

ARTHUR M. BOWEN ENTERS THE RACE AGAINST ELDER

Twin Falls Attorney Candidate for National Committeeman—County Chairman Against Primary.

Instructed for Elder. (Capital News Special Service.) Coeur d'Alene, March 18.—The Kootenai Democratic county committee today selected 24 delegates to the Pocatello convention, placed them under the unit rule and instructed them to vote for the re-election of Robert H. Elder as national committeeman. President Wilson and Governor Alexander were also endorsed.

Arthur M. Bowen of Twin Falls, one of the most prominent attorneys in the state, is a candidate for national committeeman, subject to the will of the next Democratic state convention to be held at Pocatello May 18. This was the authentic information received by leading Democrats of Boise last night. The fight for the committeemanship is therefore just beginning, for it is understood that Mr. Bowen will probably not have the field to himself. Robert H. Elder of Coeur d'Alene, present national committeeman, is a candidate to succeed himself and it is said several favorites will be brought out by counties over the state. Some of them propose to carry on the fight for Senator Jerome J. Day, in spite of the fact he announced his withdrawal.

Mr. Bowen has been prominently identified with Democratic party affairs for a number of years. He served one term in the state senate from Blaine county and took a prominent part in the enactment of important legislation. During the recent meeting of the Democratic state central committee he made a strenuous fight on behalf of the rank and file for a preferential primary and a party primary but was unsuccessful owing to the manner in which the Pence-Nugent-Elder machine jammed their reactionary proxy program through. Apparently this action has aroused more revolt in the Democratic party in this state than it has seen for some years. It is understood the reactionary program is to be carried out in detail in every county in the state by refusing to hold party primaries for the selection of delegates to the state convention.

Ada Chairman Against Primary. In Ada county, a majority of the county committee instructed the county chairman to call a party primary, but he has served notice through the press he does not consider the meeting of the committeemen regular and that in due course of time he will call the committee together for the purpose of electing the delegates to the state convention. This is taken by the rank and file of the Democratic party as notice from their county chairman he will carry the state committee fight into the county committee and attempt to

control it with the object in view of preventing a party primary. During the meeting of the state committee, the Ada county chairman was conspicuous as a proxy holder fighting against the direct primary. His main ground of opposition was that the county committee was now in debt and he alleged could not afford to go to the expense of calling a primary.

Hawley Offers to Pay Expense. Apparently the county chairman's bluff as to the expense has been completely and decisively called by James H. Hawley, ex-governor of the state, who has given out that he will bear the total expense of a party primary election in Ada county if the county committee will call such a primary. Mr. Hawley is a strong advocate of the primary and stands opposed to the machine domination which appears to be so evident within the party. He believes that the Democrats of Ada county are entitled to a preference vote on party matters. His offer to meet the expenses of a primary, therefore, appears to relieve the county chairman from worry over that feature.

Nugent to Make Personal Appeal. It was broadly hinted in some quarters and openly charged in others that the Democrats of Ada county are about to witness the spectacle of one of the party leaders, John F. Nugent, appealing to Democratic county central committeemen to stand against a party primary on the grounds of personal friendship to him. These reports have caused not a little free criticism. Many Democrats claim that, while the former state chairman made the fight before the state committee personal as against the Day brothers, he will hardly resort to carrying the same kind of a fight into his own county to bind committeemen to oppose a policy they favor because of personal obligations to him and personal friendship. However, it is pointed out, Mr. Nugent did not hesitate to make a personal attack before the state committee and this is cited as grounds for the charge he may do the same thing in his own county.

There was every indication in Democratic circles last night that the revolt against the reactionary machine domination within the party is rapidly reaching a climax and open revolt is facing the Pence-Nugent-Elder machine in many of the counties. While the Elder people are desperately endeavoring to control the county delegates, many of them promise to go to the Pocatello convention either instructed for some other "favorite son" or uninstructed, making them free lances in picking the strongest man to defeat the machine candidate. It was reported some time ago that the Pence-Nugent-Elder machine would try to bind delegates from the counties they hope to control by the unit rule. This they were able to do in Nez Perce county, the first to elect delegates to the state convention, but the margin was very small. The same ruse will be attempted in other counties to bind delegates.

