

The Lexington Intelligencer.

Democratic Convention at Higginsville

The delegates chosen at Saturday's mass meetings met at Higginsville Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The convention was called to order by H. F. Blackwell, chairman of the central committee, and upon motion of J. K. Gray Col. Samuel J. White was elected temporary chairman and George H. Plattenburg was chosen temporary secretary.

Upon motion of W. H. Chiles one delegate from each township was selected for each of the following committees:

Committee on credentials—J. B. Williamson, A. H. Stafford, Dr. R. E. L. Hitt, George Dusky, Julius Vogt, Jr., Thos. Carmichael, H. H. Anderson and W. H. Chiles.

Committee on order of business and permanent organization—G. H. Havenner, Mose H. Land, T. H. Lake, Ike P. Taylor, J. H. Handley, Dr. Martin Rice, Gilbert Jennings and Alex. Graves.

Committee on resolutions—J. S. White, J. J. Fulkerson, N. E. McAllister, John S. Callaway, W. W. Downing, John Barnett, E. S. Butt and Lee J. Slusher.

Committees were instructed to be ready to report at the afternoon session and the convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

At 1:30 Dr. R. E. L. Hitt, chairman of committee on credentials, reported to convention the seating of the delegations as returned by the mass meeting with the following report as to the Lexington township delegation:

Your committee on credentials, further reports, that it does not believe, from the information furnished that the precinct meeting held at Lexington last Saturday was conducted in a proper manner or according to the customary way for that precinct for the following reasons:

1st. That evidently from previous arrangements, that Folk democrats together with many republicans, prohibitionists and others not entitled to vote, packed the court room almost full about 1/2 of an hour before the time appointed for holding the meeting, so that a large number of voters in favor of Reed had to remain in the halls, stairway and in the yard.

2nd. That after the meeting was called to order and the Folk men had nominated their candidate for chairman, an attempt was made by the Folk men to create disorder as soon as an effort was begun to nominate the Reed candidate for chairman of the meeting. The noise and uproar continued and became so great after the election of the Folk man for chairman, that he did not control the meeting with sufficient order to transact business in a reasonable way.

3rd. That the ticket of delegates favorable to Reed for governor could not be put in nomination on account of the objections, disorder and noise.

4th. That the meeting adjourned to the court house yard before the Reed ticket could be nominated and on account of the large crowd and disorder out of doors, said ticket was never put in nomination so that under the circumstances, the Reed voters, except 39, very properly refused to be counted by tellers appointed by the chair after a large number of their voters had left the yard and when they had not even been permitted to nominate their ticket.

5th. That immediately after the election of a chairman, a resolution providing for the order of business for the meeting, which resolution was in accordance with the custom of conducting democratic mass meetings for many years when a large crowd was present at such precinct meetings, was offered by the Reed men, but the same was roughly ignored and voted down by the Folk men, many Reed men not being able to vote as they could not get in the room. Said resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, that the Lexington precinct meeting proceed as follows:

1st. The nominations of tickets for delegates to be voted on.

2nd. The chairman shall name two judges of election for each ticket nominated, said judges to be suggested by the friends of each set of delegates nominated.

3rd. The method of voting shall be by ballot. Each voter shall hand his

ballot to a judge of election, who in presence of another judge, shall then place the ballot in the ballot box.

4th. The polls shall remain open for one hour and thirty minutes after the balloting begins, at the expiration of which time the chairman shall order the polls closed.

After the polls close, the judges shall retire to a separate room, count the ballots and report to this meeting before adjournment.

5th. Adjournment of the meeting

The method of voting in the above proposed resolution was eminently fair, as well as the customary way at that precinct and in our own judgment was the only practicable way for such a large crowd of voters, about equally divided numerically on their choice for governor, to get a fair vote of all, and to challenge persons not entitled to vote.

Therefore we believe that such undemocratic proceedings as took place at the Lexington precinct should be disapproved by this Convention.

