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Official Report of Convention

Yesterday was house-cleaning day in the republican party in Richardson county. At one o'clock there convened at the court house one of the most enthusiastic and representative conventions that ever met in the county. It was a gathering of republicans loyal and true to the best interests of the party.

The convention was called to order by Hon. G. J. Crook, chairman of the county central committee. Rev. Meyers invoked divine blessing. J. R. Cain, jr., of Stella was the unanimous choice for chairman of the convention. Mr. Cain made a short speech in which he explained his position and urged the republicans to lay aside personalities and get together for the good of the party. He was frequently interrupted by applause. Allan D. May was made secretary. John L. Cleaver was made assistant secretary. The chairmen of the various delegations handed in their credentials which showed that every precinct in the county was represented and as there were no contests the convention proceeded to business under the call, the temporary organization having been made permanent.

John L. Cleaver introduced the following resolution which was received with great applause and was unanimously adopted:

Whereas The Honorable E. J. Burkett is a candidate for re-election as congressman from the First congressional district of Nebraska, Mr. Burkett having represented said district in congress for the past six years in a manner most creditable to himself and very satisfactory to his constituents in this county, and

Whereas The Hon. G. J. Crook of Falls City, Nebraska, has for many years taken a great interest in the welfare and advancement of the republican party in this county, and as chairman of the republican county central committee for the past two years, has been an active and successful leader of our party to victory, for which it is both a duty and honor for this convention to give him praise and honor, and

Whereas The congressional committeeman of this county, the Hon. O. A. Cooper of Humboldt, by his ability and industry has done much to secure the election of Mr. Burkett in former campaigns, therefore be it

Resolved That the thanks of this convention be extended to Mr. Burkett for the opening of rural mail routes and other courtesies to the people of this county. We endorse him for a fourth term. And further.

Resolved That the thanks of this convention be also extended to Mr. Crook and Mr. Cooper for the great good they have done the republi-

can party and as a further mark of esteem, they be and are hereby authorized to select twenty-three delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Lincoln, Nebraska, March 22, 1904, and be it further

Resolved That the secretary of the convention present to Mr. Burkett, Mr. Crook and Mr. Cooper a copy of these resolutions.

F. M. Boss of Humboldt introduced the following resolution which was enthusiastically adopted:

Resolved, That this convention heartily endorse the nomination of Hon. E. A. Tucker for float senator for the First Senatorial District, and as a mark of courtesy, we extend to him the privilege of selecting his delegation from Richardson county to the Senatorial convention.

Mr. Tucker was called upon for a speech and thanked the convention and at times was compelled to pause and wait until the applause had subsided.

At this point a motion was made to proceed with the nomination of a county ticket. This brought forth considerable discussion, some preferring to postpone the nominations until a later date. A viva voce vote was taken showing the sentiment of the convention to be overwhelmingly in favor of proceeding with the nominations.

This point having been established the convention proceeded with the nomination of three candidates for the legislature. The following names were brought before the convention:

R. E. Grinstead of Salem; Geo. Smith of Grant; W. H. Hogrefe of West Muddy and Cass Jones of Rulo. It was moved and seconded that an informal ballot be taken, the three receiving the highest number of votes to be declared the nominees. The motion prevailed and the roll was called the ballot resulting as follows:

Grinstead, 157; Smith, 184; Hogrefe, 193; Jones, 151. Hogrefe Smith and Grinstead having received the highest number of votes were declared the nominees. Each appeared before the convention and made a brief address.

A. R. Keim introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the three members of the legislature from this county and the state senator from this district be and they are hereby instructed to vote for Hon. E. J. Burkett for United States senator.

W. H. Morrow of East Muddy was made the candidate for county attorney by acclamation. He

expressed his appreciation in a neat and very clever speech.

C. F. Reavis called the attention of the convention to the fact that A. R. Keim was a candidate for state auditor and Fred Miller a candidate secretary of state and asked that the roll be called and that the delegations express their preference. Mr. Keim hastily secured the floor and declared that he was not a candidate.

