

A POPULIST TICKET

Nominations Were Made at Tuesday's County Convention.

Mid-Roaders Propose to Contest With Republicans and Democrats in November.

For Superior Judge... William McDonald
For Sheriff... Robert E. Matlock
For Prosecuting Attorney... Victor E. Bull
For Treasurer... C. E. Willoughby
For Auditor... Mark Davis
For Clerk... Fred C. Doremus
For School Superintendent... E. R. McCoy
For Assessor... W. T. Walker
For Surveyor... Harmon Scott
For Coroner... John Bach
Legislative Ticket—Sixth District.
State Senator... Jas. A. Walters
Representative... Benj. W. Powers
Representative... A. J. Stone
Seventh District.
Representative... J. H. St. Lawrence
Representative... J. B. Hicks
County Commissioners...
Second District... Dr. A. J. Hoyer
Third District... C. E. Hunton

The last county convention of the populists and the last of the season, was held Tuesday on carpeted floors at Knights of Pythias hall. A complete county and legislative ticket was nominated and placed before the people with many assurances from the enthusiasts who evolved it that it will not be last in the November race.

The convention was mid-road, anti-fusion, anti-democratic, anti-republican, strictly populist, socialistic and with fond remembrances of silver federation days. None but mid-roaders were invited, expected or permitted. Chairman Janeway of the May convention was incontinently and unceremoniously thrown out, on the grounds that he smells too strong of democracy, and John W. Mathews was included in the resolution. But Mr. Mathews took an early and hasty survey of the aggregation, lost his nerve and quietly slipped before bedlam turned loose.

The attendance was small, but demonstrated the fealty of the democratic claim that the best part of the populist party has been absorbed by democracy. Shorty Brown and Judge McDonald engineered the nominations and proposed a large majority of the nominees. Of seventeen men placed in nomination but six were present.

Gathered at the Hall.

At a few minutes after the appointed hour the hoodoo number of 13 delegates had assembled for the business of the day. They patiently waited for the crowd to assemble until the clock in the tower tolled 10:30, when Judge McDonald suggested an adjournment until 11:15, to await the arrival of possible delegates by train. No one fell in with the suggestion, however, and a few nervous ones left the hall to advertise the convention by word of mouth and bring in the street stragglers. Delegates soon strolled in to the number of about 35.

Judge McDonald, as chairman of the executive committee, called the convention to order and remarked that it was unfortunate that it was necessary to call the convention at this particular time, when all were so busy with the harvests. He said the attendance would not be large. He wanted it understood that he left the republican party to become a populist and he wanted it distinctly understood that he is still a populist. He announced the chief issues to be the land question and the creeds of the Omaha platform and made a vehement speech in favor of maintaining party organization. He favored nominating a full ticket and supporting it to a man in the election.

J. T. Brown named C. B. Kegley as chairman, but he declined unless the business could be finished by 2 o'clock, when he must return home. Henry Neel was then chosen. Brown moved adjournment until 1 o'clock. It was seconded by Wm. Larkin. J. H. St. Lawrence opposed this on the ground that there is always much preliminary work to do by committees, and that it might as well be done then. The motion was withdrawn, and the following committees were appointed by the chair:

Resolutions—Judge McDonald, V. E. Bull, J. H. St. Lawrence.
Credentials—George Thatcher, J. H. Williams, C. B. Kegley, Harmon Scott, S. H. Biggs.
Order of business—J. T. Brown, R. E. Matlock, Wm. Larkin.
The personnel of the committee on order of business was a matter of burning interest to some, and when the chairman hesitated for a name to supply a vacancy caused by the declination of C. A. Ross, who was secretary of the convention, and who was first named for chairman of the committee, Judge McDonald asked if Mr. Brown was on any committee. Mr. Brown said he did not care to be put in such a place, but several voices asked that he accept, and he finally agreed to do so.

Mr. Brown then moved adjournment until 1 o'clock, and this was carried. Afternoon Session.
When the convention reconvened a few minutes after 1 o'clock in the afternoon, 32 delegates were present. A few others came later.

Chairman Thatcher of the committee on credentials reported the result of the deliberations of the committee as follows: "We, your committee on credentials report as follows: That populists present from the several precincts be seated and empowered to cast the whole number of votes said precincts are entitled to. Proxies properly endorsed from otherwise not represented precincts be allowed, as though delegates were present."

Brown moved adoption of the report with the exception that Janeway or Mathews be not allowed seats or to represent proxies. It was seconded. V. E. Bull thought it cold-blooded, though he thought Janeway would be nery to come in, but thought Mathews was all right. Brown retaliated by saying that Janeway bolted and made a speech to the democrats, and that Mathews virtually bolted. Neither were populists, and had not the interests of the party at heart. He asked that his motion prevail.

