic policy in the Philippines, placed before the world in the false position of repudiating the most cherished fundamental principles of our government, and our brave citizen soldiers are forced to disgrace our flag and army in obedience to orders from their superiors.

We endorse and commend our democratic congressmen for the position taken by them on the Philippine question, and demand that our government declare its intention and purposes in regard to the Filipino people and grant them their independence.

Opposed to Trusts. Fourth—The power of the modern trusts is an appalling evil and a monstrous menace. We would revoke the tariff benefits they enjoy; we would refuse the subsidy they ask; we would make appropriate legislation for the control of their affairs and to secure publicity, and we would enforce the laws against them, sparing none.

Affirm Old Doctrine. Fifth—The republican party openly advocates the policy of class legislation, conferring special privileges, benefits, subsidies, bounties, tariffs, exclusive rights and abating poverty that corrupts and debases character are results of the same social disease—special privilege. And we emphatically reaffirm our belief that the application of the democratic principles of equal rights to all and special privileges to none is the only remedy for existing inequalities and wrongs.

Sixth—We deplore the existence of a spirit of lawlessness which finds expression even in the most common and everyday transactions of the republic, and has brought about the death of a recent incumbent of that exalted office.

Seventh—We favor the postal savings bank and income tax; we oppose government by injunction.

Eighth—We would correct the imbecile and unbusinesslike policy that throttles our trade with Canada and Cuba at the behest of special interests.

Tribute to Lind. Ninth—We take this opportunity to pay heartfelt tribute to that statesman and popular leader, the heroic standard bearer of our cause during three hard-fought campaigns, John Lind. His place in the history of the state and in the hearts of the people of all classes is secure, and the impress of his character upon the political life of this state will endure for all time. His term as governor will be known in the history of the commonwealth as that in which every executive department—railroad and warehouse commission, public examiner, labor commission, insurance commission, dairy and food commission, assistant general superintendent of public instruction, board of equalization and grain inspection—was brought to the highest standard of efficiency and in every respect represented the people.

It will be known as the administration which reduced the state tax levy while securing large increases of revenue from tax-dodging corporations; that cut down the freight bill of Minnesota farmers 400,000 per annum by reducing railway rates on grain; that reduced both the state cost and true price of binding twine; that raised the standard of Minnesota's farmers through just and efficient inspection an average of one grade on the entire crop; that ordered a 25 per cent reduction in railroad rates on iron ore, and for the first time in years exacted of corporate power in Minnesota the same obedience to public laws as is required of the humblest citizen.

We pledge a continuance of this enlightened policy, efficient administration and fidelity to the people; and the candidates of the democratic party are again summoned to serve the state.

Enforce Merger Law. Tenth—The state's law forbidding merger of competing railroads should be enforced and that in every case, and the state's neglected duty to regulate rates should be exercised as the prime remedy for discrimination and extortion. Eleventh—The readjustment of our tax laws is an absolute necessity with which the present administration has proved its incompetency to deal. We adopt the clear and intelligent program submitted by the democratic minority in the last session—the taxation of non-resident corporations equally with domestic, the adequate taxation of public service corporations, and the taxation of income and profits of corporations to the same extent as that of an individual. Twelfth—We favor the municipal ownership of public service corporations, the principle of direct legislation and home rule in local taxation. Thirteenth—We believe that the interests of labor can best be conserved by organization, and we demand for every man who labors an equal vote of all national opportunities, and that no man shall take the proceeds of

another man's labor without full compensation therefor. Favor Eight-Hour Day. We are in favor of the observance of a general eight-hour work day, and that all printing done for and supplies purchased by the state of Minnesota shall bear the union label, and give our support to organized labor in its efforts for securing the same. Fourteenth—We would correct the errors in the law establishing the state board of control.

Fifteenth—We recommend to the voters the adoption of the proposed law, whose submission to the people was secured by the persistent efforts of the Lind administration, for the increase of the railroad gross earnings tax. Sixteenth—We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and the election to the senate only of men pledged to that reform.

Condemns Railroad Commission. Seventeenth—We condemn the failure of the present state administration to enforce the law against the merger of the Iron Range railroads. We condemn the surrender of the state railroad and warehouse commission to the United States Steel trust in giving up the state's jurisdiction over railroads wholly within its borders and abandoning the just rates ordered by the state's interest in the school lands.

Nineteenth—We condemn the failure of the board of control to conserve the efficiency of the state institutions and we abhor the theory that the public schools, which are fundamental to the life of the republic, are charitable institutions. Twentieth—We condemn the Minnesota congressmen for their failure to promote legislation to amend the laws of the interstate commerce commission and we regard that subservience to privileged greed should compel our United States senators to vote for the iniquitous ship subsidy.

NEW COMMITTEE Counties Select Representatives in the State Organization. The state central committee was practically completed yesterday, and empowered to fill vacancies on the ticket. Chairman McGovern was left to name four members at large, and the committee will be called together in about two weeks by Secretary Tolson, of the old committee. The county members of the new committee, as far as heard from, are as follows:—

- Aitkin—J. B. Galarault, Aitkin. Anoka—N. P. Olson, Anoka. Beltrami—P. J. Russell, Bemidji. Benton—W. F. Ewert, Foley. Big Lake—J. C. Beardsley, Big Lake. Blue Earth—John C. Thro, Mankato. Brown—James J. Green, New Ulm. Carlton—William Kelly, Cloquet. Carver—O. C. Brunius, Cloquet. Cass—Dr. E. W. Johnson, Cass Lake. Chippewa—E. B. Hieberg, Montevideo. Chisago—B. H. Dahlby, North Branch. Clay—F. W. Parrott, Moorhead. Cook—Christ Murphy, Grand Marais. Crow Wing—Dr. W. Hemstead, Brainerd. Dakota—William Cadow, Rosemont. Dodge—O. H. Phillips, Dodge Center. Faribault—St. T. Braden, Faribault. Fillmore—H. T. Tolmie, Spring Valley. Freeborn—Carlyle H. Day, Albert Lea. Goodhue—Peter A. Nelson, Red Wing. Hennepin—Elijah Barton and George Porter, Minneapolis. Houston—W. H. Harries, Caledonia. Hubbard—A. B. Kerlin, Park Rapids. Itasca—Dr. George C. Gilbert, Grand Rapids. Kanabec—Nathan Orton, Mora. Kittson—M. Knapp, Kennedy. Lac qui Parle—C. H. Sullivan, Dawson. Lake—J. S. 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