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FUSIONISTS HOLD MASS CONVENTION

To Select Delegates and Central Committee.

Moore Committee Chairman

Convention Passes Off Comparatively Peaceful—Endorses Work of Last Legislature.

The Democrats and Populists of this county held a fusion convention in the court house Monday at 2 p. m. A scattering representation of the faithful ones got together to do the regulation amount of scrapping and select a central committee and elect delegates to the Democratic and Populist conventions. Ross Moore called the convention to order and Robert Farley was elected chairman. Ed Foley, sr., was chosen secretary.

The chairman appointed W. J. Taylor, C. W. Beal and Alvin Daily as a committee on resolutions.

The question of the election of the delegates to the state convention came up and they voted to elect them by ballot. Jesse Gandy was elected a delegate to the populist state convention and instructed to secure five other men to go with him as delegates. He named C. T. Orr, Geo. Headley, R. J. Mills, D. W. Lanterman and E. Foley, sr., as additional delegates.

The convention elected the following men as delegates to the Democratic convention: W. J. Taylor, C. W. Beal, M. S. Eddy, C. Mackey, Alvin Daily, W. B. Eastham, M. C. Warrington, J. W. Haney, and J. J. Tooley.

The following were selected as the precinct committeemen for the coming year:

- W. J. Root—Sargent.
- Robt. Farley—West Union.
- J. J. Tooley—Victoria.
- M. S. Eddy—Kilfoil.
- Jerome Taylor—East Custer.
- Wm. Gilmore—West Custer.
- A. J. Watkins—Wood River.
- John Staab—B'wyn.
- R. J. Mills—Westerville.

Ross G. Moore was the unanimous choice of the convention for chairman of the committee and he was empowered to fill vacancies and select the committeemen in the precincts not represented at the convention.

The committee on resolutions reported the following resolutions which were adopted by the convention.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the democrats and populists of Custer county in mass convention assembled, once more proclaim our faith in the doctrine that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed and that governmental affairs should be so administered as to secure the greatest amount of good to the greatest number.

We charge that the republican party in congress has perverted this principle, turned a deaf ear to the demand of the people for a downward revision of the tariff, have passed through both houses a tariff bill making a sweeping increase in tariff duties at the demand of the powerful manufacturing and monied interests of the country, adding unnecessary and useless burdens to the people that the beneficiaries of special privileges may add still more to their ill-gotten gains.

The national platform of the republican party promised an "immediate revision of the tariff" and William Howard Taft, the chosen leader and spokesman of that party, repeatedly told the people on the platform and in private interviews

that the promise of "revision" meant a "revision downward."

We therefore charge the party in power with having deceived the people. That they won the support of the voters of the country by false and fraudulent representations and have forfeited their right to further support from the masses who have already borne with patience the burdens imposed upon them by the beneficiaries of special privilege.

"In line with the national democratic platform of 1908, we reiterate our demand that all trust made articles manufactured in this country and all articles shipped abroad and sold for less than they can be bought for in this country shall be placed on the free list; that there shall be a general reduction of import duties to the point where the revenue derived therefrom shall be sufficient only to defray the expenses of the government economically administered and we congratulate the country that the record of the democratic party in the present session of congress has generally been in keeping with the tariff pledges of the platform. A few democrats have betrayed the party and the people; treacherously repudiating our promises by favoring cannonism and the trusts. We unhesitatingly condemn those though they claim to be democrats. Supply and demand should regulate prices of field and garden and the government should take immediate steps to prohibit gambling in grain under heavy penalties.

We congratulate the people of Nebraska upon the election of A. C. Shallenberger governor of the state. His administration, thus far, has been characterized by ability, wisdom, courage, statesmanship of a high order and distinguished him as a man peculiarly fitted for the responsible position he holds. Strength to the arm of this worthy servant of an enlightened state and may his successors emulate his zeal and courage in behalf of good government.

