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Democrats

Nominate John Howard, of Wheeling, for Congress.

LIVELY CONVENTION, BUT A LOT OF DISSENTION.

Search for Democratic Principles Shows a Wide Split.

We did not try to prevent them! We did not get in their way! After their "old time" methods they held a convention and made one man happy and a lot of others sad. We are speaking of the Democratic convention held here last Tuesday. There is no denying the fact that the town was pretty well "loaded" with Democrats and a large number of them were heavily loaded with something else. Some called it "bottled enthusiasm."

The delegates began to arrive on Monday and at midnight the Wheeling and Marshall county delegations came in a body. They had spent three hours in Grafton waiting for a train, and as Grafton is a saloon town a large number of delegates improved the time and were awfully funny by the time they reached Clarksburg.

The following morning revealed the fact that most of the delegates had arrived and the friends of the respective candidates began to hustle. Howard, of Wheeling, appeared to be the favorite, but there were a number of Pendleton people ready to make a desperate effort, provided it was the will of their chief.

The letter written by Mr. Pendleton to the *Register* last week had, however, made the situation a complicated one, and while he still said that he was not a candidate, there were many who thought that he would be put before the convention and nominated. The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by Mr. Frank Jepson and Dr. Douglas F. Forrest made the opening prayer.

Mr. W. E. R. Byrne was made temporary chairman and H. V. Arkel, of the Wheeling *Register*, temporary Secretary. After the customary committees had been appointed the convention took a recess until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

The delegates entered the court house promptly, only those holding tickets being allowed to pass the door, which was guarded by E. U. Crammit and M. S. Connell. The temporary organization was made the permanent one and all the committees reported except the one on resolutions and, as was anticipated, they were having a stormy time, and for over two hours, while nothing was before the house, there was a scene of confusion and disorder, many of the delegates refreshing themselves from the "bottled enthusiasm" which was brought into the convention and imbibed freely and unblushingly in full view of a few temperance Democrats who had to "grin and bear it." Col. Arnett, of Wheeling, was called on to speak, but his speech was too flattering to the U. S. Senate to suit Hon. John J. Davis, who came in response to a general call and gave Mr. Arnett a "peppering" that made him smart but he did not reply. Short speeches were made by Col. Ben Wilson and Congressman Pendleton. In the mean time the absent committee had been threatened with all kinds of vengeance for delaying the work of the convention, but at last they came forward from a jury room and Mr. W. Brannon, the chairman, read the report. E. G. Smith, Esq., of Clarksburg, brought forward a minority report which he de-

fended with marked ability and eloquence, stating that the committee acknowledged the truth of his resolution, but they had not the courage to report it. A wild time followed and several fiery speeches were made. The indomitable Deputy Marshal, Tom Hornor, although not a delegate fairly "raised the roof" denouncing the democratic Senators. The majority report was finally adopted and it was getting late when the chairman announced the result.

The platform having been adopted at last, after the whole afternoon had been wasted in wrangling, nominations were in order. The nominating speeches were limited to five minutes and two and a half minutes for seconds.

The roll of counties was called. Brooke gave away to Ohio, and Colonel Arnett, who had decided not to enter the race, arose to nominate John A. Howard, which he did gracefully, and at his conclusion there were tremendous cheers for Howard.

Mr. Byrne, for Braxton county, nominated James B. Fowler, of that county, whose name was also cheered.

U. Lee Wolfe, of Harrison, nominated Winfield Scott, of Harrison.

Mr. Brannon, of Lewis, announced the withdrawal of Mr. Lewis and seconded Mr. Howard's nomination.

Mr. Foster, of Lewis, seconded Fowler's nomination.

William Lorentz, of Marshall, placed in nomination Joseph W. Gallaher, of that county, and Capt. Delaplain seconded the nomination.

The result of the ballot was as follows: Howard 55, Fowler 38, Scott 25, Gallaher 42, Pendleton 18, McEldowney 12.

As will be seen some of the above had not been placed in nomination.

