

DEMOCRATS IN JUBILEE MEETING AT PHOENIX

Old Time Party Leaders Vie With Each Other In Pledges of Party Fealty In State Campaign

BIRDNO IS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

John R. Hampton Is Named As Executive Committeeman From Greenlee County

The most harmonious political meeting that has ever been held in Arizona was held at the council chambers of the state capitol Nov. 11. The democratic state committee and the state and county candidates, together with many leading democrats of Arizona participated.

At 10:30 J. P. Dillon, chairman of the State Committee, called the meeting to order, with J. H. Robinson of Prescott, secretary.

The chamber was filled to its utmost capacity. Mr. Dillon congratulated the party upon its splendid condition and absolute harmony, and predicted a sweeping success at the polls on December 12th next, and then called for nominations for temporary chairman.

Hon. John R. Hampton of Greenlee county, in a speech that elicited thunders of applause, placed before the committee the name of Reese M. Ling for chairman. During his speech Mr. Hampton very appropriately voiced the sentiments of every thoughtful democrat in Arizona, when he said that the republican leaders and their newspapers are hoping and watching for the strong feeling of discontent that they felt sure would follow the vigorous and hardfought primary contest—"but," said the speaker, "I have personally met or received letters from every candidate in the late democratic primaries, and they one and all are standing true and firm for the democratic ticket." "This," quoth Mr. Hampton, "is a sore disappointment to that party."

The remarks of the gentleman from Greenlee were received with great applause, and after every county in Arizona seconding the nomination of Mr. Ling, he was elected by acclamation.

Chairman Dillon appointed Morris Goldwater of Prescott and Dr. Sampson of Winslow, to escort Mr. Ling to the chair. The reception given Reese Ling upon taking his seat must have warmed the heart of that stalwart son of Yavapai, as the enthusiasm aroused by his name was unbounded, and in his speech of acceptance he struck a happy chord in the democratic heart when he pledged, in well selected language his fealty to the successful candidates and the grand old party that has never lowered its colors, storm or sunshine. Mr. Ling's speech was a splendid effort and endeared him to the men who heard its ringing words.

Upon Mr. Ling's motion C. M. Shannon, one of Arizona's stalwart democrats, was invited to the platform, and considerable amusement was created when the old timers realized that the last time these two favorite sons of Arizona were seen on the platform together, was in the famous Smith-Wilson dual convention in Phoenix, when Messrs. Shannon and Ling were dual chairmen.

Mr. Shannon's appearance on the platform today with Reese Ling elicited great applause, but when Vernon L. Clark said that "the last appearance of Ling and Shannon on the stage together necessitated the seating of the sheriff of Maricopa county upon the platform to maintain peace" and he moved, for the purpose of making the picture true to nature, that Sheriff Hayden be invited to a seat. This was followed by uproarious applause, and Carl Hayden, the popular democratic nominee for congress was invited to the stand.

Senator Ives of Tucson arose to nominate a temporary chairman, and in doing so, made a magnificent plea for democratic harmony. Mr. Ives spoke with vigor and aroused great enthusiasm when he pleaded so ably for democratic harmony. "We owe it to the people of the United States, to the stalwart democrats of the house and senate who gave Arizona

her statehood" quoth Mr. Ives, "to elect every democrat on our state and county tickets and thus show our loyalty to the party and the men who stood so nobly for our cause." The speech of Senator Ives was a magnificent tribute, coming from a defeated candidate, and it made him many friends in that stalwart gathering. When the Senator named Lamar Cobb for temporary secretary the audience cheered to the echo, and Mr. Cobb was chosen by acclamation.

In taking his seat, Lamar Cobb surprised his friends, the entire audience and himself with his speech—and it is not saying too much to say that for genuine wit, humor and real fun, it far surpassed anything ever heard in Arizona, and fairly convulsed the audience.

