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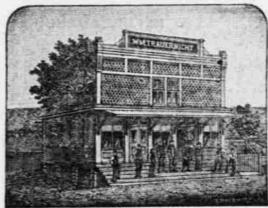
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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS.

Iron County Democratic Central Committee met at Ironton, Mo., Monday, April 30, 1900, pursuant to call of Chairman.

Present: J. M. Morris, Wiley M. O'Neal, F. P. Hilburn, Joe. S. Bollinger, W. R. Patterson, Wm. R. Edgar, Wm. A. Fletcher, J. W. Harral, Chas. H. Cox and Jas. P. Barger by W. T. O'Neal, proxy, when the following proceedings were had:

On motion, it is ordered that a mass meeting be called to meet at the courthouse in the city of Ironton, on Saturday, the 26th day of May, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Kansas City, Jefferson City and Cape Girardeau conventions.

On motion, it was ordered that a Primary Election be held on Saturday, June 23d, 1900, to nominate candidates for the various County Offices.

On motion, it was ordered that for the precincts of Des Arc, Annapolis, Ironton and Bellevue there be appointed four Judges, and that said precincts have four Clerks, and that the precincts be as follows—Dunn's, Polk's, Pilot Knob, Graniteville, Krollin, Bell's, Henderson's, Love's and Imboden have two Judges and Clerks, each.

The following persons were then chosen to serve as Judges of Election at the various precincts, the Judges being empowered to select their Clerks set forth above:

Des Arc—S. J. Jordan, C. H. Collins, G. W. Wallis, W. M. O'Neal.

Annapolis—F. P. Reese, W. J. Coleman, W. A. Butler, Wm. Lewis.

Dunn's—Chas. Bollinger and Newton Lewis.

Polk's—C. K. Polk, Geo. J. Reves.

Ironton—F. P. Ake, R. L. Carty, S. P. Ringo, Wm. Haller.

Pilot Knob—A. C. Hancock, P. W. Whitworth.

Graniteville—Thos. Hill and Chas. Shular.

Bellevue—Jas. Harral, J. H. Campbell, Wm. Rodick, Samuel Bond.

Krollin—M. H. Keesling, Geo. Campbell.

Bell's—W. E. Westerman, T. R. Terry.

Henderson—Henry Volner, Nelson Stricklin.

Love's—D. S. Love, Samuel Crocker.

Imboden—Thomas Fitzgerald, J. W. Ragan.

On motion, it is ordered that the Judges and Clerks of the election will be sworn not to violate the secrecy of the ballot; and the former to take charge of the ballots and poll-books and cause them to be safely and speedily delivered at the county seat to the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Judges will not permit illegal voting, and in cases of doubt as to age, residence, or other legal qualifications, they will cause the voter to be sworn.

No voter will be permitted to cast his ballot at any other than the township in which he resides. Judges will see this rule strictly enforced.

Only known Democrats and those who will pledge themselves to support the Democratic County Ticket will be permitted to vote at this election. And Judges will see that this rule is rigidly enforced.

All Democrats who are not yet of age, but who will be legal voters at the time of the General Election in November, 1900, are entitled to vote at this Primary.

The Primary will be held under the Primary Election Law of Missouri, and under the Australian system.

The usual fees will be paid Judges, Clerks and Messengers.

On motion, it is ordered that the Chairman and Secretary be instructed to transact all further business coming before this Committee without calling the committee together.

On motion, it is ordered that all expenses incurred by reason of this primary be paid by the candidates for the various county offices, and that no candidates for township offices be allowed on the ticket. The Chairman and Secretary of this Committee are ordered to adjust the assessments fairly and impartially upon the candidates in sufficient amount to defray all expenses of this election, and that all assessments be paid to the Chairman of this Committee on or before June 23d, 1900, and that the name of no candidate who has not paid his assessment at that date shall be placed upon the ticket.

Moved and carried that this Committee tender their resignation as such to the Democrats of Iron county in convention assembled on May 26, 1900, and ask that a new committee be chosen in their stead.

