

SURE VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS

State Convention Names Magnificent Ticket, With the Peerless Joseph K. Toole Once More Carrying the Gubernatorial Banner to Victory.

STIRRING CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATS

Platform Embodies Desires and Needs of the People--Factional Differences Settled in Manner Wise and Satisfactory to All Parties Concerned.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

Presidential Electors—
PAUL A. FUSZ,
of Granite,
PATRICK CARNEY,
of Madison,
EDWARD CALDWELL,
of Jefferson.

Representative in Congress—
AUSTIN C. GORMLEY,
of Cascade.

Governor—
JOSEPH K. TOOLE,
of Lewis and Clarke.

Lieutenant Governor—
EDWIN NORRIS,
of Beaverhead.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—
D. F. SMITH,
of Flathead.

Clerk of Supreme Court—
FINLAY M'RAE,
of Lewis and Clarke.

Secretary of State—
MILES ROMNEY,
of Ravalli.

Auditor—
PHIL C. GOODWIN,
of Silver Bow.

Treasurer—
DAVID G. BROWNE,
of Chouteau.

Attorney General—
CHARLES H. HALL,
of Missoula.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—
J. M. KAY,
of Carbon.

Helena, Sept. 15.—The Heinze contingent managed to get seats today with half a vote each in the state democratic convention and immediately that faction made a determined effort to force fusion with the populists, laborites and so-called "anti-trust" party upon the convention. The attempt was a dismal failure, however, the resolution being voted down overwhelmingly. The convention then proceeded to nominate candidates.

A striking feature of the convention was the nomination of J. K. Toole for governor by acclamation, followed by a demonstration that, for wild enthusiasm, was never equaled on any similar occasion in a political convention in Montana.

The convention was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by Chairman Norris, with the Silver Bow democratic delegation occupying the seats assigned to that county. In response to a call for the report of the credentials committee, H. S. Hepner, the chairman, read majority and minority reports of that committee. Both reports were in favor of giving all delegates who presented themselves in the convention seats, with the exception of the representatives from Silver Bow county. The majority report was in favor of excluding both the democratic delegates and the alleged contestants from the convention. The minority report favored giving the democratic delegates, as returned by the state central committee, seats in the convention.

The majority report of the committee was signed by the following members: Charles Scharf, M. M. Joyce, J. J. Dobson, C. C. Hurley, M. B. Conrow, G. T. Paul, J. W. Franks, C. O. Gruell, John Hogan, John Blewett, W. A. Trembley. The minority report of the committee was as follows:

"We recommend that the lists of delegates and alternates from the different counties in the state, inclusive of that of Silver Bow county, as submitted by the state central committee to your body, be accepted and the persons whose names are set forth in the said lists be declared the delegates and alternates entitled to a permanent seat in this convention."

The minority report was signed by John M. Madden, W. L. Brown, Charles E. Duer, J. J. Amiot, Geo. Cockrell, T. J. Thompson, Harvey Bliss, H. S. Hepner, E. H. Goodman and Thomas E. Brady.

Delegate C. E. Hurley of Dawson county moved the adoption of the majority report. Mr. Hepner moved, as an amendment, that the minority report be adopted.

Loeb Offers Compromise.

Delegate A. J. Loeb of Lewis and Clark county moved, as a substitute,

that all who presented themselves, claiming to be delegates from Silver Bow county, be allowed seats in the convention, each of them to have half a vote.

C. P. Connolly of Silver Bow seconded the substitute motion. Judge Bickford was a member, but was not allowed to vote at the sessions of the credentials committee, because he was also a member of the democratic delegation from Silver Bow, against the seating of which delegates there was an alleged contest.

John M. Evans of Missoula spoke in favor of the substitute motion. He said he believed that by its adoption harmony would be restored in the convention, so that it would go ahead and transact its business.

"In the interest of perpetual harmony in the democratic party in this state it would be well," said Mr. Evans, "to build a Chinese wall around Silver Bow county and elect Pat Mullins, or some other faction leader there, as king."

This suggestion was not applauded. No doubt Mr. Evans' bitterness against Silver Bow county was due in great part to the fact that, in the last election, that county gave a majority against him in his contest for congressman.

Governor Toole arose in his seat at this point, but before he could speak there was a demonstration of enthusiasm that interrupted the proceedings for some time. When he could be heard the governor was again interrupted with loud cries from all parts of the house that he take the platform.

Governor Toole spoke earnestly in favor of the proposed substitute motion. He expressed the hope that all differences would be adjusted amicably on the convention floor, so that a solid front would be presented behind the democratic banner in the campaign. The speaker said he did not indorse the proposition to deprive Silver Bow county of representation in the convention, as that county had a big democratic vote that was entitled to a voice in its deliberations.

