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### THE POPS' LAST EFFORT.

They Meet and Nominate a Ticket That Cannot Win.

THE FULL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF POPIISM.

Upon the legal theory that it is 10 o'clock until it is 11 the "pop" assemblage which its followers will dignify by the name of a convention was called to order by chairman Burritt at the latter mentioned time. His first break was made in asking for the nominating of a chairman before the call had been read stating the object of the meeting—the offices. Sig Mang, ever ready to be heard, was promptly upon his feet and nominated Joe Beeler as temporary chairman. The call was then read, after which the defeated ex-republican candidate for school superintendent was selected to preside. In a little speech in which he incidentally praised himself for having presided over the "pop" aggregation of two years ago, he wandered all over the category of complaints made against governmental methods by the populists. Owing to his excitement caused by his attempt at oratorical strutting, and peacock-like admiring his own importance, he overlooked the fact that a secretary was more necessary to preserve the history of the meeting than even a presiding officer, he informed the delegates that the next thing they wanted were committees on credentials, resolutions and organization. To this effort at dictation one of the fellows from Podunk precinct meekly objected. The dictator then rectified his error by asking for a nomination for secretary. In response to this one of the North Platte party (?) manipulators offered the name of the editor of the Era, which was swallowed without many grimaces by the meeting.

Charley Preitauer who is nothing it not desirous as being classed as an astute politician, then made a motion that the boss appoint a committee of five on credentials. The latter told the scholars that he thought he would wait for this until after the appointments of the other necessary committees. This attempt to put the cart before the horse, by selecting committees from a meeting before it was decided whether members were entitled to seats therein, was so contrary to what the farmers knew about "hooking up a team" in proper shape, that it occasioned a frightful pause; and had the head of the herd attempted to thus arbitrarily manage affairs it certainly would have occasioned trouble. Profiting by the ominous silence which presaged the presence of a rising storm which he feared he could not like the Master command "Peace! Be still!" he promptly proposed the list which had previously been selected, as the committee on credentials: Preitauer, Austin, Beatty, Mulliken and Clark.

The chair then suggested the next thing needed was a motion instructing him to appoint a committee on resolutions. At this point delegate Freer, from Walker precinct, objected to having the man Austin remain upon the above committee as there was a contest coming up in which the committeeman would be directly interested. Upon an intimation that Mr. Austin's resignation would be cheerfully accepted, that individual acquiesced and offered the same. A man named Snyder was then substituted.

The pro tem county attorney (by grace of two "pop" county commissioners, but not by the voters of Lincoln county) then selected Hill, Kilmer and Arundale as the skillful mechanics to construct a sort of crazy patchwork platform sufficiently strong to uphold their nominees. A committee on permanent organization was then appointed as follows: J. D. Keliher, of Maxwell, Hollingsworth, of Nichols, and Isaman, of North Platte.

An intermission of five minutes was given to allow members to file their credentials with the committee. As an aside it is perhaps as well to mention that three or more hours were given.

The chairman then gave a couple of gentlemen from Banner county, who were in search of stray horses, an opportunity to describe them.

Bob Arundale then exhibited his inhumanity to his fellow-man by calling upon Sig Mang, who like Mary Yellin Lease is ever pregnant with a tirade of the so-called oppressions of the poor by the rich. The speaker in his shuffling, hesi-

