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REGULAR DELEGATE ELECTION.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1882.

PEOPLE'S TICKET.

For Delegate to Congress,

JOHN T. CAINE.

THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference which closed on Sunday afternoon, October 8th, was one of the best and most spirited which we ever attended. The cold storm which prevailed during the latter part of the week rendered necessary an adjournment from the Tabernacle to the Assembly Hall, but there was no coldness in the hearts of the people nor in the sentiments or expressions of the speakers. Every discourse delivered, whether in the Assembly Hall or in the Tabernacle, was replete with sound instruction, correct doctrine, and exhortations to purity of life and that union which is so necessary to the welfare, progress and triumph of the Saints.

One feature was distinctly prominent in the remarks of all who addressed the assembly, and that was profound faith in the overruling power of God and the sure and certain conviction of the ultimate victory of the truth and this people over every error and every scheme designed for injury. Many very interesting reminiscences of important events in Church history were presented and the testimonies borne to the divinity of this work and its power to regenerate and exalt mankind, were powerful and pointed.

The witness of the Holy Spirit was abundantly experienced while the Presidency and Apostles discoursed of the things of God, and all present were refreshed, revived, and strengthened in the faith of the Gospel and in a determination to serve God and obey His laws in spite of every opposing influence.

Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather during some of the meetings the attendance was exceedingly large. On Sunday morning, for instance, in spite of the pouring rain the immense Tabernacle was crowded in every part, while in the afternoon hundreds were unable to gain admittance or obtain standing room.

The vacancies in the quorum of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies were partly filled. Elder Abraham H. Cannon was called and appointed to be one of that quorum and Elder Theodore B. Lewis was also called but it transpired that he had been ordained to the office of High Priest and was therefore not eligible for the position, the two callings Seventy and High Priest being different, as may be seen from the revelation on Priesthood in the Doctrine and Covenants. The other vacancy therefore remains unfilled.

Everybody who attended the Conference appeared to enjoy its spirit, proceedings and instructions greatly, and we have no doubt that its object will be fully realized; that is the Saints will be comforted, encouraged and built up in their most holy faith, and the work of God will receive additional impetus, rolling forth with accelerated speed and power, in its great mission for the redemption of the human race.

THE PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

OUR editorial space is occupied today with minutes of proceedings in the mandamus cases. We have only room to say a few words about the People's Territorial Convention,

which closed on Friday afternoon. It was a spirited yet orderly and well conducted assembly, and when it got down to business dispatched it in earnest and vigorous style. The platform or declaration of principles meets with encomiums on every hand, and it certainly contrasts favorably with the abusive enunciation of the clique which is seeking to stamp out of existence every remnant of popular government now left to the people of this Territory. The choice of a candidate to be the standard bearer of the party and to represent Utah in its entirety in the Forty-Eighth Congress and the remaining session of the Forty-Seventh, was made after due consideration of the qualifications of the several nominees. The names of other gentlemen had been freely mentioned and their talents and abilities widely discussed, but Hon. John T. Caine was fixed upon as the candidate who, under all the circumstances and demands of the times, would fill the requirements likely to be made. We heartily endorse the nomination and expect to announce his election in November, by a majority so large as to put any dispute upon it out of the question. The thanks of the people are due to the Delegates who have so well represented them in convention, and we have no doubt that their services will be duly appreciated. Now let us all work for a victory at the next election which shall be at once a triumph to the people and a caution to conspirators against popular rights.

PEOPLE'S TERRITORIAL CONVENTION.

At 2 p.m. on Thursday, the Convention met as per adjournment. The committee on credentials, through its chairman, Joseph Stanford, reported the following:

CITY HALL, Salt Lake City,
Oct. 12, 1882.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

After a careful examination of documents now on file, your committee on credentials beg leave to report that the following named persons are duly elected delegates, and therefore entitled to seats in the Territorial Convention of the People's party now in session:

Beaver County—John R. Murdoch, W. Ashworth.

Box Elder County—W. Snow, O. G. Snow, R. Baty.

Cache County—J. L. Stewart, Robt. S. Campbell, Jos. Howell, W. C. Burnham, I. C. Thoreson, Jas. Mack.

Davis County—Lewis M. Grant, Alley S. Rosa, Jos. Barton.

Emery County—No representation.

Garfield County—Jesse W. Crosby, Jr.

Iron County—Robt. W. Heyborne, Edward Dalton.

Juab County—Joel Grover, Geo. Teasdale.

Kane County—James L. Bunting.

Millard County—Jas. V. Robinson, Ira N. Hinkley.

Morgan County—Samuel Francis.

Plute County—Franklyn W. Young.

Rich County—Wm. H. Lee.

Salt Lake County—E. B. Fullmer, Hyrum Bennion, Geo. M. Ottinger, T. V. Williams, Mrs. M. I. Horne, Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, C. W. Penrose, Adam Spiers, Henry Day, James Crane, John N. Pike, Peter Reld, J. S. Rawlins, John K. Winder, R. G. Lambert, N. V. Jones, Hugh Watson.

San Juan—No representation.

Sanpete County—Luther T. Tuttle, Edward Cliff, R. R. Lewellyn, Ely A. Day, J. P. Christensen.

