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Saturday a Day of Conventions.

The Democrats of Bourbon were in Paris Saturday in full force to attend the Convention to select delegates to the Congressional District Convention that meets in Lexington Thursday. The day wound up by there being two Conventions held, one sending Kimball delegates and the other Cantrill delegates.

Promptly at 2 o'clock p. m. Chairman James H. Thompson, of the County Committee, stepped from the law office of Judge Harmon Stitt and standing on the pavement, which at this point is some five feet high, and facing the crowd of Kimball supporters, immediately in front of him called the convention to order.

The crowd of Cantrill supporters then being congregated in the court house yard, where they thought the convention would be held, not realizing that Chairman Thompson had called the convention to order. When it was noticed that the convention was being held Hon. C. M. Thomas rushed across the street and endeavored to get recognition from the chair, failing in his effort, as the secretary was then reading the list of delegates, he returned to the crowd of Cantrill supporters in the court house yard, where the second convention was held.

The following is the official report of the Kimball convention:

"A mass meeting of the Democrats of Bourbon county met pursuant to call at the court house in Paris, Kentucky, on Saturday, August 29, 1908:

"The meeting was called to order by James H. Thompson, chairman of the Bourbon County Democratic Committee, who explained the object of the meeting and called for nominations for Chairman. Mr. James H. Thompson was nominated for chairman and there being no other nominations was unanimously elected. Thereupon the chairman called for nominations for Secretary and Mr. William Remington, and only one nominated, was unanimously elected secretary.

"The following resolution was offered by Mr. Remington, read to the convention and unanimously adopted, viz:

"Resolved, That the following named Democrats be, and they are hereby appointed delegates to represent Bourbon county in the convention to be held at Lexington on the 3rd day of September next, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Congress in the Seventh District of Kentucky, viz: Hon. John T. Hinton, Hon. J. Hal Woodford, C. A. McMillan, Wm. Remington, J. H. Thompson, John Buckley, John Current, W. D. McIntyre, D. L. Bryan, J. B. DeJarnett and Varden Shipp.

"Resolved, That said delegates be and are hereby instructed to cast the vote of this county as a unit for Hon. W. P. Kimball, the present Congressman and to vote on all questions arising in that convention, as will best serve his interests. Should any delegate fail to attend the convention, these present shall cast the entire vote for the delegation.

"The vote of the county shall be cast as a majority of the delegation may direct. On motion the convention adjourned.

"(Signed.)

"JAMES H. THOMPSON, Chairman.

"WM. REMINGTON, Secretary."

At a meeting of the Kimball delegates in Judge Stitt's office immediately after the convention, the Hon. J. T. Hinton was elected chairman of the delegation.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CANTRILL CONVENTION.

"The Chairman of the Bourbon County Committee James H. Thompson, not being present, Claude M. Thomas was requested to act as temporary chairman. Mr. Thomas called the convention to order and asked for nominations for permanent chairman of the convention. Upon motion made by James McClure and seconded by John A. LaRue, Mr. John T. Collins was unanimously chosen as chairman of the convention. Mr. Collins having assumed the chair announced that the first business before the convention was the selection of a secretary. Upon motion by John J. Reimon and seconded by D. C. Lisle, J. Walter Payne was chosen unanimously as secretary of the convention.

"Claude M. Thomas moved the adoption of the following resolutions, which motion was seconded by J. Quincy Ward. Before putting the motion to adopt said resolutions the chairman announced that he would have the voters counted who should vote for and against said resolutions, and appointed C. C. Clark, J. Quincy Ward and James McClure tellers to count said vote.

"The tellers were stationed in front of the court house door and all Democrats present favoring the adoption of said motion were instructed to pass between said tellers. After those favoring said resolutions had been counted the tellers reported to the chairman that six hundred and fifty-seven Democrats had voted in favor of said resolutions. The chairman then directed all Democrats present who opposed the adoption of said resolutions to pass between said tellers. The tellers reported to the chairman that none had voted in opposition to the adoption of said resolutions. Whereupon the chairman announced and declared that said resolutions had been adopted, and that six hundred and fifty-seven Democrats had voted in favor of said adoption and that no Democrats had voted in opposition to the adoption of said resolutions. Said resolutions are as follows:

"Resolved by the Democracy of Bourbon county in convention assembled at Paris, this August 29, 1908:

"First. We hereby earnestly endorse the proceedings of the convention recently held at Denver, and pledge the united and enthusiastic support of the Bourbon county Democracy to Bryan

and Kern, and to the principles of government which they represent in the pending campaign for the Presidency.

