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NAMED THE VICTORS

MADISON'S REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

A FULL, STRONG TICKET NOMINATED.

THE TICKET.

Representatives..... N. J. Isdell
M. H. Lott
H. L. Childs
Commissioners..... M. A. Switzer
Joseph Smith
Robert J. Ogden
Sheriff..... Frank Metzger
Clerk and Recorder..... Henry Steffens
Treasurer..... J. Albright
Clerk of Court..... Thomas Duncan
Attorney..... Lew. L. Callaway
Assessor..... Frank Foster
Public Administrator..... P. H. Gohn
Supt. of Schools..... Miss Nellie Switzer

The Republicans of Madison county, in convention last Saturday, nominated a good, clean ticket, and one that will command the entire strength of the party and ought to win next November. There was very little rivalry and a great deal of harmony. Every section of the country is represented on the ticket. The Upper Ruby got the shrewdly, Sheridan a commissioner, Twin Bridges a representative and the northern end of the county the assessorship. Pony secured a representative while the Madison valley was awarded a commissionership and the county superintendent of schools. Geographically the distribution was good and the personnel of the standard bearers is excellent.

There are many men in Madison county, who, since the St. Louis convention declared for gold, have arrayed themselves on the side of silver, believing that the welfare of Montana and for the country generally could be best subserved by such a course. On all other issues they indorse the St. Louis platform. They are what is known as the "Silver Republicans." Then on the other hand there is a considerable faction in the party who indorse the St. Louis platform as a whole; some because they believe protection to be a greater issue, and stand for the endorsement of McKinley. Both elements were represented in the convention, and naturally a contest was anticipated. However the dove of peace spread her white wings above the scene of the convention deliberations, and while the silver men were largely in the majority, adopted a silver platform and reiterated their past utterances, harmony prevailed and the delegates went to their several homes, highly pleased with the result of their labors.

The feature of the convention was the adoption of a committee report endorsing Charlie Hartman and instructing the Madison county delegation to vote and work to secure his re-nomination for congress. The adherents of Gov. Rickards, attempted to tack an amendment to this resolution, instructing the delegation for Governor Rickards also. The Rickard's amendment was voted down. After some little discussion the Hartman resolution was then carried by a storm of ayes, as against a few feeble noes. A resolution, approving Gov. Rickard's administration was then adopted by rising vote.

THE CONVENTION.

H. L. Childs Made Temporary Chairman and Frank Wilcomb Secretary.
On motion of A. J. Bennett, H. L. Childs was chosen temporary chairman. Frank Wilcomb of Laurin was made temporary secretary, and the following committees were appointed.
On credentials—A. G. McDonald of Meadow Creek, A. W. Switzer of Ennis, Isaac Pendarvis of Upper Ruby, Lyman Comfort of Twin Bridges and Frank Foster of Waterloo.
On Permanent Organization and Order of Business—O. F. Parmeter of Sheridan, Frank Reed and C. P. Newell of Twin Bridges, John Hartman of Ennis and Jake Crissman of Jefferson Island.
On Resolutions—L. T. Jones of Sheridan, Frank Wilcomb of Laurin, L. L. Calloway and W. W. Cheely of Virginia and J. M. Page of Twin Bridges. The convention then took a recess until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A. J. Bennett Made Permanent Chairman and Frank Wilcomb Secretary.

The report of the permanent organization named Hon. A. J. Bennett as permanent chairman, and Frank Wilcomb as secretary. The retiring chairman, Mr. Childs, made a neat speech, in which he congratulated the convention on the large attendance, and expressed the hope that it would select its best men to carry its standards.

Mr. Bennett, in his address, thanked the convention for the honor which had been conferred upon him—he would have preferred to have seen it go elsewhere. He had hoped that his long service in the party would have permitted him to be placed on the retired list. He had no fear as to the harmonious outcome of the convention, and was of the opinion that the ticket would be successful in November. He referred to the new and peculiar condition of the Republican party, "and," said he "I am a Silver Republican." He thought the gold men in Madison county were not very numerous, but there were many who felt it their duty to vote for McKinley and Hobart. He hoped that Republicans would go to the polls in November and vote as their consciences dictated.

The office of vice chairman of the convention was created by motion, and Frank Parmeter of Sheridan selected to fill the position. In taking his seat on the platform, Mr. Parmeter thanked the convention and stated that in the event of the sudden taking away of the chairman he would preside to the best of his ability.

