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## The Democratic County Convention

The decadence of office seeking in the democratic party is one of the recent developments politically. Candidates have to be drafted and even then they refuse to stand hitched. Even that Barkis of Richardson county politics, George Carpenter, caught the infection and went through the form of saying no, but he said it in such a shy uncertain manner the convention permitted him to serve as a sacrifice and nominated him.

A few straggling delegates wandered into the court room Monday afternoon and seated themselves at convenient places and went through the form of nominating a county ticket. Chris Nolte was made chairman and Charles Davis secretary, which organization was made permanent on motion of James Whitaker who sat in the rear of the hall and kept careful vigil over the deliberations of the body. Morehead then moved the appointment of a committee of five to choose delegates to the state convention, which motion carried and the committee appointed as per stipulation. At this time R. C. James was made the nominee for county attorney without opposition. Mr. James is said to be a pretty decent sort of youngman but in as much as he is utterly without experience and has not as yet tried his first case, it is hardly probable that the democratic party seriously places him before the people as one entirely competent to handle the grave legal propositions which a county attorney always encounters.

After this nomination Mr. Whitaker came to the rescue and moved that all further votes be announced by the chairman of the several delegations without taking a ballot. This would not make it necessary to disclose just how few delegates were in the hall. The convention approved of the wisdom of James and the motion was carried.

Nominations for representative being in order Hon. Fulton Peters of Barada nominated Henry Gerdes of Barada in a few well chosen words. John Morehead seconded the nomination of Mr. Gerdes stating that he was the only man in the county who

could save the state from grafters. Mr. Morehead delivered an impressive appeal to the convention on the lines of the revenue law stating that the only reason the grafting republicans had passed the law was to get the state treasury full of money and then steal it as they had heretofore done. He warmly commended Mr. Gerdes as one who would protect the interest of the people against this "grafting element." The convention cheered his remarks enthusiastically and Dr. J. L. Gandy, John Gagnon and other delegates who are in sympathy with Mr. Morehead in his fight on dishonesty warmly congratulated him at the conclusion of the speech.

Joseph Glasser of Humboldt nominated Wm. McCray. Wm. Kleber of Arago nominated Joseph Frederick. Morehead nominated John Lichty. Frank Simons nominated George Carpenter, pronouncing him the best W. J. Bryan democrat in the state. L. A. Ryan nominated W.W. Jenne. McCray stated to the convention that he could not accept the nomination, he did not want it and would not take it. John Lichty said the same thing positively declining to run. George Carpenter also declined, at which Frank Simons again addressed the convention stating that the convention need not be alarmed that Mr. Carpenter would accept him all right if they would nominate him. W.W. Jenne then declined in a patriotic and forceful speech. The delegates then desired information. They wanted to know whether they should vote for the men who had declined and if not there was only one candidate left. After considerable confusion Chas. Davis took the bull by the horns and started to call the roll which resulted in the nomination of McCray, Carpenter and Gerdes. John Gagnon was elected chairman of the county central committee. J. L. Dalby then asked to read a resolution which called on Judge Kelligar to depose Dr. Burchard from the insane commission because he was a republican and put Dr. Wisner on because he was a democrat. Morehead, Gagnon and others

who knew the reason why this appointment had been made by Kelligar and who feared some independent delegate would introduce a resolution to have the judge depose John Martin as court reporter and put a democrat in his place immediately got busy to smother the resolution by appointing a committee and have it referred, which was done. By this time the delegates having accumulated an enormous thirst and some one suggesting that a collection be taken up for the janitor. The members of the convention made a break for the door and one of the most remarkable conventions ever held in the county came to a close. No favorite was brought out for state senator.

### NOTES.

The ticket is weak, one of the weakest ever put before the voters of this county. The republican party feels that the fight is a foregone conclusion and is ready and eager for the fray.

Falloon, Weaver and other leading democrats who sacrificed the county ticket last fall in the interest of Judge Kelligar, and who are usually on hand when the party has a chance to win, did not grace the convention with their presence even as spectators.

We regret that we can not furnish the full text of Morehead's speech. It would be interesting reading to the republicans of this county. It was really an able effort on grafts and grafters delivered by one who knows.

We predict that John Hossack will clean up John Gagnon about as effectively as Jack Crook did last year.

Dalby was the bad boy of the convention. How his resolution did stir up the animals.

For some reason the resolution committee did not report a plank endorsing Judge Parker and the St. Louis platform.

We presume that McCray will follow the example of Judge Parker and resign from his present office.

Johnie Martin, who with his affected drawl, pronounced the democratic convention the—"most motley-gang that ever got together," and who holds the most lucrative position in southeastern Nebraska in the gift of this party, has served notice on Dr. Wisner that Kelligar will not pay any attention to the resolution asking

for Burchard's removal and Wisner's appointment as a member of the lunacy commission. We await with interest to learn who the Judge obeys this grafting family or the democratic party.

### Misrepresentation,

There is no limit to what some people will resort to in order to injure a competitor in business. Last week Thomas Martin was in Shubert and while in conversation there stated that the Tribune was ready to quit business and was at that time looking for a location. Now if everybody in the county knew the reputation of the said Martin as well as it is known in this City, there would be no need of our saying anything about it, for here people know he will tell anything that happens to come into that narrow contracted brain. As we said before we would not pay any attention to his ravings but for the fact that there are lots of people in the county who are not acquainted with him and we wish to set them right. As far as the Tribune's quitting business is concerned, there was never anything farther from the truth.

Our subscription list is growing at a rapid rate and our job department is kept busy; we have the confidence of the majority of people in this locality and are recognized as THE republican paper of this city. With these conditions it don't look as though we were ready to quit. Of course if the Martins could have their way we never could have started, but thank the Lord, even with a millionaire behind them they are not all powerful and the Tribune exists and will continue to exist and give the people the best local paper in the county, and the republicans a party paper that will always be true to its principles and candidates, Tom Martin to the contrary notwithstanding.

### Struck by Lightning.

The barn of Fred Scholl who lives nine miles north of this city was struck by lightning Tuesday morning during the severe electrical storm and burned to the ground. About twenty eight loads of new hay were destroyed.

### Contract Let.

The contract for the building of the new Episcopal Rectory was let Monday night to Bohrer Bros., the stone work to J. Jellison and the digging to Dennis McCarty, work to commence immediately.

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