A second ballot was ordered. A friend of Mr. Fowler withdrew his name and thanked the convention for the honor that had been conferred upon him.

Mr. Fowler's vote was third and was decidedly complimentary to that gentleman. Then the handsome face of Joe Gallaher, of Marshall, appeared and some one yelled "let 'er go Gallaher," but Joe was there to express his appreciation of the honor already done him and then gracefully retire.

The second ballot began amid some excitement. The withdrawal of Gallaher and Fowler relieved the tension and many speculations were indulged in as to where their strength would go.

It was thought there was a possibility for the Pendleton movement. Brooke county plunked her eight votes to Howard, and Hancock followed with another plunker. Gilmer gave him two. He gained several votes in Lewis and seven in Marshall. Marshall started a boom for our own Col. Ben Wilson with six votes for him. Wetzel went as she did before. Braxton (Fowler's own county) assisted the Pendleton move with ten votes and gave six to Howard. Ohio county gave Howard 41 this time and helped the Pendleton business with eight. Tyler divided between Scott and Pendleton.

Howard now had 84 votes. Doddridge helped Pendleton with 14 votes. Harrison increased her Howard vote to 10, which gave him within four of the nomination.

Gilmer county changed and gave her four votes to Howard, which nominated him.

His friends went wild for a while, and in a short time the nomination was made unanimous.

CONVENTION NOTES.

M. F. Snyder a lawyer of West

Union, made a vigorous speech in defense of his resolution denouncing the Senate bill and when the vote was taken it was generally thought that it carried but the chair ruled that it was lost amid a number of protests. The *Register* correspondent describing the convention at this point says: "The scene was one of wild disorder, almost unparalleled in the history of political conventions in the First Congressional district. Twenty delegates went on their feet at one time, vainly clamoring for recognition from the chair, and with the other delegates trying to cry them down. The spectators stood in the aisles and encroached upon the space reserved for the delegates."

Mr. Ira C. Post was practically ignored when he offered his time honored "free coinage plank." It was the first time in the history of conventions in this county that a delegate was not allowed to present a resolutions. Mr. Post, however, was a farmer and not in the ring, so he had to get out when the whip was cracked.

Mr. W. Scott has cause to be righteously indignant and the manner in which he was treated in this as in the county convention, will not materially help the Democracy in the coming contest. Mr. Scott has spent his life working for the Democratic party without reward, honors or thanks, and to be denied the compliment of a full and cordial expression from his own county was base ingratitude.

In the Harrison county delegation there was a sharp contest between Mr. Wolfe and E. G. Smith, Esq., for the position of honor, viz: a place on the committee on resolutions. A vote by roll call gave the position to Mr. Smith by a handsome majority. In this position Mr. Smith's original and versatile mind fortified him for the prominent part he was to play in this connection and while he did not get his minority report through, his hand can easily be traced in main features of the majority report.

Lawyer Snyder and Deputy Marshal Thomas Hornor were two men that the mob tried to call down but they would not down.

Among the brilliant young men who were in attendance we noticed Mr. Frank W. Clark, a graduate of the W. Va. University and a former room-mate of the editor of this paper, and Mr. Lon H. Kelley who, as a student at Lexington, carried off the \$100 literary prize. Mr. Clark is now a student at Harvard, taking a post graduate course, and Mr. Kelley is a lawyer at Sutton; they are both very intellectual and but for their politics—to bad!

Serg. V. L. Highland, Vice President of the Clarksburg Republican club, being musical director of the First Regiment band, occupied a prominent position among the "Dems." Highland is right at home as a musician, but he isn't natural in a Democratic convention. The band furnished excellent music and were highly complimented.

Among the newspaper men present we observed the following well known gentlemen: C. Y. Byrne *Braxton Democrat*; Silas P. Smith, *West Union Record*; J. D. Shaw, *Moundsville Echo*; J. H. Edwards, *Weston Times*; R. H. Harrison, *Weston Democrat*; J. E. Curtis, *Pan Handle News*; R. L. Bland, editor and lawyer, and O. Randolph, *Salem Headlight*.

