

STATE LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED.

Republican Club Convention Held in Seattle.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Sam Nicholls, of Everett, Awarded Many Honors.

Clubs of Western Washington Send Large Delegations—All Officers Elected by Acclamation—Sherman Foote, of Seattle, Chosen as Secretary—Delegates Named to Attend National Convention at St. Paul—Congratulatory Telegram From Officers of National League—The League Ready for Work.

A convention, splendidly representative of organized Republicanism in the state of Washington, assembled in Seattle yesterday. The State League of Republican Clubs was effected and plans formed to give active and well-directed support to the efforts of the Republican state central committee in the coming campaign.

It was a notable gathering in several respects. The enthusiasm of the delegates over the prospect for Republican success seemed to know no bounds, and when the business for which the convention was called had been promptly transacted, general rejoicing ensued. Witty speeches were made and laughable stories told, yet everything said and everything done was along the line of fixed purpose that marks the way of Republican victory.

The most striking feature of the occasion, aside from the general enthusiasm, was the prominent participation of three men, formerly well known as members of the Democratic party. Judge L. C. Whitney and James McGrey, of Snohomish county, and Richard Gowen, of Seattle, told of almost lifelong affiliations with the Democratic party which within the last four years have severed, and of present and future efforts in behalf of the party of McKinley and Roosevelt.

The convention was particularly demonstrative over the remarks of these men, and left no doubt in their minds of the sincerity of their welcome within the Republican ranks. Owing to the shortness of time allowed by the call for the convention a number of clubs in various parts of the state sent no delegates. The representation from clubs in Western Washington, however, was heavy, and with the large delegations from King county clubs, filled the hall.

The honors of the day were conferred on Sam H. Nicholls, of Everett. As vice president for Washington of the National League of Republican Clubs, he called the convention to order. He was at once elected temporary chairman, permanent chairman, and finally chosen as president of the state league. Mr. Nicholls made some protest against such profusion of honors, but in the face of a unanimous sentiment, the Gov. Roosevelt, he gratefully acquiesced.

Purpose of the Convention. The convention was called to order in the hall in the New York block, by Vice President Nicholls at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. In a brief speech Mr. Nicholls set forth the purpose for which the convention was ordered, which was, in brief, to perfect the organization of a state league; to elect as officers of the state league a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer; an executive committee, consisting of one member from each county in the state; a member of the executive committee of the national league; and a delegation from the state to the national convention, to be held in St. Paul, July 17, 1900.

"We have never had a State League of Republican Clubs," said Mr. Nicholls, "although club organizations have been formed and maintained in nearly every county in the state. Mark F. Mendenhall, of Spokane, state organizer, informs me that twenty-five new clubs have recently been formed in counties on the east side. We have three in Snohomish county; there are two or three in Seattle, I believe, and there are clubs in Aberdeen, Tacoma, Chehalis, Cosmopolis and other places that I do not now name. It is the purpose of the state league to concentrate the strength of these local organizations to that of the state and give the state central committee.

"It is especially fitting at this time, just after the nominations have been made by the national convention, for us to organize our strength, gather in all members of the party in the state and help in every way to roll up an immense majority for our ticket."

At the conclusion of Mr. Nicholls' remarks he was made temporary chairman of the convention by acclamation. Walter P. Miller, of Seattle, was unanimously chosen as temporary secretary. A committee on credentials was named, consisting of T. C. Calhoun and J. A. Wakefield, of King county, and P. K. Lewis, of Snohomish county. As the result of no contest the reading of the committee report was dispensed with and all delegates seated. The temporary organization was then made permanent.

Nicholls Elected President. Taking up the order of business, nominations for president of the state league were declared first in order. Sam H. Nicholls, of Everett, was named, amid applause. As soon as he could make himself heard Mr. Nicholls expressed his appreciation of the intended honor, but said he thought his duties as state vice president of the national league might conflict with those of the state president. J. H. Schively, of Seattle, solved Mr. Nicholls' difficulty by the motion on Mr. Nicholls' candidacy as the result of which his objection was overruled and he was elected president by acclamation. In Nicholls' candidacy as the result of which he made another brief address, accepting the office and pledging his best efforts for the success of the league and the party.

The other officers of the league were elected in the following order: Secretary, Sherman W. Foote, of Seattle; Treasurer, G. E. Hartson, of Seattle; Vice President, H. L. Savers, of Seattle; Chairman of the Executive Committee, P. K. Lewis, of Snohomish county; Chairman of the Credentials Committee, W. P. Miller, of Seattle; Chairman of the Delegation to the National Convention, Judge Whitney, of Snohomish county.

A committee of three, consisting of J. A. Wakefield and F. T. Muller, of King, and T. H. Sumner, of Snohomish, was appointed to select fourteen delegates to represent the state at the national convention in St. Paul, July 17. After deliberation the committee reported the following selections and the report was adopted:

Snohomish—A. A. Brodeck, Spokane—Wallace Mount, Whatcom—G. W. Grant, Copeland, Whitman—Oliver Hall, Lincoln—H. A. P. Myers, Chelan—B. Atkinson, Clark—E. M. Randa, Lewis—C. P. Maynard, Thurston—Allen Weir, Pierce—H. S. Grosscup, King—E. P. Edson, King—W. B. Johnson, Kittitas—Martin Cameron, Whatcom—J. J. Weisenburger.

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SOME REPUBLICANS WHO WERE CONSPICUOUS AT YESTERDAY'S CONVENTION OF THE STATE LEAGUE OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

Illustrations of P. K. Lewis, G. E. Hartson, Richard Gowen, President Sam H. Nicholls, Judge Whitney, Sherman W. Foote, and W. P. Miller.

Four counties named their executive committee members as follows: King, George W. Dilling; Snohomish, A. S. Taylor; Skagit, M. P. Hurd; Chehalis, William Patterson. As to the other counties, the committee made the following suggestion: "That the president and secretary of the state league correspond with prominent Republicans throughout the state and urge them to organize clubs in their respective counties, and that as soon as a club is organized in a county said club immediately elect an executive committee to represent said county in the state league."

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ocratic principles, but I have been attracted from my old associations and to McKinley and the Republican party simply by the results of national administration in the last four years. Thousands and thousands of Democrats will go to the polls this fall and vote for McKinley and Roosevelt and the Republican ticket and won't want to be grieved by their old associates or looked upon with suspicion by their new allies. Perhaps it would have been better for me to say nothing, but I can't do things easy. I was always outspoken as a Democrat, and I must be the same as a Republican. "There is no need for me to give reasons for I left the Democratic party. There are too many of them. In fact, you can't say anything about politics without giving good reasons for being a Republican. In 1896 we were told that if McKinley were elected and Bryan defeated the country would go to the demeriton house. Many of us believed that. But, on the contrary, when McKinley's victory was established, dead and slumbering industries sprang into life and activity as if touched by the wand of a magician; idle and hopeless labor was given work and the products of toil have been conveyed by the white wings of commerce to every part of the world. "Under the administration of President McKinley the United States has advanced forward with the longest strides of any nation in the world. Here on the Pacific coast we lead in the forward movement. The city of Seattle ought to be the commercial emporium of the universe. Mark, to the next census? If it has 100,000 inhabitants today in ten years from now it

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