Adjourned to May 26th, 1900, 1 o'clock p. m., unless sooner called together by Chairman.

Wm. R. EDGAR, Chairman. Wm. A. FLETCHER, Secretary.

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Republican Promises.

The Missouri Republicans have opened their State campaign with fulsome promises as to what they expect to do. Those of them who find solace in statistics have already discovered that a falling off of 3 per cent. in the Democratic vote of 1898 will result in the election of the Republican State ticket. And yet if these men know anything at all about State politics they must know that the Democrats of Missouri will poll a heavier vote this year than they ever did before.

It has been said a good many times that the Republican party of Missouri should hire an attorney. Since 1860 it has not conducted an intelligent campaign in the State. True it was in power during the latter part of the war and while so many thousands of citizens were disfranchised, but this was the result of the war, and not good party management. Undoubtedly it would be better for the Republican party of Missouri to-day if it had never been in power, for the record of corruption and bankrupt public finances it left behind it has not yet been forgotten.

At best these Republicans cannot promise the people of the State any better government than the Democrats have been giving them since they obtained control. It has long been a rule with intelligent voters to not change a good government for one that cannot promise any better results. The counties in Missouri to-day where the credit of the local government is at the lowest ebb, where warrants are shaved two-thirds of the year, and where progress has been retarded the most, are Republican and have been so since the close of the civil war.

St. Louis is the worst governed part of the State and it is Republican. Although the amount of taxes collected is greatly in excess of former years under Democratic administrations, the debt of the city is kept up to the full limit, more than \$19,000,000 public interests have been sacrificed, the city institutions are a disgrace to civilization and the revenue fund is in a deplorable condition according to the statements of Republican city officials. The city is being governed now very much as the State was when the Republicans were in power. They neglected public improvements, increased taxation and public debts and squandered the last cent of the State's revenues. That taxation has not been increased in St. Louis is due entirely to the State constitution adopted by the Democrats which put a limit upon public debts without the consent of the voters. And it may be added that it is no fault of the Republican city administration of St. Louis that enormous additional debts have not been imposed on the taxpayers of the city, for did not Mayor Ziegenhein and his cohorts exert their every energy to have Charter Amendments adopted which would have enabled them to have doubled the city's debt?

In truth the Republican party of Missouri stands for nothing. It has done nothing in the past to win the confidence of the public. It has conducted its State campaigns on the theory that by buying on the heels of an honest State administration, something would turn up to give it an advantage. Its leaders, such as they are, never take into consideration the fact that nothing succeeds like success. In none of their fulsome promises do they offer to give the people of the State a better government than they have been having since the constitution was adopted in 1875, while every person who is at all familiar with Republican methods knows full well that nothing is to be expected from it save public extravagance and such legislation as tends to make Princes out of a few and paupers out of the masses.

If the people of Missouri really desire a change in their State government they had best wait for another opportunity. Within a year from next January the State bonded debt will be entirely extinguished. It is the last relic of Republican State rule now in existence. Then, after this debt has been extinguished and taxes reduced lower than they are in any other State in the Union, if the people feel that they would like to pay off some more debts and endure higher taxation, they can elect a republican State administration and Legislature with the assurance that they will get both.—Missouri Democrat.

Trusting to Our Magnanimity.

In the reply of the Filipino general Malabar to Major Parker's note asking him to surrender there is evidence that numbers of those people have as high and exalted a conception of liberty as our own.

The major, it appears, had made allusion in the letter, as an argument showing the futility of further resistance to the superior prowess and marksmanship of the American soldiers. In touching on this point in the correspondence General Malabar wrote: "These same facts cause us to hope greatly that when the American people, and when the descendants of Washington, deceived by certain Filipinos who misinformed them that the people like annexation, become acquainted with the fact that for every soldier they lose on the battlefield the Filipinos lose one hundred, their very power and greatness will compel them to give us the independence which has been announced since the first coming of the powerful fleet of the United States, for the honor and glory of the American people."