While not pleased with all that it did or failed to do, we congratulate the people of the state upon the amount of good work done by the last legislature. Among other things they gave us laws guaranteeing bank deposits, restoring to the people the right to elect their own assessors, providing for the physical valuation of railroads; placing the clerk of the supreme court on a salary, requiring him to account for all fees that come into his hands and a law compelling the closing of all saloons at 8 o'clock at night and keeping them closed until 7 o'clock in the morning. They made liberal appropriations for the educational institutions of the state; provided liberally for the wards in our asylums for the unfortunate; provided as liberally as conditions would admit for the efficient administration of all the departments of the state government; provided for a large deficit left them as a legacy from the preceding legislature but not one dollar was unnecessarily spent or appropriated.

An immense debt of \$2,000,000 has recently been paid. But this was done under the operation of a revenue law passed by a republican legislature which exempted the railroads of the state from any considerable part in the payment of said debt but extorted from the people in the form of higher taxes the extra revenue needed in the payment of this debt. For proof of this, examine your tax receipts for the four or five years past and compare them with your former tax receipts.

We pledge the nominees of the reform forces of the county, if elected, to discharge the duties of their respective offices, courteously, industriously, faithfully and economically and that their demeanor in of-

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REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM

Approves Policy of President Taft— Criticizes Democratic Legislature.

The Republican state convention met in Lincoln last Tuesday and adopted the following resolutions:

Speaking for the Republicans of Nebraska as, their delegates in state convention assembled, and reaffirming the declarations of our national and state platform of 1908, we congratulate the country on the magnificent Republican victory which has given us for our chief executive that firm and courageous statesman, pre-eminently fitted for his exalted office, William Howard Taft. When we assembled one year ago we were facing a presidential campaign in which our opponents, with customary braggadocio, paraded a false confidence in their cause and proclaimed loudly that the Republican ascendancy was at an end; but again at the ballot box came the indubitable proof that so strongly entrenched in the hearts of the people are the principles and achievements of the Republican party, and so discredited are the fallacious doctrines and so distrusted the leaders of the Democratic party, that the third defeat of the Democratic standard-bearer was more signal and decisive than before.

We see only encouragement for future Republican success in the conditions confronting us in Nebraska to-day. In spite of the tremendous handicap by which we were required to combat a distinguished Nebraskan appealing to home pride to support him for president and notwithstanding the flagrant deception by which the Democratic presidential electors masqueraded on the ballot a second time as Populists, the Democratic leader, for whom was confidently predicted a 25000 majority in his home state, was grievously disappointed to find that he saved himself Nebraska by a bare 4,000 plurality. The election at the same time by substantial majorities of the entire Republican state ticket, with only two places excepted, gives us the right to regard the result as a Republican victory.

We approve, commend and unqualifiedly endorse the stand taken by President Taft in the matter of tariff revision. We are counting on him to see to it that the party's platform promise of revision is redeemed by the enactment of a tariff bill acceptable to the people, and we would approve the exercise of his veto on any bill that does not conform to his construction of the platform pledge which he has said means "revision downward within the limitations of the protective principle." We look to our senators and representatives in congress to sustain the president in this position, and we commend them for their efforts in support of the party's pledges and the president's politics.

We approve and endorse the Brown resolution adopted by congress submitting to the several states for their action a proposed constitutional amendment empowering the federal government to levy and collect taxes on incomes.

The Republican party in this state stands upon its record. While providing for a generous maintenance under economical administration for the various state institutions we extinguished a state debt of more than \$2,000,000. We abolished the evils of corporate dictation in

politics and abrogated the free pass system under a Republican administration. Passenger, freight and express rates have been reduced and an elective railway commission provided for speedy adjustment of differences between shippers and carriers and the regulation of the same. We provided for a more just and equitable assessment of all kinds of property for taxation and the assessment of railway terminals for local purposes and removed the bar against recovery of adequate damages for personal injuries.