C. M. Zander of Maricopa county nominated John J. Birdno of Safford for chairman of the central committee. He paid a high tribute to Birdno, speaking of his eminent fitness and qualifications for the office. John R. Hampton and Frank DeSouza seconded the nomination. Upon motion of C. B. Wood, Mr. Birdno was elected by a rising vote that was unanimous. Messrs. Hampton and Wood were appointed to escort the chosen leader to the chair.

Chairman Birdno stated that it was not necessary for him to make a speech. Each man present, he said, was certain to make only one cross on his ballot and he would work with the others for the success of the ticket.

In nominating George Michelson of Yuma for secretary, W. F. Timmons spoke of the great injustice of denying the ballot to thousands of voters in every way entitled to cast votes in Arizona's first state election.

The nomination of Michelson was seconded by W. T. Webb, who moved a rising vote. Michelson's election also was unanimous, as was that of I. F. Wolpe for treasurer. Wolpe was nominated by Reese M. Ling of Prescott, seconded by W. F. Timmons, J. J. Keegan and B. F. Thum.

Wiley E. Jones submitted a telegram for the approval of the committee. This telegram, which was to the chairman of the democratic state central committee of New Mexico, met with no opposition. On the other hand, it was enthusiastically approved and sent, as follows:

A. A. JONES.—Chairman Dem. State Central Committee, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

The Democratic State Central Committee of Arizona and its state and local candidates now assembled send greeting to the democracy of New Mexico and its valiant co-workers and congratulate them and the people of your commonwealth upon your magnificent victory achieved on Tuesday last. The ringing answer of New Mexico to the appeal for honest government is a gladsome omen and cheers the democratic heart. We wish you God-speed in the work confided to your hands, and we promise you the welcome news on December 12th of a rousing democratic victory throughout Arizona.

J. J. BIRDNO, Chairman. Privileges of the floor were extended to Selim Michelson, Henry Shoup, William Neagle, B. A. Packard, T. G. Norris, Sam Small, Steve Roemer and E. A. Sawyer.

After some slight discussion, the state executive committee, one member from each county, was named as follows:

- Apache—Fred T. Colton, St. John's.
- Cochise—C. R. Howe, Tombstone.
- Coconino—To be supplied.
- Gila—J. J. Keegan, Globe.
- Graham—W. T. Webb, Pima.
- Greenlee—J. R. Hampton, Clifton.
- Maricopa—C. M. Zander, Phoenix.
- Mohave—E. F. Thompson, Kingman.
- Pinal—Thos. F. Weedon, Florence.
- Pima—E. J. Trippel, Tucson.
- Yavapai—R. M. Ling, Prescott.
- Yuma—P. J. Miller, Yuma.
- Santa Cruz—F. J. Duffy, Nogales.
- Navajo—Geo. P. Sampson, Winslow.
- M. G. Cunniff of Crown King moved that a platform committee of one from each county be named. The following committee was selected.
- Apache—To be chosen later.
- Cochise—J. R. Henderson.
- Coconino—Geo. Babbitt.
- Gila—J. J. Keegan.
- Graham—Wiley E. Jones.
- Greenlee—L. F. Vaughn.
- Maricopa—C. B. Wood.
- Mohave—J. B. Whitesides.
- Navajo—R. G. Bizzell.
- Pinal—J. G. Keating.
- Pima—A. P. Martin.
- Yavapai—M. G. Cunniff.
- Yuma—W. F. Timmons.
- Santa Cruz—Frank J. Duffy.

REFERENDUM IS FAVORED BY SAM GOMPERS

Also Initiative and the Judicial Recall. Criticizes Taft For His Veto of Arizona's Constitution

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 13.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of labor, in his report, submitted today to the delegates of the 31st annual convention, predicted great changes in American methods of government, particularly with regard to political parties. He gave the referendum initiative and the recall the unqualified endorsement of organized labor and declared that a real, representative democracy had never been known in the United States because of the general absence of those provisions.

"This semi-defalcation of judges" he said in defense of his endorsement, "this sanctimonious cant about 'mob rule' some of which was in President Taft's message vetoing the Arizona statehood bill, is mere drivel."