tating way then roamed at will over the whole field in which himself and kindred spirits delight to range, wherein their wrongs are only measured by the extent of their imaginations. He told a little story at the expense of ex-county clerk Stoddard in regard to a poor erring, needy populist brother who brought in thirteen sets of coyote's ears, instead of their scalps. Mr. Stoddard informed the man that the law required the scalps to be presented to him, but as it was evidently a misunderstanding upon the part of the trapper as to the statutory requirements, he issued a warrant for the amount he considered due. In this George evidenced that he could make what old Sam Maxwell terms a "raw equity decision," by assuming that the presenting of the ears in court was almost sufficient evidence to warrant the belief that the "varmint" had been killed. Another statement made was that H. M. Grimes was a railroad lawyer and that he occupied at one time an office in Keith block. Had this venerable disseminator of misinformation consulted Judge Neville he would have known that the railway companies of Nebraska no longer retain local attorneys, but from time to time employ any of them temporarily when a case arose in court. Grimes never occupied an office in any of Keith's blocks. Both statements are equally wrong. Many of the delegates themselves evidenced their dissatisfaction to the remarks of the speaker by quietly sneaking out, while those who felt compelled to stay mildly sneered and laughed at his efforts. Some observant individual asserted that it was a put up job by the saloon keepers or the hotel men to either drive the delegates to drink or to dinner, by having Mang called on for one of his characteristic speeches. After thoroughly wearying those who were compelled to remain the speaker finally subsided and a motion was made to adjourn until 1:30 p. m. which was eagerly carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates appeared to be as dilatory in regard to assembling after dinner, either owing to their lack of interest, or as one delegate intimated that some of them might have founded by reason of getting hold of more to eat, or particularly to drink than they were accustomed.

A North Platte Second ward delegate whose principal desire is to be considered a "walking delegate" (with a great display of affection for the working man always on tap) and the leader of the anti-Catholic forces, was sent out to corral the straying herd.

While waiting for the committee on credentials to finish its work of kicking out the Walker precinct delegation, and giving it the opportunity to find out the names of farmers in from the various precincts who would kindly act as delegates to the meeting, genial John Guthrieless warmed the "cockles of the 'arts' of those present by making a plea for harmony—yes, if necessary it must be had even if procured by means of a hatchet. Johnny openly declared his intention of supporting Miss Hosford for county superintendent, but this did not occasion any "middle of the road" fellow to desire him to be "fired" out of the gathering, nor did it prevent him from securing a place upon the ticket. His first lyrical effort was in behalf of the renomination of the present "pop" officers. That it was not entirely successful afterward developed.

Populist Preitauer, who later frankly stated to the scribe that one of the nominees would be defeated, then read some fifty or so names of persons who had credentials, and who did not, who would serve the shivering populist patriots as pro tem party representatives. Old war horse Larue's delegation from Walker precinct was not recommended for seats in the meeting. Report was received and adopted with a cold shudder.

Committee on organization recommended the temporary organization be made permanent.

The platform builders then brought in their creation which had previously been prepared by their attorneys the night before. It contained some salacious and mendacious thrusts at H. M. Grimes, although at the time he had not been placed before the people as a candidate. Its rotten plank in regard to the county printing is referred to elsewhere in this paper, and it is not necessary to again mention it here.

## Millinery at Rennie's.

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Nominations were called for and Sig Mang had the satisfaction of presenting Buchanan's name, much to the confusion of Guthrieless, who had primed himself with a speech. The latter had to be content with merely playing second violin in the orchestra, while the irrepressible Preitauer thirded the nomination, which was made by acclamation. Up to this time no tellers had been appointed, which was another instance of getting the vehicle before the equine. Some fellow discovered this fact and the error was corrected.

Snyder, of Maxwell, presented the name of M. N. Holcomb, a bondsman of Burritt's—as a candidate for county clerk. Brigadier Bill Beatty, also one of the bondsmen, then struggled to his feet and in a voice husky with emotion, and other things, seconded the nomination. This action by two of the incumbent's bondsmen is certainly significant. These proceedings nettled Mr. Burritt and as he felt that he had made as good an official as the man previously nominated by acclamation, he arose and stated that he had tried to make a good officer, that he thought he was entitled to better treatment by the convention, and decided to be a candidate and left the room in a state of chagrin. This caused a ripple of consternation, and the convention proceeded to evidence a desire to "rub it in" on the recalcitrants by appointing a committee of three of them to wait on Burritt and see if he would not kindly consent to be sacrificed. Johnny Guthrieless did not want to see the declination accepted and drew a comparison between the present county clerk and Jesus Christ, which was not over-flattering to the latter. To the Christians of the convention such a preposterous parallel was little short of blasphemy. Charley Kilmer wanted the declination to stand, and claimed that if a man wanted to withdraw from a contest it was his privilege to do so, and that he was the best judge of his reasons. The persuading committee left the room and went down after Burritt. It was a case of "Barkis is willin'," and in a very few minutes it returned with him mounted upon the shoulders of a couple of them—he was elevated to this position just outside of the door—and entered the room. As it was intended, this little tableau and display of enthusiasm made him votes, and the ballot was taken which resulted: Burritt 60, Holcomb 21. This minority expression will prevent the present clerk from again idly occupying a chair for another term.