The report of the committee on credentials seated the following:
Summit.—Delegate: Samuel Ogden. Alternate: J. J. Rosenberger.
Virginia City.—Delegates: James Mitchell, H. L. Childs, A. J. Bennett, W. W. Cheeley, Lucius Kellogg, C. W. Mead, C. W. Rank, M. Mallard, Geo. Gohn, Jas. H. Powell. Alternates: August Romney, E. D. Hart, A. J. Wilcomb, F. W. Allen, C. E. Reese, Geo. E. Gohn, John S. Allen, Wm. Nurenberger, Fred Kohls, Lew. L. Callaway.

Puller Springs.—Delegates: F. S. Metzger, I. S. Pendarvis. Alternates: W. O. Hope, C. M. Metzger.

Laurin.—Delegates: F. H. Wilcomb, O. D. Linsley, Isaac Poitras, Frank Griffin, Chas. Olsen. Alternates: O. E. Wilcomb, B. F. Powers, J. L. Dauterman, Chas. Trout, Chas. Olsen.

Sheridan.—Delegates: E. N. Reed, L. T. Jones, C. S. Masterson, G. E. Wright, Harry Foster, T. L. Shaw, Robert Ogden, Henry Kallis, O. F. Parmeter. Alternates: E. D. Marsh, John Dumas, H. Cheney, — Costle, R. Brown, E. T. Nichols, B. F. Bowman, Geo. Glasser, G. W. Righenour.

Brandon.—Delgate: A. Vincent.
Leiterville.—Delegates: Ed Adams, Chas. Glasser. Alternates: Andrew Lindsford, L. B. Bender.

Twin Bridges.—Delegates: C. P. Newell, Lyman Comfort, Rodney Page, Wm. Rhodes, Wm. Hunter, Geo. Comfort, John Seyler. Alternates: Joe Richmond, Geo. Seales, Fred Counter, F. A. Taylor, Joe Summers, John Seidensticker, Frank Reid.

Pageville.—Delegate: Jas. M. Page. Alternate: Samuel Taylor.

Linder School House.—Delegates: Chris Darnutzer, Ernest Maurer. Alternates: P. W. Baker, John Swannstrum.

Waterloo.—Delegate: Frank Foster. Alternate: T. D. Townsend.

South Boulder, Delegates: O. E. Egan, E. J. Rundell. Alternates: J. N. Brieker, J. H. Patrick.

Pony.—Delegates: J. S. Crissman, C. W. Wood, James Boyd, Geo. Barker, Thos. Hunt, Sam Marshall, W. R. McFadden, Frank Walters. Alternates: Thos. Carmin, Freeman Willour, Frank Long, Henry Fitch, I. S. Phillips, Fred Stock, C. H. Allen, A. D. McKittrick.

Meadow Creek.—Delegates: A. G. McDonald, W. J. Olliver. Alternates: H. Kroger, Thos. Shirley.

Maynards School House.—Delegates: John Hartman, A. M. Bower.

Burns School House.—Delegates: G. W. Burns, A. W. Switzer.

Wigwam.—Delegate: Thos. Thexton. Alternate: E. E. Craig.

Talty's School House.—Delegate: James Duncan. Alternate: Samuel McCrea.

Washington Bar.—Delegate: S. D.

Pinckney. Alternate: C. D. Pinckney. Home Park.—Delegate: A. B. Davis. Adobetown.—Delegate: A. J. McKenzie.

THE BALL OPENS.

Selecting Candidates for the Various Offices.

The order of business provided for the selection of candidates for the legislature first. Lucius Kellogg named H. L. Childs. The names of Major Isdell of Pony and M. H. Lott of Twin Bridges were presented. C. W. Rank presented the name of H. D. Rossiter of Sheridan and Jacob Crissman that of T. D. Townsend. Mr. Crissman intimated that Major Isdell was not a candidate. James Page of Twin Bridges, speaking of the major's candidacy, said he was in the hands of his friends, a ballot was then taken, resulting:
Isdell.....38
Lott.....35
Childs.....35
Townsend.....30
Rossiter.....24

Messrs Isdell, Lott and Childs were declared the nominees.

For county commissioner George Burns presented the name of M. A. Switzer of the Madison Valley; Tom Shaw nominated Robert Ogden of Sheridan. The names of Joseph Smith and C. D. Townsend were also presented. The ballot stood:
Switzer.....52
Ogden.....40
Townsend.....26
Smith.....42

Messrs Switzer, Ogden and Smith were declared the nominees.

For treasurer Jake Albright was nominated by acclamation.

For clerk and recorder George Burns nominated Henry Steffens and the Sheridan delegation presented the name of L. T. Jones. Mr. Steffens was chosen, receiving 36 votes to Mr. Jones 18. On motion of Mr. Jones Mr. Steffens nomination was made unanimous.

Thomas Duncan was nominated for clerk of the court by acclamation. A like compliment was paid to Frank Foster, for assessor.