We commend the consistent course pursued by the Republican minority in the last legislature in resisting with energy and ability the unwise and unconstitutional measures of the Democratic majority.

We point with pride to the records of the judges who for many years have been elevated to the bench in this state as Republicans, but who as judges have known neither personal favoritism nor political partisanship, but have fearlessly and impartially declared the law and held the scales of justice even between rich and poor, high and low. Republican, Democrat, Populist, Prohibitionist and Socialist alike. We denounce the eleventh hour pretense of devotion to the idea of nonpartisanship by the late Democratic legislature after running a riot of partisanship for three months and ruthlessly legislating Republicans out of office by the wholesale in order to make room for Democratic office-seekers. If the passage of their so-called non-partisan judiciary act was intended to charge by innuendo that Republican judges are not to be trusted to perform their official duties without political bias according to their oaths of office, we resent the imputation. It becomes the Democrats to prate about a non-partisan judiciary when the record shows that, when they had elected two of the supreme judges a few years ago, they left no stone unturned to elect the third and make the court consist wholly of their own partisan judges.

What is here said with reference to the administration of the courts applies likewise to the administration of the state university. This noble institution has grown and prospered under the efficient management of regents elected as Republicans, free from the intrusion of political partisanship or the application of political tests, in sharp contrast with the time when under a fusion board its management was notoriously partisan.

The reasons, therefore, are not hard to find why, for more than a third of a century, but for one brief trial period, the people of

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CHANCELLOR AVERY HERE MONDAY

Addressed Junior Normal Students and Spoke at Temple in Evening.

Chancellor Avery, of the University of Nebraska, was in the city Monday and gave a chapel talk to the students of the Junior normal in the morning and spoke in the Temple theater in the evening.

A reception was given in his honor after the evening address by Mr. and Mrs. Groat and their daughter at the Groat residence. The former university students, members of the school board and the faculty of the Junior normal were invited. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

REPUBLICANS IN MASS CONVENTION

Choose Twenty Delegates to State Convention.

ELECT COUNTY COMMITTEE

Adopt Resolutions for County Option and Denounce Fraud and Extravagance of Democratic Party.

On the call of Chairman George the Republican voters of the county met in mass convention at the court house Saturday at 2 p. m. In the absence of Chairman George, who is in Boston, Alpha Morgan called the meeting to order. J. D. Troyer, of Callaway, and Al Fonda, of Oconto, were nominated for temporary chairman and both declined to accept. Alpha Morgan was then nominated and elected. W. M. Dunn, of Callaway, was elected temporary secretary. On motion the temporary organization was made permanent.

The chairman appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Joseph Haeefe, H. B. Glover and A. R. Humphrey.

State convention delegates—Elmer Cannon, G. O. Waters, J. D. Troyer, John Amsberry, Al Fonda.

County central committee—N. T. Gadd, L. H. Jewett, Carl Anderson, Albert Schafer, H. S. Waterbury.

On recommendation of the committee on delegates the following delegates were elected to the State Republican Convention:

- Nc George, Joseph Haeefe, Dall Campbell, F. E. Van Antwerp, Fred Wilson, Harry Sherman, Don R. Leach, Fred Delano, John A. Amsberry, Frank Jacho, S. H. Jewett, N. T. Gadd, Dr. Mathews, I. P. Mills, G. F. Christy, Wm. Warren, C. O. Lind, Dr. Hanna, H. S. Waterbury and Mamy Myers.