Both Delegations Seated

It was declared by Governor Toole that he never had, and never would, favor any faction in the party. He said that, in the interest of justice and in the interest of the democratic party, he hoped that everything would be settled harmoniously by giving all the claimants for seats in the convention from Silver Bow county half a vote each. The speech of governor Toole was enthusiastically applauded and the substitute motion of Delegate Loeb prevailed.

In the meantime most of the Heinzeites had left the hall and those who were still there occupied standing room in the rear. It seemed to be a question among them whether or not they desired to take seats in the convention. Their hope had been that both delegations would be excluded from the convention, to the great injury of the democratic party and the consequent benefit of the populists, laborites and other factions to which they belong.

The report of the committee on permanent organization and order of business was read by chairman R. R. Purcell, who is the mayor of Helena. It was recommended Major Martin Maginnis be made the permanent chairman of the convention.

This was received with vociferous applause. Harvey Bliss, the temporary secretary, was named as the permanent secretary, with H. J. Skinner of Cascade as permanent assistant secretary. The report of the committee on platform and resolutions was read by A. M. Alderson. The reports of the committees on permanent organization and order of business and platform and resolutions were adopted as read.

Paul A. Fusz and John M. Evans were then appointed a committee to escort the permanent chairman, Martin Maginnis, to the platform. Major Maginnis made a felicitous speech, thanking the convention for the honor that had been conferred upon him. A recess was then taken for half an hour, but that period

proved too brief, as on account of the all-absorbing topic of the seating of the Silver Bow delegation the delegates had no previous opportunity to do any caucusing upon the question of nominations and other convention business before them. At the end of the half hour, on motion of Governor Toole, the convention adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fusion Proposition.

The convention was called to order again at 2:30 o'clock, when A. J. Loeb of Lewis and Clarke county asked to present a resolution, looking to fusion with other parties that were said to be in accord with the principles of the democratic party. The speaker expressed the belief that it was the part of expediency to give these factions some of the offices. It was proposed to appoint a committee of one delegate from each county to consider the proposition of fusion and report to the convention. Mr. Loeb was not explicit in his resolution as to what particular political parties it was proposed to fuse with. John MacGinnis of Silver Bow was more definite in a substitute that he proposed.

MacGinnis stated that it was desired by the fusionists that the democrats make no nominations for attorney general, state auditor and superintendent of public instruction.

It was also proposed in the MacGinnis resolution, that a committee of five be named, to have plenary power in the matter of conferring with the fusionists and naming the candidates who should fill the proposed blanks on the ticket.

Mr. MacGinnis also named the committee that he would like to have take charge of this very important business for his contingent. He named J. K. Toole, James B. Ponsford of Gallatin, W. M. Bickford, J. Murray of Beaverhead and I. G. Denny of Butte.

Governor Toole arose immediately and asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration as a member of that committee. He stated the proprieties of the occasion demanded that he should not serve on that committee. Mr. Toole called attention to the fact that he was to be a candidate before the convention. He declared that he was unwilling in these times, when there are so many accusations of selfishness, to put himself in a position to be accused of attempting to trade off anybody. Mr. Toole said he would rather not hold office again than to be placed in such a position.

The withdrawal of Governor Toole was accepted and the name of J. M. Evans of Missoula county was accepted as a substitute.

It was predicted that the platform of the populists, laborites and anti-trust parties would be the same as that of the democratic party and for that reason, it was declared there was to reason why fusion should not be effected.

A man from Valley county spoke in favor of fusion. He expressed the belief that the adoption of the measure would be the very means of insuring the success of the democracy in this campaign. This sentiment was hoisted from all parts of the house.

J. Bruce Cramer of Butte made an eloquent appeal to the convention to avoid the quagmire of fusionism. It was declared that the democratic party could elect J. K. Toole and every other nominee on the ticket without any aid from the parties named. In an impressive manner the warning was given that a conspiracy was afoot to injure the democratic party in attempting to commit the party to fusion. John M. Evans favored fusion, but he objected to the proposal of MacGinnis to the name of the three particular positions that should be parceled out to the fusionists.

A ringing speech that created a furor of enthusiasm and decided the fate of fusion closed the debate. That speech was made by P. J. Geraghty, of the democratic delegation from Butte. He made the declaration impressively that, if the men from Silver Bow county are honest in their declarations and would support the democratic ticket, there would be no need for fusion.

Overwhelming Defeat.