However, in view of the fact that 39, out of a large number of Reed voters did vote and were counted, we recommend that the following delegation from Lexington Township be entitled to seats in this convention, namely: Fred Young, Min C. McFadin, James C. Dunlap, Killion P. Long, Lee J. Slusher, John Wilmot, Wat. P. Aull, Abe R. Rush, James C. Kelley, Henry Warder, Henry Marquart, Frank Barron, John Perry, William H. Chiles, George Callaway, Thomas Holleron, J. R. Moorehead.

Proxies in Lexington Township—Alexander Graves, proxy for Wat. P. Aull and F. P. Barron, T. J. Miller proxy for Henry Marquart, William Walker proxy for John Wilmot, W. P. Cole proxy for Abe R. Rush, Chal Young proxy for T. J. Holleron.

R. E. L. HITT, Chairman.
T. W. CARMICHAEL, Secretary.
J. B. WILLIAMSON,
A. H. STAFFORD,
H. H. ANDERSON,
GEORGE DUSKY.

Wm. H. Chiles presented a minority report, signed by Wm. H. Chiles and Julius Vogt, Jr. Upon a motion of S. N. Wilson, the minority report was tabled, after discussion of the motion by W. H. Chiles, Wm. Walker, Alex. Graves and Wm. Aull. The majority report was adopted.

Mose Land, chairman of committee on Order of Business and Permanent Organization, read the following report:

MR. CHAIRMAN:—The majority of the committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business, respectfully report as follows:

That the temporary officers of this convention remain as permanent officers thereof.

That after reports of three committees appointed by the chair; the convention proceed to election of eight delegates and eight alternates to the Joplin convention, and eight delegates and eight alternates to the Jefferson City convention, said 16 delegates and alternates to be nominated by a committee of three members of this convention to be named by the chairman of this convention, such nominations to be ratified by the whole convention.

The convention to determine by a vote the time to be allowed for discussion of matters brought before the convention.

Adjournment.

T. M. LAKE, Chairman.
M. H. LAND, Sec'y.

Ike P. Taylor presents a minority report which was tabled and majority report was adopted.

Upon a motion of Louis Gratz, the chairman appointed a committee of three to appoint eight delegates to the state convention: J. K. Gray, Robt. M. Webb and John Calloway.

The committee on resolutions through their chairman, J. J. Fulkerson, presented the following report:

Be it Resolved, by the democrats of Lafayette Co., in convention assembled as follows:

That they affirm their allegiance to the last national democratic and state democratic platforms, because the facts therein set forth were true when adopted and remain true and right now.

That we heartily endorse the wise,

able, honest and business like administration of the present state officers, and especially approve the actions and democracy of our esteemed governor, A. M. Dockery, against whose good reputation for honor and integrity no one ever said aught during a long term of faithful services, as a public official, until he was falsely attacked by a candidate for governor. That the action of the World's Fair managers in ignoring the governor of our state, at the recent dedication exercises, evidently for a political purpose, was a gross insult to the people of all parties residing in the great state of Missouri.

That the avalanche of abuse against the democratic party, its office holders and committees in Missouri, printed by republican papers was to be expected from them, as that has been the course pursued by the republican party since they were ousted from power in Missouri thirty years ago, but it is a shameful, inconsistent, untrue and wrong course for so called independent of democratic newspapers to pursue when they turn around and advocate the tactics of the enemy, in order to break up the stalwart democracy of Missouri, at the instigation of a gang of mugwumps, bolters and republicans in St. Louis, assisted by some of the same class in each county, they having unlimited means with which to employ numerous men to travel over the state in the interests of their cause, their purpose being to select one of their own kind for the next United States senator and for president.