MEETING OF LAND OWNERS AT STAR

A meeting of the land owners on the north side of the Boise river between Boise and Caldwell will be held at Star on Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a drainage district. All those owning land or who are interested in the agricultural development of this section, are requested to attend.

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GOVERNOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

People of the State Called Upon to Observe Arbor Day.

An Arbor Day proclamation was issued yesterday by Governor Alexander calling on all citizens, public schools and state institutions to observe the day on the dates to be set by the superintendents of public instruction of the various counties by planting trees or ornamental shrubs. The proclamation is as follows:

"Whereas, in order to call especial attention to its importance and to add greater assurance to its due observance, it has become customary for the governor of the state to issue his proclamation urging that one day in each year be set aside in the public schools and other educational institutions of the state, to be known as Arbor day.

"Therefore, I, M. Alexander, governor of the state of Idaho, do set aside and proclaim as Arbor day, in each of the several counties of the state, that day which the superintendent of public instruction of each of said counties of the state of Idaho may determine best suited to the requirements of climatic or other conditions for the better promotion of a due regard for the care and cultivation of trees, shrubs and ornamental plants, and I do call upon the citizens, school authorities, children and parents of each such county to observe such designated day by planting some tree or ornamental shrub as well as to assemble to participate in instructive and entertaining public exercises intended to aid and encourage their propagation and protection.

"Done at Boise, the capital of the state of Idaho, this 16th day of March, 1916. "M. ALEXANDER, Governor."

Attest: GEORGE R. BARKER, Secretary of State.

FESTIVITIES HELD BY LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Latter Day Saints' Relief society of the Boise ward celebrated the seventy-third anniversary of the organization of the association St. Patrick's day, March 17, by rendering a splendid program, serving a sumptuous banquet and closing the day's pleasure with a dance in the evening.

The festivities and exercises were held in the G. A. R. hall and were attended by nearly 200 people. The exercises commenced by the rendering of a program on which Bishop George W. Lewis of the Boise ward and Heber Q. Hale, president of the Boise stake, were the speakers, the former treating the subject of "Our fathers and mothers," and the latter speaking to the topic, "Mile stones in woman's evolution." The singing was rendered by Mrs. Heber Q. Hale and members of the society. At 5 p. m. 200 people, including the ladies of the society and their husbands and the old folks of the ward, sat down to a substantial banquet served under the direction of the society, after which dancing until midnight was indulged in, bringing to a close the most successful and enjoyable occasion in the ward society's history.

Judge Alfred Budge acted as master of ceremonies at the banquet and toasts were responded to as follows: "The Old Folks," W. M. McKendrick; "The Anniversary of the L. D. S. Relief Society," Alfred Hognesen; "The Boise Ward Relief Society—Its Past," Mrs. Julia S. Handy; "Its Present and Future," Heber Q. Hale; "Its Presidency," C. Oscar Winkler; "Its Rank and File," Mrs. Florence Lewis.

A pleasing feature of the occasion was the entertainment of all the old folks of the ward, those who had attained the age of 50 years and over. These veterans were the guests of honor and were taken to and from the hall to their homes in automobiles. The oldest gentleman present was 76 years old and the oldest lady, 92. Both of these were presented with china and cut glass presents, respectively, as evidences of esteem and distinction.

The day's festivities were under the direction and supervision of the presidency of the relief society with Mrs. W. M. McKendrick, its president, presiding.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

That the public library was being supplied with books on the subject of prohibition, whose statistical accuracy was questionable, and whose sentiment was insidiously wrong, was the discovery made by a recent investigator in search of information, was reported, at the monthly parlor-meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Thompson on Friday afternoon. Following this statement, the state president spoke on the same subject and said that the national organization had reported such work done in various places by the liquor interests and a committee was appointed to more thoroughly investigate the subject. The matter for consideration for the afternoon was the life and work of the Hon. Neal Dow, the "Father of Prohibition." Mrs. Roan was the speaker, and for an hour she held the close attention of the women by her charming and unusual treatment of the subject.

After the close of the program, the time was given over to sociability. The house was decorated with carnations and violets and the guests were invited into the dining room where a lunch was served cafeteria-style, at very prettily appointed tables.

The next regular meeting will be held at the W. C. T. U. rooms, 405 Empire building, Friday, March 24 at 2:30 p. m. Subject, "Campaign Plans." Leader, Mrs. Vance.

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