We our Committee to submit names of the County Central Committee report the following names:

- Arnold—Ira P. Mills.
- Ansley—Dana Saville.
- Algernon—Carl Anderson.
- Broken Bow No. 1—Alpha Morgan.
- Broken Bow No. 2—M. G. Montgomery.
- Berwyn—Smith Waterbury.
- Cliff—W. J. Rice.
- Custer No. 1—Joe Haeefe, McKinley.
- Custer No. 2—Chas. Hammond.
- Custer East—
- Delight—H. M. Baird, Callaway.
- Douglas Grove—Wilbur M. Spear.
- Comstock—W. M. Stephens.
- Elm No. 1—S. C. Waldron.
- Elm No. 2—S. C. Waldron.
- Elk Creek—Hans J. Nielsen.
- Garfield—Paul Haumont.
- Grant No. 2—Chas. Matz.
- Hayes—T. T. Winchester.
- Kilfoil—A. Sommers.
- Lillian No. 1—Geo. T. Christy.
- Lillian No. 2—
- Loop No. 1—Will P. Trew.
- Loop No. 2—
- Myrtle—F. E. Delano, Arcadia.
- Sargent No. 1—Joseph Beard.
- Sargent No. 2—
- Triumph—Wm. Warren.
- West Union No. 1—H. G. Gayle.
- West Union No. 2—
- Westerville—Tom Wilson.
- Wayne—Al Johnson, Gothenburg.
- Wood River—A. Fonda.
- Victoria—Frank Brechbuhl, Anselmo.
- N. T. GADD.
- L. H. JEWETT.
- C. M. ANDERSON.
- ALBERT SCHAFFER.
- H. S. WATERBURY.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Republicans of Custer County, in mass convention assembled, to congratulate the country upon the election of William H. Taft to the presidency. In him we recognize a brainy and fearless statesman, a man whose judicial mind and training will understand conditions and apply remedies, and we confidently look to him to bring about such conservative legislation now pending in congress as will vindicate time-honored Republican principles and time-proven correct application of principles to conditions [so that the pending tariff legislation

will express to the country a tariff bill in keeping with platform pledges and along the lines of true Americanism for which the Republican party has always stood.

On the question of tariff in so far as it effects schedules, we express ourselves for and in sympathy with the reductions in the pending bill advocated by the senators from the Middle-Western states, viz: LaFollette, Nelson, Doliver, Cummings, Crawford, Bristol and our own senators, J. E. Burkett and Norris Brown. We believe with them that a tariff should be levied in such a way that the burden of taxation should fall equally on all, and to that end we favor a high rate of taxation on life's luxuries and a corresponding low rate on life's necessities. And we especially congratulate our senators, Burkett and Brown, and our Congressman, Judge Kinkaid, for their effort to insert the western idea of tariff into the pending tariff bill.

We congratulate the people of the State of Nebraska in that through the foresight of George L. Sheldon and the Republican legislature of 1905 and 1907, the state is now out of debt. The

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OLD SETTLERS PICNIC NEXT WEEK

Plans for Greatest Ever Held in Custer County.

Every effort has been made to make the Old Settlers picnic next Wednesday the greatest one ever held in the county, and a banner crowd is expected. Ex-Governor Abbott will deliver the principal address of the day and a number of short talks on early experiences in Custer county will be made by local men who were early settlers in the county.

A base ball game will be played between the Broken Bow and Merna teams and the Lewis Stock company will put on a play in their large tent in the evening. The day promises entertainment for old and young alike.

HELPS SELECT CORPORATE JURIES

Judge Humphrey Assists Railroad Attorney Pick the Men.

It is a matter of common knowledge among the attorneys of this city that County Judge A. R. Humphrey has been assisting Attorney Bishop for the Burlington railroad company in the selection of juries for the trial of cases in the district court. Judge Humphrey has been using his knowledge of the people of Custer county to assist Attorney Bishop in getting juries that would be favorable to the railroad company. His experience as an attorney and county judge have no doubt been very valuable to the railroad company in selecting juries, and doubtless he has saved the railroad company considerable money.

But, has Judge Humphrey been pursuing the proper course when the people of all parties are demanding that our judicial system shall be free from corporate influence? Is he doing his duty to his constituents when he assists a corporation attorney to select a jury when a constituents interest is at stake? Last, but not least, can the Republicans of this county afford to nominate as their candidate for County Judge a man who pursues the course followed by Judge Humphrey?