

that now is the critical time for the Democratic party in Utah. As you all know, I was an ardent worker in the "Liberal" ranks, but I am now, as I always have been, a Democrat and here to stay. [Applause.] There were some reports spread abroad this morning that I had gone back, but to those who circulated this, and to those who are disposed to credit it, all I have to say is that they do not know me, as I never take a position until after mature deliberation, and once having taken a stand I have never been known to waver. I did not take this stand until I was thoroughly convinced that the time had arrived when the Democratic party should be organized in Utah and its interests protected to the fullest extent, and being a Democrat, I propose to stay with it. [Great applause.] I think the reason the Republicans have not divided is because they fear they haven't enough votes. I believe they would like to have the matter delayed until some time when they could euchre us by some trick like they played in Idaho. There is real danger that if they win, it will be the Democrats of Utah who will be disfranchised. [Cheers.]

S. W. Darke addressed the convention as follows: "In order to make the results of this convention a success we must be thoroughly organized, as we are confronted by men who have the best organization in this western country." He went on to elaborate his proposition, but was interrupted on a point of order that there was no motion before the house. Nominations were now in order.

Judge Judd said he was a Democrat and willing to trust his property in the hands of the people of Utah, and he had in mind another man who had said the same thing, a sterling Democrat, Mr. Wendell Benson, the builder of the Knutsford hotel.

Mr. Cassady seconded the nomination.

The name of Hon. F. S. Richards was then placed in nomination.

W. A. Hodges nominated F. H. Dyer.

J. H. Moyle moved to close the nominations. Voted down.

S. A. Kenner nominated Judge Norrell, who he said had scattered more thunder and lightning than any other man in the preliminary battle.

Judge Norrell said he was not an office-seeker, and, further, the position was one he would not be allowed to accept. Mr. Kenner then withdrew Judge Norrell's name.

Hon. John T. Caine presented the name of Parley L. Williams as a man who would make a first-class legislator, and whose Democracy was beyond question.

Le Grand Young was next placed in nomination.

Wm. Condon seconded the name of P. L. Williams as a Democrat from Illinois, where it was worth a man's life to be a Democrat. James Williams also seconded the nomination.

Mr. Richards nominated Joseph L. Rawlins, and he was seconded by Le Grand Young.

Treasurer Walden seconded Le Grand Young's nomination.

R. C. Chambers' name was put in nomination and seconded by several delegates

The convention then took a recess subject to the call of the chair, to prepare the ballots and organize the delegations.

THE BALLOT.

	First Precinct.	Second Precinct.	Third Precinct.	Fourth Precinct.	Fifth Precinct.	Total.
R. C. Chambers	20	15	30	10	5	80
P. L. Williams	27	36	10	13	28	114
Le Grand Young	29	38	8	14	24	113
Wendell Benson	28	37	30	21	25	139
F. S. Richards	11	23	18	5	5	62
J. L. Rawlins	8	30	30	10	9	86

The chairman announced that Messrs. Benson, Williams & Young having received the highest number of votes and a majority of all the votes cast, were the nominees of the convention for members of the Territorial Council.

At a first glance it may seem a little singular that Messrs. Richards, Rawlins and Chambers were defeated in their nominations, but when it is understood that they were retained for the House the matter is easily explained. Friends of the two first named gentlemen passed about from delegation to delegation while the balloting was going on, urging that they be reserved as representatives.

Mr. Rawlins moved that the nominations be made unanimous by a rising vote, which was done with great enthusiasm.

In response to call P. L. Williams replied: "I will look to you and yours to make the claim of your chairman good on election day. In Utah we have heard too much of the past; let us now secure for it the rights which it is entitled to." [Applause.]

Le Grand Young was demanded and greeted with vociferous cheers. He said the thing was new to him, as he had received few nominations and fewer elections. He had always been against a centralized government and had always been a Democrat in belief.

Mr. Williams, Col. Merritt and Delegate Caine were appointed to wait on Wendell Benson and apprise him of his nomination.

HOUSE NOMINATIONS.

Judge Smith presented the name of Waldemar Van Cott, in a pithy speech; but Van Cott turned this very humorously, saying that he and his partner, Parley L. Williams, had made an agreement before going into the convention that if one received a nomination the other would decline. He caused much merriment by saying that his partner had tricked him out of a nomination by getting one.

Governor West in a short speech presented J. L. Rawlins as a man who would bring strength to the party if placed on the ticket.

William Condon named William Burke.

Treasurer Walden named G. W. Snow as a man who had the courage to say, "Get thee behind me, Satan," when the Liberals tried to bribe him with office.

Mr. Kenner, in behalf of the laboring men, wanted the Typographical union represented, and named C. S. Williamson, the foreman of the *Herald*, as a tried and true Democrat.

A. Young seconded the nomination of Mr. Williamson, paying a high tribute to his Democracy.

Judge Judd nominated Hon. F. S. Richards as a Democrat of the Jeffersonian stripe.

J. A. Williams presented the name of Jack Kennedy as the most popular real estate agent in this city.

At this juncture Mr. Benson was ushered into the hall by the committee and received with applause. He said: "I am no politician. I know none of the arts by which votes are made. I am a comparative stranger, and the committee which waited on me did not know me and I did not know it. This is a time when the stand we have taken here will have great weight in the east. The Liberals have pulled me on this and that corner and told me if this thing went on my property would go down 50 per cent. I am ready to take any of it at that price. [Laughter.] I put my money, or agreed to put it here, before there was any Liberal victory in this city. During my business career in Salt Lake I have been treated as well by the Mormons as by any other people. The Liberals tell me that we must not have statehood. For one I am ready for it. I was a Democrat in the State of Maine [applause], and in the State of Nebraska [applause], and I am a Democrat in Utah and my name has been Benson wherever I have been. [Great laughter and applause.] We must eventually have State laws as they have in other States, or capital will fight shy of us. I have been called a Jack-Mormon [laughter], and asked when I was going to join the Church. [More laughter.] The reason they do not want Utah to be a state is because they are afraid they cannot have it all their own way."

Thomas V. Williams, of the Twelfth Ward, and J. W. Whitehead were placed in nomination.

Mr. Miner presented the name of R. C. Chambers as that of a man who is at the head of the mining industry in the Territory, and of the Democratic industry silver.

William W. Riter was nominated.

Simon Bamberger nominated James A. Lowe.

Mr. Cassady said he had been casting about among the wage-workers for a representative man and no worthier name could be suggested than that of William Fuller.

A. T. Schroeder nominated George R. Cushing, J. B. Timmony seconding the nomination by saying: "If this ticket wins in August it must be by the bone and sinew of the working-men."

Judge Norrell seconded the nomination of William Burke.

Judge Judd was placed in nomination by J. L. Rawlins, but declined, stating that he appreciated the honor as he knew it was sincere. He had declined a nomination for Congress that was a sure election. He was not a candidate for any office.

Treasurer Walden seconded the nomination of J. W. Whitehead.

C. R. Barrett was proposed, but declined.

Mr. Merritt seconded with a telling speech the nomination of Hon. F. S. Richards.

William Condon seconded the nomination of J. W. Kennedy.

J. W. Whitehead declined the nomination because his business would call