Especially should the Kansas City Star, which in the hypocritical garb of being independent in politics, hates every thing containing a drop of pure democracy, be condemned for its reports on the present campaign, written by its bitter republican correspondent and for its editorials. And we protest against the plan of the St. Louis Republic in refusing to publish truthful reports of political meetings, as sent in by their regular local correspondent, and of using instead, the unfair, prejudiced and incorrect reports of special correspondents and republicans, thus abusing the rights of its subscribers to get the publication of the facts, and not a lot of misrepresentation, and the suppression of most of the happenings not in favor of the candidates for state officers, approved by that paper. We are glad that a large majority of the democrats of Lafayette county have not been misled, as have been those of many other counties, by the contemptible and undemocratic campaign made by the larger metropolitan papers, excepting the Kansas City World and the St. Louis World.

The abuse of the supreme court of Missouri for reversing certain boodle cases, by unanimous opinions, by certain newspapers and individuals, who do not know the law and by certain lawyers before they ever read the opinions, except garbled extracts therefrom without citations of the authorities given by the court, is inexcusable in the heat of any campaign, and is an attack upon the very foundation of our government, and if continued without cause, as in this campaign, tends to produce a condition of public opinion, which is dangerous to the good of all.

The democratic party and the supreme court of this state has always, does now, and will, so long as the same kind of men as are now in office, continue to be selected, believe every criminal should be punished, but that a defendant should have a fair trial, according to the existing law; and the citizens of Missouri should be proud that they have a supreme court, which in face of the abuse of a large number of newspapers with mighty power, and during great public clamor, will render the decisions as they believe the law to be and send cases back for retrial, when they find error has been committed.

That the Hon. James A. Reed, in his campaign for the nomination of governor, has proved himself to be a statesman, with information, courage and eloquence to talk the real democracy as we have always heard it heretofore, and to defend the Missouri Democratic administration and supreme court from the recent false

attacks and insinuations of pretended Democratic papers and persons, whose object it is to turn over the administration of Missouri to the reorganizing element, and under the hypocritical war cry of "boodle," "civic righteousness," make the people of the whole country believe that the democratic party and its officers in Missouri are responsible for the acts of a few corrupt men, who have been sent to the legislature from some cities or counties or elected to some city offices in St. Louis.

And that the Democrats of this county should resent the appearance in several towns in Lafayette county of one R. E. Sea, interloper, who came to engage in some mysterious and secret work in opposition to Mr. Reed's candidacy. This mysterious individual did not come to meet voters to talk with them nor to make speeches on the stump—and he continued in his work after very grave charges were made against him by the press and by speakers during the campaign, without making denial of such charges.

Resolved, that the Democratic Central Committee of Lafayette county is now and has always been composed of honest men, who were true democrats and have never used the power of that committee for any wrong purpose, or to advance the cause of any one candidate nor adopted any methods termed "machine methods" in discharging the duties of said committee; and the action of the members of the present committee in refusing to disobey the expressed and binding instructions given by the voters who elected such committeemen, at the regular time, in the regular way, on due notice, upon the contested points of a convention or primary, for nominating delegates to a state nominating convention, should be approved and commended by ever fair-minded men, who with a little consideration of the matter, can easily see that the action of the voters at a regular election should not be changed by petitions signed by many without due consideration, or signed after much consideration, as the election must necessarily be the final judgment of the voters until another election is held. Therefore the unjust criticism made by the Lexington News regarding the acts of the Central Committee and voters who opposed that paper's choice of candidates is undemocratic and unreasonable; such unjust charges against a committee, elected by a political party which has given the patronage to support the said newspaper through all the years of its existence, comes with very bad grace from it.

Resolved, that the delegates elected by this convention to attend the state convention at Joplin are instructed to vote as a unit and use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Dr. J. J. Fulkerson as one of the delegates from this congressional district to the next Democratic National Convention, and those delegates from this county present at said Joplin convention are authorized to cast the whole eight votes of the delegation for his nomination, and also for instructions for Senator F. M. Cockrell for president and for delegates at large to National Convention Governor A. M. Dockery, Senator Wm. J. Stone and Hon. Wm. Cowherd.