John Ross explained that the word "populists" in the report was for a purpose, and covered the case, and the report was adopted without opposition. Brown moved that those who participate in the convention pledge themselves to support its nominees. This was seconded and carried without opposition.

On roll call, the precincts were shown entitled to the following representation, present in person and by proxy. Much of the representation was secured through motions that those present from various precincts be allowed to cast the precinct vote:

Bethel—Two present, 3 votes.
Branham—One present, 1 vote.
Colton City—One present, 4 votes.
North Colfax—Four present.
Colfax, First ward—Six votes represented, some present.
Second ward—Nine votes represented, some present.
Third ward—Five votes represented, one present.
Farmington—One present, 4 votes.
Guy—Three present, 5 votes.
Harper—One present, 3 votes.
Matlock—One present, 3 votes.
Onocho—One present, 3 votes.
Fallons—Two present, 4 votes.
Palouse City, east—One present, 4 votes.
Palouse City, west—One present, 4 votes.
Pullman City, north—One present, 4 votes.
Pullman City, south—Three present, 7 votes.
Rosalia City—One present, some proxies.
Seats—One present, 2 votes.
Thornton—One present, 4 votes.

About 36 delegates were present in person, the 36 carrying proxies for the remainder, easily gotten under the loose way business has been done. Though but 83 votes were represented, personally and by proxy, the vote on sheriff climbed to 100. Little discrepancies like this never did cut any figure in a populist convention, and there was no reason why time-honored methods should be questioned then, so not a word was said.

AN ILEGANT SCRAP.

Janeway Charged With Democracy. Was Kicked Out.

When the call of the roll reached Rosalia J. N. Janeway, who was chairman of the badly tangled convention of May 17, arose and offered himself and 8 or 10 proxies.

In support of his previous motion, Brown made a vociferous, saw-the-air speech. He charged Janeway with posing before the May convention as a thorough populist and hoodwinking good populists into supporting him for chairman of that convention; and then, the moment he was landed in the chair, making a fusion speech and using all the power of his position to turn the populist party, body and breeches, to the democrats, on a pre-arranged plan. He charged Janeway with having taken a seat in the body of the democratic convention at that time and making a speech in which he declared the populist convention a farce and a by-word.

"Now," shouted Mr. Brown, "this man Janeway has the colossal nerve to appear here and attempt to dictate the policy and results of a populist convention. In fact he is such a l—l of a good populist that he wants to cast ten votes!"

Mr. Janeway denied that he ever had a democratic thought. He did acknowledge, however, that he had been approached and warmly solicited by democratic emissaries to throw up his job as chairman of the populist convention, meander over to the democrats and take his pick of offices for his treachery. But his past private and political life had been one of rectitude. He told the democratic devil to sneak in behind him, and he stood to his post and gripped the gavel as long as there was a fraction in the convention or a middle-of-the-roader nominee. Ben W. Powers of Palouse and A. J. Stone of Pine City were selected for representatives.

In the seventh district V. E. Bull was chairman and Judge McDonald secretary. Nineteen delegates participated, but 23 paper slips came out of the hat. For representatives J. H. St. Lawrence and Henry Meany of Colfax, Glenn Johnson of Onocho and J. B. Hicks of Pullman were placed in nomination. One ballot sufficed. The result was the choice of St. Lawrence and Hicks by the following vote: Hicks 34, St. Lawrence 25, Meany 13, Johnson 12.

No State Delegation.

St. Lawrence said there was no use to send a midroad delegation to a state convention to be made "monkeys" of, and advocated that, as populists, they let the fusion outfit alone, and that no state delegation be selected unless a mid-road convention is called.

Brown moved, and it was carried, that in case a midroad state convention is called, that the executive committee appoint a state delegation of midroaders. Judge McDonald moved reorganization of the county central committee, and also the selection of a campaign committee.

The roll of the present county central committee was read in order to weed out the apostates and put none but good men on guard. When the name of W. C. Jarrett of Branham was reached it was asserted that he was woebly, but further evidence resulted in his retention on the committee.

Considerable trouble was had in the weeding and casting out of those contaminated by the fusion bacilli or desertion straight. They found a number, and they were cast to the swine. Even Father R. J. Wicks went with the balance, as Melvold was substituted as precinct committeeman for Onocho. It was charged Wicks has said things no good populist should say. Gid Kent was put on in place of J. C. Crow in Fallons. T. W. Savage was bounced at Pullman and Henry Lingz substituted. Levi Crawford went out in favor of John Bach at Pullman.

