

were not represented, and recommended that the chair appoint delegates to represent those precincts from the spectators. Adopted.

The committee on permanent organization and order of business reported as follows:

Permanent chairman, Elijah Sells; secretary, Joseph Lippman; assistant secretary, Fred Leonard. Order of business: Report of the committee on resolutions; nomination of county officers.

The report was adopted and Colonel Sells then came to the platform. He thanked the convention for the honor conferred and congratulated the "Liberal" party upon its prospects.

The resolutions were called for and Mr. C. S. Varian read the following:

#### PLATFORM.

The American citizens of Salt Lake county, in Liberal convention assembled, hereby present to their fellow-citizens their platform of principles.

Whereas, For forty years the institutions of the free government of the United States have been menaced in this portion of American territory by a theocracy so despotic in its exercise of power as to suppress all freedom of thought or action in the individual; and

Whereas, During all of said time the people acknowledging its authority have been directed and educated in lines of thought tending to induce the conviction that the government of the United States was a league with death and a covenant with hell and an enemy to them and their institutions; and

Whereas, In the past the subordination of temporal government to ecclesiastical power in the Territory of Utah has made life unendurable, and the pursuit of liberty and happiness impossible for all true Americans within its sovereignty; and

Whereas, The Liberal party, born of necessities of the hour, and made possible by the union of brave and true men and women, by its strong and steady opposition for these many years past to the insolent demands of an arrogant and alien priesthood, has touched the pulse and quickened the conscience of the great people of these United States; and

Whereas, The political conditions of the one hundred and fifty thousand people produced by years of mental slavery and superstition in the natural order of things cannot possibly be changed in a day; and

Whereas, All revelations, judging from the lessons of history, come from within and not from without; and

Whereas, The political power of the Mormon Church in the Territory of Utah as exercised in the past and as it now exists in the present is a menace to free institutions too dangerous to be suffered; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Liberal party of Salt Lake county in convention assembled that we announce to our fellow citizens of the United States that there is no question of a national political character which at the present time can serve to distract the attention of them and ourselves from the single one which here confronts us.

Resolved, That the efforts of a few designing place-hunters, coupled with those of the agents of the Mormon theocracy, to place the American citizens of this Territory in a false light before the country, do and of right should receive our condemnation. There is nothing in the past nor present life of the Mormon Church which indicates that it has taken its priestly hand from the throat of the citizen. For years we have been fighting for the supremacy of a principle, and the veteran experience of many conflicts enables us, as we believe, to judge better than mere theorists and holiday soldiers as to present conditions.

Resolved, That the Liberal party has no animosity to gratify, no revenge to accomplish; but that it loves the principles of American liberty and reveres their institutions; that its hatreds are directed alone against the methods and madness which would subject the government, overwhelm the family and degrade the man.

Resolved, That the men and women who were educated under and believe in the principles of free government are not prepared to say to the people of the United States, at this time, that the Territory should become a State. When the people here shall have become emancipated, shall have renounced all dependence in secular matters upon a hierarchy; when they evidence by their own honest endeavors in a bona fide struggle for freedom that the spirit which leavens the institutions of the country prevails with them; when, in fact, there shall be no question that proper conditions exist—when that time comes, and not till then—are we willing that Utah shall become a free and sovereign State; because every interest of Utah, both Mormon and Gentile, forbids the admission of this Territory to statehood, under present conditions, inasmuch as it would destroy values, demoralize business, and stretch around a polygamous theocracy the protection of State lines.

Resolved, That we stamp upon the attempt to divide Gentiles on party lines as but another attempt of the Mormon leaders to accomplish by stealth and fraud, and with the help of Gentile allies, what they have so often failed to attain unaided, and we deplore the blindness which has led a few of our former friends astray.