And the delegates selected by this convention to attend the state nominating convention at Jefferson City are instructed to vote as a unit for and to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of the following persons on the state ticket, and delegates from this county present to cast all votes of the delegation to-wit: For governor, James A. Reed; for lieutenant governor, — Ruby; for attorney general, J. M. Sallee; for secretary of state, Sam B. Cook; for auditor, A. O. Allen.

J. J. Fulkerson, Chairman.
N. E. McAllister, Sec'y.

After the reading of the report of the committee on resolutions, L. P. Taylor and Wm. Walker protested against the report as a denunciation of their democracy. J. J. Fulkerson again took the floor and explained that the resolution was in no manner a reflection on the rank and file of Mr. Folk's supporters, but was

aimed at certain individuals of the kind designated.

The minority report of Lee J. Slusher was tabled and the majority report of committee amended to read: "For State Treasurer, Geo. C. Orchard," was adopted.

The motion to instruct for W. C. Bronaugh was laid on the table by a township vote of 66 to 26.

J. K. Gray, of the committee on selection of delegates, made report of the following names: Zach W. Wright, Jule G. Coe, S. L. Pile, J. W. Handley, Ike Fulkerson, J. J. Fulkerson, D. G. Wade, Gilbert Jennings as delegates; and J. S. White, S. G. Emerson, H. H. McDaggle, W. H. Lewis, W. H. Chiles, Geo. Duskey, J. L. Grosshart and James Milan, as alternates to the convention at Joplin, June 29th.

J. B. Williamson, J. S. Belt, R. M. Webb, W. W. Downing, Louis Gratz, J. S. Callaway, J. H. George, T. M. Chinn as delegates, and J. F. Larkin, M. H. Land, Wm. Kelley, J. S. Walker, W. P. Cole, Oscar Thomas, S. L. Ramsey and H. H. Anderson as alternates to the State Nominating Convention at Jefferson City, July 19.

The report of the committee was adopted and the convention adjourned.

Attempted Suicide.

LeJeune Nicholas, a Frenchman residing in East Lexington, was found by Constable Reinken of Sweet Springs on a country road near that city. He had attempted suicide by stabbing himself four or five times in the abdomen, with a pocket knife. His wounds were dressed and he was brought to Lexington Saturday night by Mr. Reinken.

Nicholas, with his wife and four children, came to this country from the North-Western part of France, last November and he had been employed at the Valley mines. When young he was kicked by a horse and the fracture of his skull occasions intervals of insanity. He will probably recover.

Athletic Meet.

Captain Jenkins, athletic director of Wentworth Military Academy, accompanied by Cadets Emery, Aguayo, Van Ginkel, Doty and Williams went to Kansas City Saturday morning to attend the annual Missouri Valley Inter-collegiate Athletic meet. The association is composed of the following academies and high schools: Brees, Effingham, Topeka, Wentworth, St. Joseph H. S., Maryville H. S., Kansas City Manual, Kansas City Central H. S., East Des Moines, West Des Moines, Prosser, Lincoln (Neb.) H. S., Ft. Scott (Kan) H. S.

Lexington Won.

The base ball game Wenesday afternoon was one of the most interesting ones of the season, the score being 8 to 9 in favor of the Lexington team. The batteries were: W. M. A., Taylor and Emery, Lexington, Davis and Scott. The features of the game were the fielding of Harwood for W. M. A. and the pitching of Davis for Lexington, who struck out 17 men.

Manager Carter is arranging games with the Kansas City Athletics, Concordia, and the salaried Odessa team.

Mrs. Hausam's At Home.

Mrs. John P. Hausam entertained at progressive flinch Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 p. m. She was assisted by Misses Lydia Bell Butts, Anole Gertrude Hooton, Mary Lillian Atkelson and Jean Meng. Delicious refreshments, consisting of strawberries, cream and assorted cakes were served. The trophy, a bouquet of carnations, was awarded to Miss May Peak, and the consolation, a box of chocolates, to Mrs. John Yates. About fifty guests were in attendance.