A motion was then made that Mr. Miller be allowed to select the delegation to the state convention. Mr. Keim opposed this motion vigorously and offered a substitute motion to the effect that the delegation be selected in the usual manner and that they be uninstructed. This drew forth a general debate and Mr. Keim finally agreed to amend his substitute motion so as to allow the delegates to be simply instructed for Mr. Miller. The substitute motion was lost and the original question was called for. The motion was stated and the convention expressed its willingness that Mr. Miller should select the delegation by tumultuous applause and prolonged cheering.

W. E. Dorrington was called to the chair while J. R. Cain, jr read the following resolution and moved the adoption thereof:

Whereas, The Republican State Central committee has recommended the endorsement of a candidate for United States senator by the state convention.

Resolved, That we recognize in Hon. Elmer J. Burkett, our congressman, the ability, integrity, and high personal qualities, which particularly fit him for the office of United States senator

Therefore, We favor his promotion from the House of Representatives to the National Senate and hereby instruct our delegates to the State convention to use all honorable means to secure his endorsement by the State convention.

The resolution was adopted as read.

The convention then took up the matter of selecting a county chairman and members of the central committee for the ensuing year. John Hossack was the unanimous choice of the convention for county chairman and made a speech of thanks. The roll was called and the precinct committeeman were announced as follows:

Arago, Louis Suess; North Barada, Charles Martin; South Barada, James Stephenson; Grant M. Riley; Franklin, C. O. Avery, Falls City precinct, H. G. Pence; Falls City 1st ward, W. W. Abbey 2nd ward, W. W. Leekins; 3rd

ward, J. A. McCormick; Humboldt precinct, O. E. Zook; Humboldt 1st ward, Irvin Shirley; 2nd ward, F. M. Boss; Jefferson, C. F. Daeschner; Liberty, W. H. Mark; East Muddy, Elmer Ray; West Muddy, H. D. Weller; Nemaha, J. G. McGinnis; Ohio, J. W. Dodds; Porter, A. J. Wixon; Rulo, B. J. Huber; Speiser, Otto Porr, Salem, J. P. Moore.

The committee on the selection of delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Lincoln March 22 reported as follows:

G. J. Crook, delegate at large; Speiser, W. J. Peake; Humboldt precinct, John Leatherman; Humboldt 1st ward; O. L. Bantz; 2nd ward, E. A. Tucker; Franklin, F. W. Gutzmer; Nemaha, P. A. Smith; Grant, W. G. Hummel; Porter, Jason Timmerman; Salem A. J. Wheeler; Liberty, J. D. Griffiths; West Muddy, J. H. Overman; East Muddy, M. H. Taylor; Falls City precinct, B. Simanton; 1st ward; G. M. Barrett; 2nd ward, W. E. Dorrington 3rd ward, J. A. McCormick; Ohio J. W. Dodds, South Barada, James Stephenson; North Barada, Jesse Ankrom; Jefferson, H. P. Rieger; Arago, Martin Werner, Rulo, Charles Huber.

E. A. Tucker has announced his delegation to the senatorial convention to be held at Pawnee City, April 16, as follows:

Speiser, R. S. Conrad; Humboldt 1st ward, Irvin Shirley; 2nd ward, Kev. E. Meyer; Grant, D. F. Harbaugh; Salem, J. A. Sheffer; West Muddy, H. D. Weller; Falls City prec., W. R. Holt; 1st ward, W. W. Abbey; 2nd ward, T. J. Whitaker; 3rd ward, Nick Lippold; Ohio, B. F. Leachman; N. Barada, Jess Ankrom; Arago, John Kloepffel; Humboldt prec., A. E. Stalder; Franklin, J. B. Babcock; Nemaha, Jas. Ayres; Porter, Jason Timmerman; Liberty, J. A. Jorn; E. Muddy, J. M. Evans; S. Barada, C. Madowse; Jefferson, E. Dowty; Rulo, Frank Brown.

Rev. Schmidli has been in Bern, Kan., this week attending the Evangelical conference. One week from next Sunday Rev. Schmidli will preach his farewell sermon in this city.

Dr. A. Gaiser of Lincoln has purchased the dental office of the late Dr. Gemmel. Dr. Gaiser is the vice president of the Nebraska Dental association and stands high in his profession.

Mrs. Cecil Graham and little daughter, who have been visiting in this city left Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Graham's father at Republican City.

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