With the next event came a surprise. It was understood that there at least a dozen candidates for sheriff in the lists, and a sharp contest was expected. Only two names were presented for the convention's consideration—John Carruthers of Virginia by Frank Wilcomb, and Frank Metzger of Puller Springs by A. B. Davis. The count resulted in a total of 37 for Metzger and 16 for Carruthers.

I. S. Pendarvis moved that Lew. L. Callaway be nominated for county attorney by acclamation. The motion carried.

The names of Emerson Ray and Miss Nellie Switzer were presented for county superintendent of schools. Miss Switzer was chosen receiving 31 votes to Mr. Rays 24.

For coroner A. J. McKensy of Laurin and Dr. McNulty were named. The ballot resulted: McNulty 34; McKensy 17.

P. H. Gohn and Ed Wright were named as candidates for public administrator. Mr. Gohn received 27 votes to Mr. Wright's 25.

A committee was then appointed to select 15 delegates to the state convention. The committee consisted of C. W. Rank, W. W. Cheeley, L. T. Jones, Ernest Maurer and Frank Wilcomb. A recess was taken. In its report to the committee recommended Wm. Mitchell as delegate from the Madison valley, with George Burns for alternate. A Madison valley delegate moved to amend the report by making Mr. Burns delegate and Mr. Mitchell alternate. The amendment carried by a close vote. In a like manner Twin Bridges delegation reversed the names of Frank Reed and James B. Page. The committee report made Mr. Reed a delegate and Mr. Page his alternate. The amendment made Page a delegate and Reed an alternate. It carried. The report of the committee also contemplated the following resolution.

"Resolved, that the delegates to the state convention be instructed to vote and work for the renomination of the Hon. Charles Hartman for congress."

Rev. George Comfort then addressed the convention. He congratulated the convention on the harmony that was prevalent. This reminded him of a story. He had a kindly feeling for the word "harmony" because it was the

name of the home in which had dwelt his ancestors. The particular ancestor to whom he had reference fell in love with a damsel by the sweet name of Charity and dwelt in Harmony thereafter. The story put his listeners in good humor and he proceeded to his climax which was that the delegation should be instructed for Governor Rickards. He dwelt upon the good deeds of the governor. About this time the chair interposed with a suggestion to the effect that, instructions, either for Hartman or Rickards was out of order until that portion of the committees report with reference to the delegates was disposed of. The report naming the delegates was then adopted by unanimous vote, electing the following to represent the party at the state convention:

Delegates—A. J. Bennett, L. L. Callaway, George Reif, Alex. Metzger, John Dauterman, Henry Kallis, Ed Reed, James Page, M. H. Lott, Ernest Maurer, N. J. Isdell, James Boyd, George Burns, Thomas Thexton, T. D. Townsend.

Alternates—Thomas Duncan, W. W. Cheely, James Mitchell, L. S. Pendarvis, O. D. Lindsay, R. J. Ogden, O. F. Parmeter, Frank Reed, George Comfort, C. Darnutzer, Thomas Hunt, C. H. Woods, Wm. Mitchell, O. B. Varney, Frank Foster.

The resolution, instructing for Hartman was then taken up.

After its reading, John Oliver moved to amend the wording of the resolution so that the delegates would also be instructed for Rickards.

A. J. McKinley of Laurin made a protest against endorsing Hartman.

O. F. Parmeter, vice chairman, then took the floor in opposition to both the resolution and the amendment. He said that while he would vote for Charlie Hartman he was decidedly opposed to instructions of any kind.

A vote was then taken on the Rickard amendment, resulting in its defeat.

The convention then got down to business on the Hartman resolution.

Hon. J. M. Page of Twin Bridges, opposed the resolution. He said that while he would vote for the Hon. Charles Hartman, if nominated, he did not believe in tying up the delegates with instructions. He considered the Madison county delegation as composed of honorable men and he thought they should be left free to vote as their consciences dictated. He said he had been a soldier and could not endorse Bryan and free trade, his speech giving the impression that he was opposed to the stand taken by the Silver Republicans.

Mr. Bennett vacated the chair to reply. He opened with the statement that the delegates to the state convention would represent, not their personal sentiments, but the sentiments of the convention which elected them, as representing the Republican party of Madison county. Therefore instructions were highly proper, and outlined for the delegates the course which the party desired them to pursue. Instructions in no wise reflected on the honor of the delegates-elect. Then he spoke of Charlie Hartman, paying him a glowing compliment, and the convention cheered the name of the gallant little congressman to the echo. He was of the opinion that nine-tenths of the delegates favored Hartman and the moral effect of the endorsement by instructions, would carry far more weight

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