ABOUT HOWARD.

The readers of the TELEGRAM will be interested in the man whom the Democracy of the first district have selected as Capt. Doveney's victim, and a little sketch of his career may not be out of place here.

John A. Howard, the Democratic nominee for Congress, is the present prosecuting attorney of Ohio county. He has certainly had a fortunate career. Originally a glassworker, employed in South Wheeling, he became secretary of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, and while holding that position he began the study of law. Subsequently he was appointed private secretary to Gov. E. W. Wilson, remaining throughout his term. When he left that office he began the practice of law in Wheeling, and was in partnership with Hon. J. B. Sommerville when he defeated Hon. L. S. Jordan for the Democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney, and was elected to the office.

Mr. Howard is a popular man, a member of the Roman Catholic church and of several Catholic societies, a good speaker, and will doubtless make a vigorous campaign.

Barbour Republicans.

PHILIPPI, W. VA., August 20.—The largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held in Barbour county met at the court house on Saturday, August 18. After the temporary organization the convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Before the time mentioned for meeting the court house was filled to overflowing with the most energetic and enthusiastic crowd of citizens that ever met in convention at Philippi.

James H. Felton was made permanent chairman, after which the convention proceeded to nominate the following ticket: House of Delegates, W. B. Corbett; Sheriff, John Howell; Commissioner of county court, H. E. Hoff; Superintendent of schools, Charles J. Zircle.

The ticket being completed, A. G. Dayton was called for and came forward, amid a storm of applause. The cry of "Dayton, Congressman Dayton," was heard in every corner of the house. Mr. Dayton made one of the most enthusiastic speeches that was ever made in Barbour county.

A Serious Runaway.

On last Saturday Harvey Adams, who lives on his farm near Barnsville, in the adjoining county of Marion, was engaged with two horses and a scraper in excavating for a barn foundation. His horses became frightened at the rattle of the scraper, and started to run away. Mr. Adams seeing the condition of affairs, hurried around in front of the team, thinking that he might hold them by the bridle. But no sooner did he reach for the reins than the horses dashed forward, knocked him down, jumped on him and dragged the huge iron scraper over him, which tore his clothes from his person, and even tore the shoes from his feet. The team ran a short distance, wheeled around and would have succeeded in running over him again had it not been for his wife, who was standing near, and at that moment seized the reins and stopped them. It was plainly seen that the off horse was bent on killing his master, and no doubt would have succeeded had it not been for his wife checking them. After a short time Mr. Adams walked to his house, where he took his bed. A physician was summoned, and on examination it was found that four of his ribs were broken, besides many bruises both internal and external. His present condition is critical.

A GOOD PROSPECT.



OUR people are to be congratulated that we are not to be without a good school this year for the accommodation of those pupils who desire to take special courses of instruction. The public schools have their proper place in every town, but they do not meet all the demands. Buckhannon has two schools in addition to her public school, and every town of any importance in the State has some kind of an institution to accommodate pupils who are non-residents as well as those desiring instruction in music, art, and the sciences. To be without such an institution in a town like Clarksburg is to be far behind the times. We had such a state of affairs last year, but this year we are right in front. By the expenditure of over twelve hundred dollars on Broadus it has been put in better condition than ever before. The marvelous change surprises and delights all the old pupils who have visited the school building this fall. In fact it doesn't look like the same place. Every indication now points to a large and prosperous school. Already several rooms have been engaged. Never before was the school so well supplied with able and thorough instructors in all departments, including music, and art. It is just such an institution as we have had a great need for and it will be a wonderful help to our city in every way. If you know of any young ladies or young men desiring to attend school, why not help to make your town lively by getting them to come to Clarksburg?

Corbett and Jackson.