Jacob Miller was renominated by acclamation for sheriff. Charley Kilmer presented the name of Mrs. Flora A. Franklin as a candidate for county school superintendent; Ashley Peters brought forward the name of Wesley W. Lewis, and Bill Beatty aired the claims of E. A. Johnson for the same position. The ballot resulted as follows: Franklin 54, Lewis 17, Johnson 7. On motion nomination was made unanimous. The lady was then presented, and nervously thanked the convention.

For county judge Wm. Ritenour presented the name of Charley Kilmer, John Greenwood that of John Hawley, and R. C. Hardin that of E. W. Crane. The ballot showed their strength to be Kilmer 14, Hawley 42, Crane 21. Hawley won the clerk and race.

For head of the district court the names of C. C. Wetzel, Emil Ericson, Jr., Gus Huffman, and Tim Keliher were presented. The latter came forward and said that he had not been a candidate for anything since he had been so beauti-

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fully trounced for the same position four years ago. His speech caused doubt in the minds of some of the delegates who did not know but that it might be a sort of a Burritt trick to obtain sympathy, thus making him a stronger aspirant, and he was called back and then stated positively that he was not a candidate. The informal ballot resulted: Wetzel 22, Ericsson 39, Huffman 15. The formal ballot showed: Wetzel 24, Ericsson 46, Huffman 9, and the gentleman from Cottonwood was declared the victor.

Paul Meyer was re-nominated by acclamation for surveyor.

R. C. Hardin kindly nominated Kinley for coroner, Bob Arundale brought Crane forward for the same place, and Henry Welch, of Kem precinct, nominated Guthrieless. Kinley declined, as did also Crane, Guthrieless' nomination was easily made by acclamation. To say the least this was a rather remarkable proceeding upon the part of the convention to thus stultify itself by nominating a man who had openly declared to the meeting that he would not support one of its nominees. John was called upon for a song, and in a voice fragrant with the extract of hops mournfully recited his favorite old chestnut "The Pickled Jew," calling upon the audience to assist him in rendering the chorus. The sound produced by the convention in attempting to do so reminded the listeners of a funeral chant, with its sadly solemn cadences. Yet it was a harmonious action signifying that the delegates mourned for their friends, whom they already considered as good as politically dead.

The selection of a county central committee next occupied the time of the convention. After partially succeeding in so doing an attempt was made to induce Joe Beeler to act as chairman; but the latter has a desire to be a candidate for his present position next year, and knowing that the necessary deals and combinations which Burritt was compelled to make while temporarily filling that position was what had weakened him, he declined to nibble at the bait and twice refused to serve. He suggested his friend Seaton, of Wallace, but the meeting would not have it that way, and the matter was temporarily passed.

The convention for nominating a county commissioner was then held

and Bill Beatty selected as chairman and R. C. Hardin as secretary.

In this meeting there was no paucity of candidates. Geo. Hardin, Keliher, Golvin, McNeal and Thornberg being trotted out and put through their paces. After an hour spent in wrangling and having a monkey and parrot time, the "sand hillers" scratched out with their candidate by a vote of Hardin 14, and Golvin 11. This in spite of the fact that the winner in his own language, could "not see the sense or point of gravity" (?) of some of the motions made.

Beatty then arose put on his hat and started to fill his pipe, which caused some delegate to know that Bill considered the meeting closed, and a motion was made to adjourn. The members then faded away.

Dr. Sawyer: Dear Sir: Having used your Pea pills, I can recommend them to the public. I have been attended by four different doctors, but none did a half boxes of your medicine has done me more good than all of them. Yours respectfully, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, Bronson, Branch County, Mich. Sold by F. H. Longley.

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