Sevier County—Joseph S. Horne, George W. Bean.

Summit County—Alma Eldredge, W. W. Cluff.

Tooele County—George Atkins, William C. Rydall.

Utah County—No appointments.

Utah County—S. R. Thurman, John Devy, Johnathan S. Page, Jas. Dunn, John C. Graham, Wm. Creer, Wilson H. Dusenberry, John S. Boyer, Benjamin W. Driggs.

Wasatch County—Abraham Hatch.

Washington County—Jacob F. Gates, E. G. Woolley.

Weber County—Joseph Stanford, R. K. Williams, F. S. Richards, L. W. Shurtliff, Nathan Tanner, D. H. Peery.

And your committee would fur-

ther report that the following named persons are duly elected alternates to the said convention.

Beaver County—W. L. H. Dotson, John Ashworth.

Box Elder County—A. Zundell, A. Madsen, L. Huusaker.

Davis County—J. W. Woolley, J. H. Wilcox, P. Barton.

Juab County—W. A. C. Bryan, Alma Hague.

Kane County—H. O. Spencer.

Salt Lake County—H. P. Richards, J. C. Wood, Milando Pratt, W. W. Williams, N. A. Empey.

Washington County—Henry Eyring.

Weber County—Edwin Stratford, Thomas D. Dee.

Very respectfully,
JOSEPH STANFORD,
Chairman,

T. V. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

The report was received and adopted, and Edwin Stratford alternate was admitted as delegate in place of D. H. Perry, absent; W. A. C. Bryan, alternate, in place of Joel Grover; and H. O. Spencer to fill a vacancy in the Kane County delegation.

On motion of W. W. Cluff, a committee of seven on permanent organization was appointed by the chair, viz: W. W. Cluff, S. R. Thurman, F. S. Richards, J. R. Murdoch, Abram Hatch, E. G. Woolley, and Joel Howard.

A recess was taken for fifteen minutes, during which the delegates arranged themselves in counties.

On the re-assembling on the convention Mr. C. W. Penrose called attention to some remarks made by the temporary chairman in his opening speech, to the effect that heretofore our conventions had been more of a theological than a political character. This the speaker wished to say was a great mistake. He had attended several territorial conventions and was familiar, by reading, with the character of the conventions held ever since the first held in Utah, and there was nothing of a theological nature in their organization business or objects. They were political conventions for political purposes. They were precisely of the same character as the present convention. The chairman had not long resided in the Territory and may have been misled on this subject by incorrect reports. Mr. Penrose went on to say that although the large majority of delegates to a political convention might belong to the same religious society, that would not necessarily give their convention a theological character. The delegates were elected to these conventions in the same manner as delegates were chosen in other parts of this great country. Political power is under American institutions vested in the people. True, in a Territory that power was very much limited, but that was not the fault of the people. And here they met in caucus and chose their delegates to county conventions from which delegates were elected to the Territorial Convention. Some people seemed to be afraid of religious influence upon politics; for his part, judging from recent occurrences, he considered there was far more danger from the encroachments of the State upon religious liberty than from any possible church encroachments upon the State. He reiterated his statement that previous Territorial conventions in Utah had been precisely of the same character as the present.

The Chairman responded with some remarks upon the unconstitutional character of recent legislation against Utah, which he denounced as a religious crusade and a plain violation of established principles of law. The committee on permanent organization submitted their report which, containing the names of some alternates, the names of regular delegates were substituted and the Convention was permanently organized with the following officers:

President, Wilson H. Dusenberry; First Vice President, R. S. Campbell; Second Vice President, Geo. M. Ottinger; Secretary, Joseph Stanford; First Assistant Secretary, Thos. V. Williams; Second Assistant Secretary, W. A. C. Bryan; Messenger, Hugh Watson; Sergeant-at-Arms, N. V. Jones; Chaplain S. Francis.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the temporary chairman. The President, on taking the chair said the People's Party was noted more for action than sentiment and therefore he would not take up the time in speech-making. The roll was called; quorum present. Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Mr. S. R. Thurman moved for a committee of seven on resolutions and declaration of principles. The motion was carried and the following were appointed by nominations from the house, viz: S. R. Thurman, C. W. Penrose, F. S. Richards, Joseph Barton, Rees R. Lewellyn, George Atkin and J. R. Winder.

On motion of Mr. A. Hatch a committee of three was appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, to request him to call a special election, to be held on the same day as the regular Delegate election, to elect a Delegate for the unexpired term of the Forty-Seventh Congress. The chair appointed A. Hatch, Nathan Tanner and J. R. Murdoch said committee.

The convention then took a recess till 6.30 p.m.

October 12th, 6.30 p. m.

Convention re-assembled. Called to order by the president.

Roll called, quorum present.

N. V. Jones asked to be excused from the office of sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Jones was excused.