There is no animosity or hate in these words. Coming from a man who felt he has been hunted and harassed for standing up for liberty, Malabar's tribute to the magnanimity, generosity and love of freedom that beat in the popular heart of America, and his expressed trustfulness that it will right the wrongs inflicted by the unrepresentative and anomalous imperialism that dominates the government, is touching and complimentary in the highest degree.

It is a sin and a shame that the administration did not make eternal friends of men who think of us thus and who have an exalted love of liberty like that of Malabar, by doing right when the war with Spain was over and giving the Filipinos the guarantee of independence coupled with the pledge of protection by our government against foreign interference.

The undoing of the wrong rests with the American people. If they vote a second lease of power to the imperialists and condemn the Filipinos to a deprivation of freedom they at the same time will plant the cancer worm in their own system that will eventually eat away our free institutions.—Kansas City Times.

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Webster on McKinley.

In the judgment of Daniel Webster, deliberately pronounced, William McKinley must be "a madman."

Justifying the acquisition of Louisiana by Jefferson as being highly desirable because of its contiguity to our previous national domain, Mr. Webster, in a speech in Congress on April 14, 1826, described the kind of territorial acquisition which would be highly undesirable in the following language:

"By negotiation with a foreign power Mr. Jefferson obtained a province. Without any alteration of our Constitution we have made it a part of the United States, and its Senators and Representatives now coming from several states are here among us. Now, sir, if instead of being Louisiana this had been one of the provinces of Spain proper, or one of her South American colonies, he must have been a madman that should have proposed such an acquisition. A high conviction of its convenience, arising from proximity and from close natural connections, alone reconciled the country to the measure."

The Philippine Islands are far more distant from our shores than either "the provinces of Spain proper" or "one of her South American colonies." All the objections that would have been applied to the acquisition of the latter in Webster's time apply with double force to the acquisition of the Philippines in our times. To propose such an acquisition, in Webster's opinion, would be the act of "a madman."

Nevertheless, Mr. McKinley is proposing it; and his party indorses the proposition.—N. Y. World.

Throwing off the Disguise.

A Republican contemporary states: "It is not a matter of vital importance that the Philippine bill should be passed at the present session. By its terms it is not to go into effect until after the insurrection is at an end, and nobody expects that the insurrection will be quelled for months to come. Extensive military operations are over now, and will not have to be renewed, but the excesses of predatory bands will call for the exercise of some military control for a long time."

The cheek and impudence of this

admission, in the face of the constant and almost daily reiterated that "the war in the Philippines is over," and that "the backbone of the rebellion is broken," made by the same paper from which the extract quoted is taken, is almost enough to take away one's breath.

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Our imperialistic administration and its congressional cuckoos understand these conditions fully. There is no intention or wish on their part to legislate for the Philippines. The islands will be kept under the dictatorship of the president—certainly until after the election, and, if Mr. McKinley is elected, then indefinitely.

If a Republican majority is returned to the next Congress, the first bill that will command the attention of the Republicans will be one increasing the army in the Philippines and adding to the already enormous burden of militarism. There can be no mistaking the programme of the imperialists when even their leading organs are beginning to throw off all disguise, and are making statements now which show that they have been knowingly and deliberately misrepresenting occurrences in the Philippines for the past six months.—Kansas City Times.

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colonel and his wife were taken out of their house at the suggestion of Lieutenant Hammond and the place was consigned to the flames. By this time Lieutenant Frazier was on the scene, and he took the initiative in the further devastation of the insurgent village.

"The destruction of the town was complete, and even though Tinubia is still on the map, I assure you that no such place in reality now exists, and the people of the treacherous hole will long remember the day of its blotting out."

How is that for a picture of "benevolent assimilation?"

War is a serious matter and has no cognate relation to "benevolent assimilation." McKinley would do well to drop the making of fine phrases and to devote his mind to the consideration of something really "benevolent" looking toward a cessation of war.—Chicago Dispatch.

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