Among those who went to Higginsville to attend the County Democratic Convention were the following: J. R. Moorehead, Frank Bowman, Claude Marquis, John Major, Lorimer Fulton, James C. Kelley, Wm. Edwards, A. Graves, W. P. Cole, P. R. Smith, Clem Tyree, Louis Gratz, Frank Howe, S. N. Wilson, James Duniap, H. F. Blackwell, Wm. Aull, J. J. Fulkerson, Oscar Andreen, George Callaway.

Prof. A. E. Smith of Central College, left Thursday morning for Stillwell, Kansas, to attend the district meeting of the Epworth League.

Council Proceedings.

At a regular meeting held Monday night the reports of the city officers for the month of April were read, received and filed.

A petition was presented from the taxpayers of Lafayette street, remonstrating against grading the south side of that street, and was received and filed pending a survey.

Mr. Aull, of the finance committee, made report of the city's indebtedness and approximated the cost of the city government for the ensuing year, as follows:

Total amount of estimated revenue,	\$16,000.00.
Unpaid claims.....	3,000.00
Salaries.....	4,684.40
Street Lights.....	3,417.00
Printing (estimated).....	500.00
Coal and gas.....	125.00
Board of prisoners.....	300.00
Election expenses.....	100.00
Services of fire board and supplies.....	800.00

Total amount necessary to pay claims and fix changes \$12,926.40
Amount left from revenue for improvements.....\$3,073.60

We would recommend as far as possible this amount be expended for substantial improvements.

The claims for the month of April were read and allowed, deductions being made from the electric light bill of \$7.60.

Mr. Venable moved that the clerk be instructed to advertise for city printing "as specified by advertisement."

Mr. Venable presented "an ordinance providing for the construction of sidewalks and the repairing of the same," which was given a first reading and laid over.

D. O. Heathman was appointed night watch for one month.

Council adjourned to meet May 23, 1904.

Line of March of G. A. R. Parade.

The committees on arrangement of the G. A. R. Re-union met Thursday night and after all reports were made and passed on as satisfactory the following line of march for the parade at 3 o'clock p. m. May 18th was outlined;

Parade will form at the intersection of Main and Broadway, thence east on Main St. to 11th St., south on 11th St. to Franklin Ave., east on Franklin Ave. to 13th St., south on 13th St. to High school building and Lexington College for Young Women, where addresses will be delivered by Major William Warner, response by Prof. C. A. Phillips; east on South St. to 16th St., north on 16th St. to General College, where addresses will be made by Major Warner and Pres. A. E. Smith; thence to the old battle grounds, returning on 16th St. to Main St., thence east on Main St. to 18th St., north on 18th St. to Wentworth Military Academy where an address will be delivered by Charles G. Burton, response by Col. S. Sellers; returning on 18th St. to Franklin Ave., west to 9th St., north to Main St., where the parade disbands.

The parade will include the Concordia, Sedalia and Lexington Brass Bands.

School Enumeration.

F. C. T. Brightwell completed the enumeration of the Lexington school district and reports an increase of 103 over the enumerated list of 1903. The following is the enumeration for 1904:

	WHITES	
Males	618	
Females	658	
Total	1276	
	COLORED	
Males	244	
Females	217	
Total	461	
Grand Total	1737	

Confederate Reunion at Nashville.

All Southern Railroads east of the Mississippi river have made a flat rate of one cent per mile for round trip. In Missouri, rates will be World's Fair rates to St. Louis, and Missouri Camps will find their best route via St. Louis, from their L. & N. road to Nashville, 5.13d2&w1

Simon Hesse, travelling salesman for the Herman Keck Mfg. Co., of Cincinnati, who has been ill at the Nickell Home for three weeks with appendicitis, is much better and will leave for his home in a few days.