President Gompers' report, which covers sixty closely printed pages, and would make more than thirty columns in a newspaper, says that leaves many subjects untouched or inadequately presented.

In the main, the report declares, for, and says that organized labor demands: The referendum, the initiative and the recall.

Passage of the so-called anti-injunction bills at the next session of congress.

Restriction of immigration. Further restriction of convict labor.

Legislation to relieve civil-service employes from the executive orders prohibiting them to petition congress. Uniform laws for protection of life and health in factory buildings.

A department of labor in the federal government.

Employers' liability and workmen's compensation acts throughout the states.

Severe arraignment is made of so-called scientific management or efficiency systems.

With its membership now more than 1,750,000, the greatest in its history, and, its financial condition excellent, the organization often called the greatest altruistic institution of the times enters the thirty-first year of its work.

"Despite all opposition of the most relentless kind, the American labor movement grows and thrives; its beneficent influence for the common uplift of labor and of all our people extends to all fields of useful activity and is becoming more generally recognized. The power which labor holds within its grasp is understood by our opponents perhaps better than by many of the toilers. The fact is that labor's opponents, like the Tories of the past, many of whom are still with us, are afraid to trust the people."

"With power in the hands of labor and of the people generally, comes a quickening sense of responsibility. And though errors are liable to occur they bring experience and an avoidance of recurrence. The errors of encroachments of the few or of an autocrat teach them no lessons and are rectified only by the people's revolt. How perfectly safe freedom is, is a truth not yet fully understood," says the report.

"Labor's contentions of many years have become merged, or have rather co-ordinated with those of the progressive of all parties. The people as a whole, irrespective of class, condition, calling for partisan alignment have declared for freedom in fact, and not merely in name. They are taking affairs political into their own hands. They will not longer tolerate the sale of legislation to the highest bidder or the granting of franchises to the richest bribe giver. Under the coming regime, assuredly there are to be no more court decrees entered as prepared in advance and ordered by the attorney for the stronger party—stronger politically or financially."

Revival of Basket Ball

Arrangements are being made to procure the Armory for practice by the basket ball team for the coming season and with the return of two of

the old championship team the outlook is good for a repetition of the exciting games such as were the rule two or three years ago.

Ramey the star center will soon be with us and with McIlvain, Ghizoni and Mason we have four old stars of the game and there is promise of good material for the remaining position, besides two good extra men are always in demand to fill vacancies.

In Sanders, McCambridge and Bradfield, we have good material and should show up well. As the Armory is wholly taken up by the Elks this week, the players can expect to be called upon for practice some time next week in anticipation of a game with Morenci soon. The popularity of basket ball as an indoor sport is recognized everywhere and recollection of the past dull summer, practically our first summer without a basket ball team in many years, should serve as an incentive to help the basket ball team by patronizing the games. There is not a cent in it for the players, only hard work and sometimes undeserved criticism, and judging by the numerous inquiries as to a basket ball team "to beat Morenci" the sport is in demand and the people want it, and what the people want they should have.

REPUBLICAN GUNS OPEN CAMPAIGN IN CLIFTON

Two Candidates For United States Senate and Candidate For Representative Visit Clifton District.

BIG HOUSE GREET SPEAKERS

John S. Williams of Cochise Co. Continues To Be the Big Drawing Card.

The opening guns in the Republican state campaign were fired in Clifton this week. The three principal candidates on the Republican ticket were here, Hon. Ralph Cannon, candidate for the United States Senate; Hon. Hoyal A. Smith, candidate for United States Senate, and Hon. J. S. Williams, candidate for congress.

The candidates spoke in Clifton at Prettyman's opera house on Tuesday evening and were at Morenci on Wednesday evening.

When the afternoon train arrived in Clifton the distinguished visitors were met at the train by the Clifton brass band, a number of leading republicans, together with members of the Republican county committee, and escorted to the Clifton Hotel.