J. N. Biggs was summarily fired at Rosalia. S. Hamilton was thrown out at Sutton, but no one chosen in his place. O. M. Sparks was displaced at Tekoa by F. C. Doremus. Walter Savage was thrown overboard in favor of Dr. Holzer of Uniontown.

For temporary chairman of the central committee, to act until the first meeting, J. H. St. Lawrence was chosen. Judge McDonald moved selection of an executive campaign committee of five. He advocated the selection of J. T. Brown as the head of this committee, because of his extraordinary qualities and peculiar talents for the place. He was chosen.

Brown said there was war on—war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt. He wanted a good working team with him, and with it he would give the republicans and democrats the d—dest fight ever heard of. Paul Maurer, T. B. Richardson, J. H. St. Lawrence, and C. A. Ross were chosen as the balance of the committee.

The legislative nominations were ratified. A motion that the secretary prepare a list of the nominations and file same with the auditor was carried, and the

last convention of the year adjourned. Populist Resolutions.
The committee on resolutions reported the following, which was adopted:

We, the people's party of Whitman county, Washington, in convention assembled, reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of direct legislation and the government and municipal ownership of all public utilities.

We demand that the congress of the United States exercise its constitutional authority to issue all money of the country and regulate the value thereof, without the intervention of banks or other private corporations, and that it open the mints of the United States to the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1.

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We denounce the present republican administration of Whitman county for despoiling the taxpayers by unnecessarily and unjustly increasing the rate of taxation 35 per cent, as compared with the rate under the populist administration, and pledge our candidates, if elected, to resume the system of economy in county affairs making such excessive taxation unnecessary.

We denounce fusion as political prostitution, where the parties thereto surrender principle for the purpose of the distribution of offices; and such action on the part of political parties is to denounce the voters, to the end that a favored few may enjoy the public offices.

WHO THE RIOTERS WERE

Bartlett Sinclair Says They Were All Democrats or Populists.

Not a Single Republican Was to Be Found Among Coeur d'Alene Murderers and Dynamiters.

Bartlett Sinclair, state auditor of Idaho, has long been regarded as one of the able men of his state. In company with many others, he flew the track in 1896, left the republican party and as a silver republican was elected on the fusion ticket as state auditor by something like 6000. Four years with the conglomerated mess has been enough for Mr. Sinclair. A few days ago he gave this statement to the press for general distribution. He is particularly severe on democrats and populists as good and law-abiding citizens. He was the managing agent of Gov. Steunenberg in suppression of the Coeur d'Alene riots and in a position to know.

Now Straight Republican.
"I have concluded to support the McKinley administration and our state republican ticket throughout," said he. "However hard we may try to force the silver issue to the front again it cannot be done. It is no longer a party question. No political question was ever more thoroughly disposed of. I left the republican party because when silver was a question there were 6000 or 8000 Idaho republicans who took the same view. Those who think as I do will return to the republican party, the creed of which was and is otherwise acceptable. There is now no common attitude for the silver republican party and the democratic party to take, since the silver question cannot be contorted into an issue. The declaration in the democratic platform favoring 16 to 1 is nothing short of childish consistency.

"Yes, I think the position of the two parties on the question of law and order has had much to do with my determination to support McKinley. The state of Idaho was put to severe test and the McKinley administration was friendly to us, although the democratic party in congress unanimously condemned us for trying to sustain the law against the assaults of the dynamiters and anarchists. The republican party is the party of law and order in Idaho and everywhere else.

Dynamiters Democrats or Populists.
"No republican took part in the assassinations and violence of the Coeur d'Alenes. They were either populists or democrats. I know this of my personal knowledge. The dynamite methods are distinctively populist. Republicans, by training and belief, oppose violence. Indeed, whatever charges may be brought against the republican party its law and order tendencies will never be impeached. In order to prevent platform condemnation of the Idaho administration for its course in the Coeur d'Alene the law and order element of the democratic party and the whole body of silver republicans were forced to appeal for months to democratic leaders.

"Of course it is unpleasant to cease political cooperation with some of my democratic friends in Idaho. There are Governor Steunenberg, State Treasurer Rice, Attorney General Hays, Jay Czeck, state mine inspector, and democrats of their patriotic impulses with whom I have been associated for nearly two years. These men represent the very best in democratic politics, and for that reason are not in high favor with the democratic organization of the state, nor the rank and file of the party. The magnificent administration of Governor Steunenberg, which has been non-partisan, would at the hands of the republican party secure him the greatest applause, but in the democratic party will well nigh encompass his defeat and retirement. His administration, for economy, wisdom and fairness, should since him in undisputed leadership of his party, instead, however, he is compelled to struggle to retain simple membership in it. He is reviled and abused for his patriotic and fearless devotion to the laws of his state and even threatened with impeachment by members of his own political party for doing his official duty."

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