"Second. We hereby appoint the following named persons as delegates to the Congressional Convention to be held in the city of Lexington, beginning on September 3rd, 1908, viz: John Marston, A. S. Thompson, C. M. Thomas, James M. O'Brien, J. T. Collins, W. S. Judy, Joseph Coons, F. P. Claybrook, Pat Ryan, John A. LaRue, H. H. Crouch, James H. Fisher, William Layson, N. C. Fisher, Roger Burris, J. Wark, T. E. Moore, Jr., J. G. Denton, Cliff Dalzell, Paul Hanley, Edsell Clark, W. O. Florence, D. C. Lyle, G. S. Allen.

"Third. Said delegates are hereby instructed to vote in said convention for J. Campbell Cantrill for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh District, and to cast the vote of Bourbon county for said J. Campbell Cantrill first, last and all the time, and to do all within their power, and the power of each of them, to bring about the nomination of Cantrill for Congress. And said delegates are further instructed to vote upon all question that shall come before any meeting of this delegation, as a unit, each delegate being entitled to one-half of a vote, the decision of the majority to determine the action of the delegation.

"Upon motion duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of four Democrats be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions condemning the actions of the chairman of the Bourbon County Democratic Committee for his unwarranted, illegal and outrageous conduct on this day whereby the rights and will of a great majority of Bourbon county Democrats have been overridden and outraged.

"The chairman appointed in pursuance to said resolution the following committee: Claude M. Thomas, J. M. Hall, James M. O'Brien and C. C. Clarke. Said committee retired and reported back to the convention the following resolutions:

"Resolved by the Democracy of Bourbon county, in addition to the resolutions heretofore adopted:

"Believing in, and demanding, fair play in politics, and that the machine methods causing the defeat of the Kentucky Democracy in the election of 1907, and that said methods have never succeeded, and should not succeed, in the midst of free people, we hereby condemn the tactics and practice of the chairman of the Bourbon County Democratic Committee, as exemplified by his work today, and demand that he be removed from the chairmanship of said committee.

"Resolved secondly, That the delegates heretofore elected by this convention be instructed to fight every inch in the Lexington convention in the interest of J. Campbell Cantrill, and to represent to the honorable men who shall make up the personnel of that convention that the chairman of the Bourbon County Democratic Committee betrayed his trust, by announcing in one newspaper that this convention would meet at 1 o'clock p. m. and in another that it would meet at 2 o'clock, giving in neither publication the place where said convention would be held; that on this day of the convention said chairman agreed with a representative of the friends of J. Campbell Cantrill that said convention should be held at the court house and should be called together at 2 o'clock p. m., which was in accord with the official call of the District Committee for said convention; that the friends of J. Campbell Cantrill were at the court house in Paris at 2 o'clock p. m., and that while waiting for said convention to be called to order the chairman of the Bourbon County Committee is said to have called a convention to order, not at the court house, but within the crowd of Kimball supporters some distance from said appointed place.

"We solemnly represent that the six hundred and fifty-seven votes cast in favor of the resolutions instructing the delegation from Bourbon county to vote for Senator Cantrill for Congress were all Democrats and were all citizens of Bourbon county.

"We represent further that in the number of Kimball supporters many were residents of Fayette, and that the total number of Kimball's supporters in the city of Paris today, including his friends from Lexington, does not exceed two hundred.

"We appeal to the proper authorities in the convention at Lexington, and to the duly constituted authorities of the party in the State Central Committee for fair play and the protection of the rights which are guaranteed to us under moral and party laws, and we solemnly represent to these authorities that if the rule of the majority is no longer recognized, and its enforcement no longer guaranteed the underlying and fundamental principles upon which Democracy is supposed to rest has been nullified and set aside.

(Signed.)
CLAUDE M. THOMAS,
JAS. M. O'BRIEN,
J. M. HALL,
C. C. CLARKE.

"Upon motion duly signed the convention adjourned.

"We hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of the proceedings of the above named convention.

(Signed.)
JOHN T. COLLINS,
Chairman.
J. WALTER PAYNE,
Secretary."

Oil Struck in Fayette.

While hands were drilling a well for water late Friday on the Elmendorf Farm of J. B. Haggin, oil was struck at a depth of 140 feet. The oil is black and it is believed a valuable vein has been struck. Manager Berryman is away and the operations has been suspended until his return.

The 1909 Crop Discussed.

While the question as to whether a crop of tobacco is to be grown in 1909, will not be officially determined until after the election of the officers of the Burley Tobacco Society for another year, growers are already discussing the subject among themselves. The opinion prevails to a large extent that a crop will be grown.

The organization recently formed at Bowling Green, representing all of the tobacco organizations of Kentucky and Tennessee will probably have an important bearing on the question.

The cutting out of the crop in one district has had the tendency to increase the crop in the other districts that grow an entirely different kind of tobacco, and the general organization is designed to prevent this. It is expected to bring all of the tobacco districts into closer relations and to result in the co-operation on a broader scale. There is great confidence that the 1907 crop of burley now in poll will be sold at satisfactory prices and the opinion of those who are informed as to the conditions of the tobacco trade is that a 1909 crop will be needed. Present prices indicate a scarcity.

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