Resolved, That we recognize in the large and intelligent organized army of laboring men in this city and county one of the greatest factors in our growth and prosperity; and we believe in the employment of our fellow citizens in the construction of all public works. We believe that eight hours is a fair limit for a day's labor on all public buildings and works. That the mechanics' lien law should be so amended as to protect the laborer as well as the contractor, and that the exemption law should be so amended as to exempt from execution or attachment three months' earnings of the laboring man who is the head of a family. We ask a change in the time of holding elections in this Territory, so that all county and Territorial elections may fall on the same day.

Resolved, That the political dictations of employers, or the discharge of employees on account of their political opinions, should be, by statute, declared a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment.

We protest against the refusal of the government of the United States to withdraw from silver the restrictions placed upon it eighteen years ago, and which have ever since worked a mighty hardship upon all industries, especially those of mining and agriculture; and we thank Congress for the protection it has thrown around lead.

C. S. VARIAN,  
J. R. MORRIS,  
C. F. LOOPBOUROW,  
C. C. GOODWIN,  
ROBERT MULHALL,  
E. D. HOGE,  
H. P. JOHNSON,

Committee.

At the conclusion of the reading of the resolutions they were adopted by a rising vote and three cheers were given.

The convention then adjourned for a time.

#### THE EVENING SESSION

commenced at seven o'clock and it was on the stroke of midnight when the proceedings terminated.

Mr. Varian nominated A. L. Williams for county collector, and the nomination was made unanimous.

#### SELECTMEN.

John Butter was elected by acclamation. The vote for the other candidates stood: John Updegraff 15, Harvey Hardy 155, Samuel Galeazzi 25. Harvey Hardy was declared elected.

#### SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

E. M. Cullins 102, V. Dolliver 94. E. M. Collins was declared elected. The following county committee was elected:

First Precinct—Arthur H. Parsons.  
Second Precinct—J. K. Gillespie.  
Third Precinct—Joseph R. Morris.  
Fourth Precinct—H. V. Meloy.  
Fifth Precinct—W. H. Ryan.

For the county, F. L. Cushing, of Bingham, and Harry Haynes, of Sandy, were elected.

The committee had the choice of electing a member within the committee or out of it.

C. E. Stanton rose to nominate a candidate for the council, when J. M. Ricketts called him to time by making the point that the convention as assembled was a city convention. It was moved that the convention adjourn to meet as a convention to select three candidates for the territorial council, which carried.

Judge Wampler moved that a committee of two from each precinct be appointed to select three candidates for council. No seconder.

The convention received nomination for councilmen to be balloted for.

C. E. Stanton nominated James Glendenning. He was seconded by Councilman Anderson and J. C. Conklin.

Jake Greenwald moved that the nomination be made unanimous. There were cries of No! No! No! and Mr. Greenwald was left out in the cold.

Dr. Iliff nominated Henry W. Lawrence as "a man who had stood by the Territory." Seconded by ex-Councilman Hall, City Engineer Doremus and others.

Mr. Varian, in behalf of the labor unions, rose to nominate a man put forward by the federated trades. He named P. J. Moran, whom he characterized as "an American Irishman, not of the O'Brien stripe." Mr. Van Horne seconded the nomination, which was also seconded by several others.

I. J. Starbuck said his candidate did not come from the blue grass of Kentucky, nor the alligator swamps of Mississippi, nor from the shotgun districts of Tennessee, neither did he earn his bread by the sweat of his tongue. The individual referred to turned out to be, after all, William Doney.

Judge Hoge put in nomination R. N. Baskin, which was greeted with some cheering interspersed with a variety of yells. Judge Goodwin, H. W. Lawrence and others seconded the nomination.

Mr. Ellsworth asked for recognition and said the Liberal party had been called a "bastard party." He desired to repudiate the assertion, as Judge Baskin was its legal father!

#### THE FIRST BALLOT.

James Glendenning	98
H. W. Lawrence	82
P. J. Moran	134
William Doney	10
R. N. Baskin	172

Baskin, Moran and Glendenning