A large crowd assembled at the opera house at eight o'clock where R. G. Franz presided as chairman and introduced the speakers.

In a brief, terse and virile speech Ralph H. Cameron addressed the audience. He said in part:

"I have been greatly criticised by opposing candidates and press throughout Arizona because of some of my actions, but I want to say that I have not one thing to apologize for in my representation of the territory of Arizona in Washington for the past three years. My heart, my soul and my body have been in my work. I didn't go to Washington to represent alone the Republicans, the Democrats, the Socialists or the Populists, but to represent the people of Arizona one and all. You never will have a representative in congress nor ever have had one that worked harder or with more honesty of purpose for your interests than I."

"When the enabling act was passed by congress, allowing the people of Arizona to draft a state constitution, my pledge to the people was fulfilled. But I did not stop there. When the constitution was framed, adopted and sent to Washington, I worked hard to secure its approval, I was after statehood. But when President Taft put his hands on my shoulders one day and told me that never so long as he lived would he approve a constitution containing the recall of the judiciary, I was convinced that my duty was to get statehood by eliminating the recall, relying on my conviction that the people of Arizona would put the recall back in the constitution whenever they wanted it."

A SEAPORT FOR ARIZONA. "I am for the majority of the peo-

ple first, last and all the time. The constitution suited me personally when it was drafted, and it suits me now. All these things taken into consideration, I believe there are enough people in the state of Arizona to stand by Ralph Cameron and make him United States senator.

"The press has made numerous allusions to my Port Lobos project for the benefit of Arizona, accusing me of trying to grab a slice from Mexico. I am no grafter. Without any grabbing I believe Mexico and the United States can adjust the sale of northwestern Sonora to the United States with entire accord so that Arizona will get a seaport."

Space does not permit the Era to give an extended account of all the speeches.

Mr. Cameron was followed by Hoyal A. Smith and the speech making was concluded by "Jack" Williams.

Speaking of his position on the Recall of Judges Mr. Williams said:

"In their speeches these politicians harp unceasingly on the initiative, referendum and the recall, though they are no longer issues. There is not one word of constructive projects in their speeches, not a word about remedying our financial difficulties. They can only offer the recall as a panacea to put smoke in idle factories, and bread in the mouths of a laborer's children. People have approached me frequently recently to know how I stand on the recall of the judiciary. I invariably say that I am in favor of elimination and resubmission. But they say, how will you vote on it. That is an unfair question, because the questioners themselves are not on record as to what their votes will be, but I am willing to place myself on record, here and now. "So long as I have breath in my body, I will protest against that iniquitous institution in its present form. I certainly believe that when an officer is elected and proves recreant to his trust he ought most surely to be removed. But did you ever stop to think how the recall as we have it in our constitution works out?"

THE TRIAL OF A JUDGE.

"Let a judge make an unpopular decision, based on an intricate problem of law which the layman knows nothing about. A recall petition is drawn, found legal as to form, and a recall election is ordered, with the incumbent defending his character against the worst stain that could be placed upon it, and at the same time trying to defend himself against one or several rival candidates of other parties."

"Now it takes 12 men to convict a burglar caught stealing two knives and forks from a deserted house, but you would try a judge for the greatest crime known to organized society, that of being faithless to his trust, before a biased jury, without indictment according to law, and with absolutely no chance in the world save that he may write 2000 words on the ballot. Against such a monument of unfairness as this every principle of fairness in my makeup revolts. I am against it first, last and all the time."

YOUNG HORSE THIEF CAPTURED

Deputy Sheriffs Follow a Crooked Trail For Two Days in the Mountains

On Saturday afternoon last word was received from Sheldon by telephone that a horse, saddle and bridle and a pistol belonging to Ray Sexton of that place had been stolen. The theft had been committed during the absence of Mr. Sexton at Solomonville. The disappearance of Ed Laffave, who had been stopping in that neighborhood was also reported and suspicion was at once directed to him.