John R. Quigley moved that both the original resolution and the substitute be laid on the table.

This motion was promptly carried by such an overwhelming vote that a call for a division, by a voice among the Heinze contingent, was greeted with derisive laughter from all parts of the house.

Loeb of Lewis and Clarke, who presented the original fusion motion, got it again before the house separately on a technicality and it was again lost overwhelmingly, to the evident discomfiture of the Heinze forces. The fusion camel had managed to get its head into the democratic tent, but it utterly failed in its frantic efforts to force its whole body into the inclosure.

Many delegates, who had not understood the situation and who were inclined to put some faith in the claims of the Heinzeites that they were democrats, were disgusted when they

threw off their masks, proving that they were not members of that party, and after that they got no favors on any proposition in the convention. The confusion of fusion was so complete and emphatic as to leave no possible doubt about the matter. The fusionists did not leave the convention, however, but remained to take part in its deliberations.

And the Heinze band, that had been hired by the Heinze campaign committee, played "Massa's in de Col' Col' Ground."

Making Nominations.

Nominations of candidates were then proceeded with. Three nominations were made for presidential electors: Paul A. Fusz of Granite, Patrick Carney of Madison and Ed Caldwell of Jefferson. No others were named and the nominations of the three candidates were made by acclamation.

For congress A. C. Gormley of Cascade was placed in nomination by T. E. Brady of Cascade. A voice from Meagher county and H. Sol Hepner of Lewis and Clarke seconded the nomination. J. M. Evans seconded the nomination, with a speech in high praise of Mr. Gormley's ability and worth.

It was stated that Mr. Gormley was very much a native son of Montana and almost every county in the state was reputed to be the county of his birth. There were no other nominations, and Mr. Gormley was named as the choice of the convention by acclamation. He responded to demands that he ascend the platform, and made a happy speech of acceptance of the honor and promised to do his best to merit the praise that had been bestowed upon him.

T. M. Swindlehurst of Park county, Edwin Norris of Beaverhead and John Walsh of Bozeman were placed in nomination for lieutenant governor. Edward Norris was nominated on the third ballot. After the second ballot, without result, Swindlehurst's name was withdrawn. The deciding third vote was close, being 262 for Norris and 257 for Walsh. I. G. Denny of Butte seconded Walsh's nomination, and the Heinze votes were cast solidly throughout for Walsh. The nomination of Edward Norris was made unanimously.

For chief justice of the supreme court D. F. Smith of Kallispell, John B. Clayberg of Helena and Edward Scharnikow of Powell were placed in nomination. Judge Smith was nominated, the vote being 262 for Smith, 148 for Clayberg and 108 for Scharnikow. The nomination of Judge Smith was made unanimously.

The convention then adjourned to 8 o'clock in the evening.

Fusion Up Again.

At that time the Heinze contingent, not yet being satisfied that it was whipped, insisted upon again bringing up the question of fusion. The question was presented by J. E. Erickson of Teton county. He proposed that the fusionists be given two offices, state auditor and state superintendent of public instruction, and that the state central committee be given full power in the matter of arranging who those candidates should be.

Chairman Maginnis remarked that a point of order that the question was not properly before the house, as it had been defeated before, was well taken, but he would allow those who favored the measure another opportunity to present their claims before the convention.

Otto Schoenfeld spoke in favor of fusion. J. Bruce Kremer made a powerful appeal against it. On the roll call, which was insisted upon by the Heinzeites, the measure was again defeated, the vote being 270 against fusion and 248 for it.

The democrats from Silver Bow county cheered themselves hoarse over the thrice won victory, and the band that was hired by the fusion leader again played very feelingly, "Massa's in de Col' Col' Ground."

Telegram to Parker.

The following telegram, introduced by P. A. Ragan of Silver Bow, was forwarded under the authority of the convention:

"To Judge Alton B. Parker, Esopus, N. Y.:

"The democracy of Montana, in convention assembled, send most cordial greetings to its nominee for the presidency of the United States and express our faith in the great principles for which he stands. We believe that a vote for Parker and Davis is a vote for country and home, for liberty peace and prosperity; while a vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks is a vote for plutocracy, for trusts, for imperialism, for war at home and abroad, for an ever-increasing national debt, for a continued waste of our blood and money and for rougher riding for the common people and continued smooth sailing for the favored few.

"MARTIN MAGINNIS,
"Permanent Chairman.
"HARVEY BLISS,
"Secretary."

Proceeding to the order of business, nominations for clerk of the supreme court, the convention nominated Finlay McRae, by a vote of 279, H. G.

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