SIoux CITY, IA., August 19.—The City Athletic Club received a telegram from W. B. Brady, Corbett's manager, to day, saying, Corbett accepts the offer of the club of a purse of \$25,000 to fight Peter Jackson here. It is now generally thought that Corbett and Jackson will fight.

Lighthorn.

Aunt Emily Newlon an aged lady about 90 years died the 12th. Miss Elenor Reed has just returned from a visit to Buckhannon.

Many of our young people attended the convention at night at Carmel on the 17th.

Mr. W. D. Reed contemplates on going to Buckhannon to attend school in the near future. He regrets very much that the romantic Buckhannon has not stone stone-creet instead of brick paving.

Dr. A. I. Nutter has returned from Flemington.

Mr. J. P. Lowman our 'ladie's man' is chasing beautiful phantoms.

Needed "Primpin'."

A young lady of Lexington who has recently heard Sam Jones, tells the following which is quite characteristic of his irreverence. Before beginning his sermon, if one of his harangues may be so called, he proceeded to rebuke the late comers. "Now what makes you women late? I'll tell you: Primpin'." All the late comers who didn't stay at home to primp, stand up." No one rose except a very ugly woman. Sam looked at her in silence a moment, and exclaimed: "Well, God knows, Sister, you need primpin', and it don't make no difference how late you come hereafter; I'll make no fuss."—*Lexington Press*.

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Buckhannon.

Geo. Pool, who has been at Salem for some time doing a job of painting, is at home.

Rev. Evans, pastor of the M. E. church at Clarksburg, a very popular minister, is in the city, a delegate to the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., now in session.

Ralph Heavner made the trip to the Weston Senatorial Convention last Thursday on his bicycle in one hour and twenty minutes. Dr. S. C. Rasmisell, who met with quite a very severe accident last week, is not improving very rapidly. According to the *Delta's* information, the Dr. was climbing a high board fence, when a plank broke, precipitating him to the ground, from which he was injured internally and otherwise. His situation has been critical indeed, but it is hoped he will soon recover.—*Delta*.

Rev. A. B. Rohrbough and wife, of Newburg, are visiting friends here. Mr. Rohrbough is Grand Chief Templar of the I. O. G. T. in this State.—*Bee*.

E. L. STEALEY.

HALL OF ADELPHI LODGE, No. 8, I. O. O. F.

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Bro. E. L. Stealey, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler to remove from our midst, our beloved brother, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we humbly bow in submission to the divine will of Him who doeth all things well, we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, who have been bereft of a tender husband and a kind and loving father.

Resolved, That we mourn the death of our beloved brother whose character and worth have commanded our highest respect and confidence.

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Stealey our Lodge has lost a true member. He joined the order on the 13th day of April, 1847, and was faithful in attendance, but in late years he was unable to attend regular, still his mind was always with his brethren. He was an exemplary citizen and died lamented by the community at large and by the Odd Fellows in particular.

Resolved, That in token of respect for our beloved brother, the Charter of this Lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the county papers; also a copy to the family of deceased.

J. I. ALEXANDER, N. G.
J. H. THOMPSON, V. G.
J. M. SWARTZ, TREAS.
W. G. OSBORN, P. G.

IN MEMORIAM.

"There is a Reaper whose name is Death And, with his sickle keen. He reaps the bearded grain at a breath. And the flowers that grow between."

This reaper has entered our League and from the blossoms of childhood has plucked a flower to bloom in the Paradise above.

We grieve, with the loved ones that only ten years of the life of Leah Riley was given to earth, but rejoice that she was of the number of those who remembered their creator in their youth and whom Christ said, "of such is the kingdom of heaven."

As a League we shall miss her willing service and beautiful example of fidelity. The remembrance of her short life will create in us a desire for greater faithfulness.

To the parents, brothers, and sisters we extend the sympathy of a band of children who miss their companion and sister here but hope to meet her in the fields of light above.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
M. E. CHURCH.

Hon. James H. Huling was nominated as the Congressional candidate by the Third district Republicans on the 15th. Hon. A. B. Clark, of Buckhannon was chairman of the convention.