At five o'clock Saturday afternoon Frank Lavery and Dick Boyle deputy sheriffs, left Clifton to pick up the trail.

The officers left Clifton and road to the Rattlesnake ranch where they struck the trail of the young man wanted and after an all night ride overhauled him the next day on the road to Alma, N. M.

When overtaken by the officers Laffave made no resistance and was brought back to the Blue where the stolen horse was left in a pasture to recuperate from his hard ride through the mountains. From the time the officers left Clifton until they landed their prisoner in jail they traveled 150 miles.

The accused boy had his preliminary hearing Wednesday before Judge

RADICALS INVESTIGATE HARMON'S CLAIMS AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Democratic Leader in Nebraska Says He Has Been Misjudged By Rank and File of His Party

Columbus, O., Nov. 15.—The Omaha (Nebraska) World Herald, owned by U. S. Senator Hitchcock and the largest Democratic newspaper in Nebraska, commented as follows upon the statement issued by Ex-Secretary of State W. F. Porter of Lincoln, Nebraska, and close personal friend of W. J. Bryan, in declaring for Governor Harmon for president: "The World-Herald published a characteristic letter from W. F. Porter, long a radical populist leader in Nebraska politics, concerning Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio. Mr. Porter is a man of rasing and often disagreeable outspokenness, but by the same token he says what he means and he means to be fair.

"Mr. Porter's experience is not an uncommon one. He had somehow gained the impression that Harmon is 'closely allied with the corporate interests' and is a reactionary Democrat. He was persuaded, however, to look up Harmon's official record. He did so, with the following result: "After reading these articles and after the most careful and conscientious deliberation, I have reached the conclusion that as an honest and fair-minded man I owe it to myself and to Governor Harmon to publicly acknowledge that I have misjudged the man, for no honest intelligent person can read his speech and message and say other than 'this man is a progressive statesman of the highest type.' I know of but one other governor who has to his credit so many laws in the interest of the people passed under such unfavorable circumstances, and that other is Governor La Follette of Wisconsin."

"Mr. Porter did what many another man has done, he denounced Governor Harmon in prejudice and ignorance. Now that he has learned to know Harmon as he is, as disclosed by his official record and his public utterances, he gives the same verdict that the people of Republican Ohio gave by 100,000 majority; the same verdict that Hoke Smith gives, that Newton D. Baker gives, that even our own Governor Aldrich has given after meeting and associating with him intimately.

"The World-Herald desires not to be misunderstood. It is not taking these means to 'boost' Judson Harmon for the presidency. He might be the most courageous and loyal Democrat in the country and still not be the most available candidate. But the World-Herald is exercising not only its privilege, but its duty as a Democratic newspaper in seeing to it that in its columns at least a man who by his deeds and his Leadership deserves the thanks of good Democrats is justly and fairly dealt with."

Moder and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. He was taken to Solomonville to be confined in the county jail there until the first term of court in Greenlee County.

Horse Thieves Were Poor Riders

On Monday night last Sid Thompson and two friends left their horses standing in the main street of New Town, Morenci, when three Mexicans mounted them and rode pell mell out of town. Chase was at once started and they came up with one of them who had collided with a wagon alongside of the road and was lying unconscious in a pile of rocks. Near the smelter the posse came upon another who had been thrown in a pile of slag. Not far from Cansler's stable the remaining horse was found but the thief had escaped to the hill or some hiding place and as yet has not been located.

High School Entertainment Course

Attend the high school entertainment course—one of the best courses ever given in Clifton. The attractions will be: Gov. Joseph W. Folk, Nov. 20, 1911. Whitney Bros. Quartet, Dec. 8, 1911. Lourant the Magician, Jan. 27, 1912. Le Brun, Grand Opera, Feb. 20, 1912. Opie Read, Novelist, Mar. 9, 1912. Tickets to these five attractions can be secured at the phenomenal low rate of \$5.00, reserved seats included. Tickets will be sold and reserved at the A. C. drug store. Single tickets \$1.00 each.