On motion of R. K. Williams, the chair appointed Milando Pratt to act as sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Creer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the nomination of candidate for Delegate to Congress be made in open convention, and that voting therefore be done by ballot, a majority of two-thirds of the votes of those present being necessary to choose. Carried, 39 to 27.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor reported as follows, to wit:

"Your committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor of the Territory and request him to call a special election for Delegate to the Forty-seventh Congress, beg leave to report that they waited upon his Excellency and submitted a copy of your resolution. The Governor replied that he was not aware of any law authorizing him to call such election, but if the convention or your committee would cite him to any statute of the United States or of this Territory conferring on him such authority he would be most happy to comply with your request."

Respectfully submitted,
A. HATCH,
J. R. MURDOCK,
N. TANNER,
Committee."

On motion of Mr. Woolley the said report was accepted, and,

On motion of Mr. Dunn, R. K. Williams was added to the committee, and the committee was instructed to continue its labors and the time for said committee to make report was extended to 10 o'clock a. m. Oct. 13, 1882.

Mr. Graham presented the following resolution:

"Resolved that the People's Territorial Central Committee be instructed to revise the present apportionment of delegates to territorial conventions and that the vote of each county given at the polls in November, 1882, be taken as the basis of said apportionment. Carried."

A motion to adjourn until Friday at 10 a. m. was withdrawn; and Hon. S. R. Thurman, A. Hatch, F. S. Richards, J. R. Murdoch and Mrs. M. I. Horne were called on for speeches, all having responded by making appropriate addresses. A synopsis of which will hereafter be given.

On motion of Mr. Hatch the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Benediction by the chaplain.

October 13, 1882.

Reassembled at 10 a. m.

Called to order by the President. Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Minutes of yesterday were read and the necessary corrections having been made, were approved.

J. R. Murdoch reported that Mr. Heyborn, regular delegate from Iron County, having left the city, would not be able to attend the convention, and Henry Lunt having presented his credentials as alternate to Mr. Heyborn, on motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Lunt was admitted to membership in the convention and his name was placed upon the roll.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor reported progress and asked for further time in which to make its final report.

Mr. Woolley presented the following resolution:

Whereas, The Governor of the Territory, as at present advised, does not consider that he has any authority to call a special election for filling

the vacancy of Delegate from Utah in the Forty-seventh Congress;

Therefore be it Resolved, That this convention, before its final adjournment, proceed to place in nomination a candidate to fill said vacancy, and that the Territorial Central Committee of the People's Party have full authority to take such further steps as shall be necessary to secure the election of said candidate or to withdraw the same as shall best subserve the interest of the people of Utah, and that the committee appointed to wait upon the Governor be released from further duty. Carried.

The minutes of the temporary organization being called for, were then read, corrected and accepted.

Mr. Thurman, chairman of the committee on resolutions and declaration, reported that the committee would not be able to make its final report before two o'clock p. m., and in behalf of the committee asked the convention until that time to make such report.

On motion of Mr. Hatch such time was granted to the Committee.

A motion to take recess until 2 o'clock p. m. was put and lost.

R. K. Williams moved that the Convention take recess until 2 p. m. and that in the interim the Delegation from each County select its candidate for membership in the People's Territorial Central Committee. Carried.

2 p. m.

On re-assembling the convention proceeded to elect members of the People's Territorial Central Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, Salt Lake County was allowed seven members, Utah County, three and Weber County two, the rest of the counties one each.

The following were nominated and elected:

Names of Members of the Central Committee.

Beaver County, P. T. Farnsworth, Jr.

Box Elder County, Oliver G. Snow.

Cache County, Wm. B. Preston.

Davis County, Lewis M. Grant.

Garfield County, David Cannon.

Iron County, Edward Dalton.

Juab County, Joel Grover.

Kane County, Howard O. Spencer.

Millard County—J. V. Robison.

Morgan County—S. Francis.

Plute County—John R. Young.

Rich County—Wm. H. Lee.

Salt Lake County—John Sharp.

David O. Calder, John T. Caine, Feramor Little, John R. Winder, Theodore McKean and Angus M. Cannon.

Sanpete County—Wm. T. Reid.

Sevier County—Wm. H. Clark.

Summit County—Alma Eldredge.

Tooele County—H. S. Gowans.

Utah County—Warren N. Dusenberry, J. Dunn and J. E. Booth.

Uintah County—C. C. Bartlett.

Wasatch County—Thos. H. Giles.

Washington County—John M. McFarlane.

Weber County—F. S. Richards, D. H. Peery.

San Juan County—Platte D. Lyman.

The committee on resolutions and declarations of principles reported the following, through its chairman Mr. J. R. Thurman, which was read by F. S. Richards:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

The People's Party struggling for supremacy of constitutional law and the sacred privilege of local self-government, submit the following declaration of principles:

1st. We believe that the protection of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is the object of free government, and that the Constitution of the United States was ordained and established to secure the greatest possible liberty to man, woman and child, consistent with the public welfare.

2nd. We believe that free government can only exist where the people governed participate in the administration thereof.

3rd. We believe that any party or faction of a political community that seeks to subvert the institutions of local self-government, aims a deadly thrust at the Constitution, and that such party or faction is unworthy the suffrages of a free people.

4th. We believe that any official who attempts to stifle the popular voice as expressed at the ballot box guilty of treason against the sovereign people.

5th. We believe that the right to frame laws suited to the requirements of the Territory having been