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## THE CONVENTION ECHOES

### Oklahomans Follow Style of Ardmore Convention.

The democratic parties of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory will each send contesting delegations to the national convention at Kansas City, and for similar reasons. While it is probable that the contesting national delegates of both territories will be seated, yet should the national convention see fit to pass upon the merits of the contests and hold in favor of the Oklahoma democrats who did not bolt as against those who reorganized the convention under Jasper Spies, it would, to be consistent, have to hold out against the Indian Territory democrats, who did not bolt, and remained in the convention hall under the leadership of Dr. A. J. Wolverton.

#### WHEREIN THEY DIFFER.

This seeming contradiction is due to the fact that the convention in each territory that remained in continuous session followed an entirely different procedure in casting the vote in temporary organization. In both territories those delegates who organized what were called the bolting conventions were alleged to be in the minority, and in each instance their opponents accused them of bolting simply because they were in the minority.

In Oklahoma when the original convention was called to order, the recommendation of the central committee as to temporary officers who were friendly to the majority slate, was adopted by acclamation. When the appointment of committees was reached, the major faction wanted the vote taken by roll call, holding that the delegate representation allowed each county in the official call of the central committee should be taken as authority for the temporary roll call. The Spies men, or minority, protested, alleging that the convention was an unorganized body and that a vote by roll call as proposed would be invalid because the central committee had not received and passed upon the rolls of the different delegations. The roll call proceeded, nevertheless, and the committees were appointed according to the prearranged plans of the supporters of James R. Jacobs, candidate for national committee man.

#### A DEPARTURE FROM PRECEDENT.

In naming committees, the precedent had been for each delegation to name one member on each of the three regular committees. The Jacobs faction had twelve of the larger counties and the Osage Indian reservation. The Spies men had eleven of the twenty-three counties and two Indian reservations, making a total of thirteen delegations, a tie. Should the precedent be observed, the Jacobs men feared that they might lose control of the permanent organization, and adopted by roll call a motion authorizing the chairmen to appoint seven persons on each of the three committees. This brought the row to a climax and the Spies delegation organized another convention.

#### THE PROXIES COULDN'T BE HEARD.

At Ardmore, the initial fight was to gain control of the temporary

organization. The Marcum men, supposed to be in the minority on a viva voce vote, for the reason that they came to the convention from a greater distance and had a larger number of proxies, urged the territorial executive committee to prepare a roll of the delegations to be used in voting for temporary officers. Chairman Galt refused to convene the committee to prepare the roll. The Wolverton men dictated the name of the temporary presiding officer, J. S. Davenport, of Vinita, to the executive committee, which recommended him, and Chairman Galt declared him elected by viva voce vote as soon as he was able to make his voice heard above the uproar. The Marcum men had gone to the convention with a proposition appealing to the convention from the refusal of Chairman Galt to convene the executive committee, and asking the Wolverton men to appoint a committee of three persons to meet with a like committee representing Marcum and prepare a temporary roll of the delegations to be used in voting upon temporary officers. The Marcum men never got recognition from Chairman Galt. Davenport was called to the chair and the Marcum men left the convention.

#### POLITICIANS ARE BLAMED.

Democrats of both factions deplore the row in the Indian Territory and say that its results will be disastrous to party organization for years to come. Ambitious politicians looking forward to office under a territorial or state form of government, and seeking at this time to get absolute control of the party machinery, are accused of bringing about the rupture, not as a matter of strategy, but as the result of intolerance and vindictiveness against rivals. In the Indian Territory, as in Oklahoma, there is a large number of free silver democrats who are arrayed against a wing of the party headed by influential politicians who were federal office holders under the Cleveland administration which has tainted them with the suspicion that they favor the gold standard.

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#### Conscientious Secretary.

Secretary Roark, of the Wagoner democratic club, refused to make affidavit to the correctness of the roll of 1325 names that appeared on the roll, and was turned out of office and a successor elected. Roark stated that the names had been handed him by the committee appointed but that he could not swear they were all democrats or that they received their mail at Wagoner.

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#### WAS NOT RECOGNIZED.

#### James Fallon Not Known Upon His Return from Prison.

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Recently there stepped from the train at Muskogee a man apparently aged about 55 years. His hair, once black, was well streaked with gray. It was Fallon, as he is known, returning to visit his relatives in the territory after a confinement of sixteen years. He went to those who had known him before his trial, but none recognized him. In the suburbs he met an old man of 70 years who had been his friend during the trial at Fort Smith in 1884, but he had forgotten him. One man in Muskogee, Col. Jones, remembered and recognized him.

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