

The convention emphasized the fact that time brings its compensations Long John Trompen has been before the republicans of Lancaster county for twenty-one years, and although his name has frequently been before conventions it was not until this week that political fortune came to him. And A. M. Trimble is another republican of long standing who gets his reward late in life. Trompen and Trimble are both good men and it is right that they should have been nominated.

The nominations for judges of the district court give general satisfaction Holmes and Hall are good men on the bench and Cornish will make an acceptable complement of the judicial trio.

Elmer Stephenson accepted the situation gracefully. He made friends by his speedy and unconditional surrender.

THE COURIER said Mr. Baer would be renominated for county superintendent, with Corey left in line for the nomination two years hence. And it was even so.

Jim Caldwell made a particularly happy speech. Caldwell is popular, but Monday was not his day in court.

A considerable factor in the triumph of Sam E. Low at the county convention was C. M. Branson of Yankee Hill. Mr. Branson was a candidate for clerk of the district court and came into the convention with the eleven votes of his own precinct and a much larger outside following. He sized up the situation and promptly decided to cast his entire strength to Mr. Low, and his speech announcing that "Sam E. Low was good enough for him," was one of the most effective delivered at the convention. It was just after this that Elmer Stephenson rose and announced his withdrawal. Mr. Branson held what many regarded as the key to the situation, and his prompt action in sinking his own candidacy in the interest of Low was the turning point. Mr. Branson is generally congratulated on his graceful act.

It doubtful if anyone present in the convention felt a keener delight in the nomination of Low than Harry Reese. Reese was an enthusiastic Low man from the start, and when his candidate was nominated by acclamation this young man's conduct was exuberant beyond description. It would have scandalized his father, the dean and ex-chief justice. It was the young man that made Low the victor in the Fourth ward and the nominee of the convention. A group of young men in the Fourth ward that contributed largely to Low's triumph at the primaries was made up of Lou Stewart, W. F. Kelley, Ray Merrill, Lew Marshall, Aaron Buckstaff, Matt Baldwin, and Joe Mal-lalieu.

There were many combinations arranged between Saturday morning and Monday noon. It would take a great deal of space to recount them all. New ones were made every few hours; and the slate was in a constant process of transformation. Something of a scare was caused early in the game by the announcement that things had been arranged so as to make Caldwell and Cornish nominees for judge, dropping Hall in the Fourth and taking in Holmes. This deal was first figured up something like this: Holmes, Cornish and Caldwell for judges of the district court; Gran Ensign for sheriff; Melick and R. D. Spelts for deputy sheriffs; Cochran for county judge; E. B. Stephenson for clerk of the district

court, and P. J. Dore for county clerk. It was talked that the First ward would turn in 21 votes, the Second 25 votes, the Third 46 votes, the Fourth 48 votes, the Fifth 50 votes, the Sixth 31 votes, the Seventh 25 votes, and Lancaster precinct 27 votes, a total of nearly 270 votes. But this combination didn't stick very long; it was soon changed by dropping Ensign and taking up Trompen for sheriff, and there was a strong effort made to put this through. But the scheme miscarried.

It is not often that a ticket is nominated with as little bitterness as was manifested at the convention. There were a large number of defeated candidates; but without an exception they accepted the result with equanimity; and since Monday there has been no evidence of dissatisfaction. The unsuccessful candidates are strong in praise and support of the ticket. Pat Dore, who entered the convention at noon Monday with more votes promised him than were necessary to nominate, was made to feel the uncertainty of politics; but he met defeat bravely and he is not finding any fault.

Alva Smith had some reason to be disappointed at the failure to deliver promised votes; but he clambered into the band wagon and is satisfied with the result. It is no secret that Mr. Smith's services will be secured in the conduct of the sheriff's office when Trompen succeeds Miller.

Harry Wells received loyal support from the Fourth ward as long as he asked it and the fact that the Fourth ward vote was cast for Trimble on the last ballot for county clerk, warrants the belief that he will be retained as deputy.

Stephenson and Waite didn't get anything out of the convention; but they are not complaining, and are making additional friends by their course.

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One day I wandered through the mossy wood
In search of fragrant flowers,
I found them wet with dew, and rich with scent
Amid the tangled bowers.
But I soon grew weary of their loveliness
For, high above my head
Amid the crags, I saw a poppy flaunt
Its crown of wanton red.
I dropped the paler flowers at my feet,
My one supreme desire
Was but to gain the gorgeous painted bloom
That glowed with amorous fire.
At last with hands all scarred and bruised and torn
I grasped the brilliant flower
And lo! its petals fell upon the rocks
A useless scattered flower.
And thus along life's way the pleasures bloom
But those that nearest lie
We scorn, and think that those beyond
our reach
Alone will satisfy.
But when we have them in our eager grasp
The pleasures they implied,
But fade, and mock our deep desire,
and we
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