

Tuesday we believed that that grandest of all statesmen—James G. Blaine—(Cheers) would be nominated, but on Wednesday there was a turn in the tide, and when Harrison was nominated by Depew it seems that three-fourths of the delegates were for him and it soon became apparent that he was the choice of the people. Protection will be the slogan of the campaign. We want a Republican party in Utah—have one already. I trust that every Republican in this Territory will work for the organization of Republican clubs in every hamlet and village. We are known in the East. All we need to do is to show our honesty and enthusiasm, and our factional fight will soon be over. (Applause.)

HARREL PRATT

at this juncture was elected secretary of the meeting, after which

JUDGE BENNETT

said: We have met here to consider for a brief time the work of the grand old party at Minneapolis in nominating a presidential ticket. We commend and ratify this action. Nothing better could be done than to nominate Benjamin Harrison to the highest position in the power of the people. We can point to his administration as one made up of singular success. It has maintained peace at home, power abroad. First, The protective tariff act is one of wisdom and great good to the people and has reduced the aggregate of taxes collected to the extent of \$50,000,000. Secondly, The reciprocity with the South American republics is applauded both at home and abroad as an act of justice. It gives us dignity and respect in the commercial world. Greater and purer patriotism has never been shown than that which has been exhibited in the present administration. The settlement of the Chilean and Italian difficulties superior wisdom was apparent and so it goes through a long list of bright achievements. The second man on the ticket worked himself up from poverty to the high eminence of fame he now occupies. He convinced the country of his statesmanship and ability and was sent to France as a minister of the United States and we now would recognize him further. The platform of principles adopted by the Republicans at Minneapolis is worthy the support of every loyal citizen.

Judge Bennett then offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily approve and cheerfully ratify the nominations of Benjamin Harrison for the office of President and Whitelaw Reid for the office of Vice President of the United States for the next Presidential term.

Resolved, That in the platform of principles, adopted by the late Republican National convention at Minneapolis, we recognize an excellent and statesman-like document pledging our party to support and protect the best interests of the whole people of our country; especially do we heartily approve of the planks treating of protection to our home industries, reciprocity, restoration of silver to its former place as money, on a parity with gold, and statehood for the Territories, and most cordially do we join in its denunciation of the Democratic party for its efforts to destroy the tariff on wool and lead ores, two of the leading

elements of wealth and prosperity in our Territory.

GOVERNOR THOMAS

was then introduced and advanced to the footlights amidst a volley of cheers. He said he did not know until a few minutes before that he would be called upon to endorse the resolution offered by Judge Bennett, but could not now decline the honor. He was a Republican and with Republicans ratified the nomination of Benjamin Harrison and Whitelaw Reid as President and Vice President respectively of the United States. He considered that the Republican party had been very fortunate in nominating such wise and able men. Its success in the coming campaign would be largely due to the magnificent administration given by President Harrison. He believed that the nominees would be elected. There was something about the present administration that appealed to the intelligence of the people. It had placed the business men of the United States in a stronger position in the markets of the world than they had before occupied. Republicans had just cause to be proud of their party. Its history was largely the history of the country during the last thirty years. No great act or broad measure had ever been drafted during this period but that had its origin in the Republican party. It made the people patriotic and taught them loyalty to law. It had no equal among the political parties of the world today.

It created love at home and peace abroad. It protects the workshop and those who toil therein. The Governor closed by predicting a sweeping victory for the ticket nominated.

ARTHUR BROWN

was next introduced as a man who was a Republican in every sense of the word and whose very physical and mental organization tingled with Republican enthusiasm. That gentleman was warmly applauded as he commenced his speech. He said that four years ago next November there was a rousing Republican meeting in Salt Lake City to ratify the election of Benjamin Harrison. It was full of enthusiasm. All factions of Republicans participated in that demonstration and were united at least for the time being. The time had again come when all should be one in deed, thought and purpose. Four golden years of prosperity during Republican rule had been recorded. Four years ago he had predicted without making any pretensions to being a prophet that Benjamin Harrison would be renominated and thus be President of the United States for eight years. The preliminary steps had been taken to make good his word. (Laughter and applause.) President Harrison has been met by many difficult and delicate questions. The President's chair is not a bed of roses. He has great problems to solve but our present executive has been equal to every emergency no matter how intricate it was. In Utah the silver question is a live and burning issue. We were producers of that precious metal in great abundance and to get its worth we cried for free silver. Able men had plead our cause in season and out. But there was one who had done more towards the accomplishment of

our desires in that respect than all others and his name was Benjamin Harrison. While Congress had been in doubt as to which was the best course to pursue he appointed a commission that were formulating a plan that would give us a market for that precious product and put it on a parity with gold at a proper ratio. (Applause.) The great masses of both parties were opposed to free silver but it was now on the highway to success. The Republican theory and practice were home markets for home products. (Applause.) The most philosophical enactment by Congress in this respect was the passage of the McKinley bill. Republicans inherited their ideas regarding protection from their Whig ancestors and they knew that the McKinley bill was an act of wisdom, but honor should first be given to him whose name it bears. Yet not to him alone for he was backed and supported by many a compeer. When Great Britain recently showed signs of ill humor President Harrison showed that government that he was able to meet them in diplomacy or upon the battlefield if they desired it. In the little friction with the South American barbarians he maintained the dignity of our flag. Republicans of Utah as elsewhere did well to ratify the ticket nominated, but never as long as memory lasted would they forget the great plumed knight, the greatest of them all, James G. Blaine. (Cheers and protracted applause.) Neither should General Alger of Michigan go unremembered, nor that dark horse, whom they would nominate four years hence, William McKinley of Ohio. (Renewed applause.) It would be well to keep in mind, however, that the safe ones had been selected. Harrison had for four years been tested by every crucible, and Whitelaw Reid (cheers) he was more than a journalist, he was now deservedly wearing the mantle of him who created Republicanism—Horace Greely. (Loud applause.) It was in the recollection of some of the oldest Republicans how the semi-weekly *Tribune*, of which that learned and distinguished gentleman was editor, went abroad with good doctrine and converted thousands upon thousands of people.

The speaker here called the attention of the audience to Republicanism in Utah. He said there was a peculiar condition of affairs existing here and the meeting in which he was speaking had not only been called to ratify the nominations of the presidential ticket, but also the action of the convention with reference to Utah. There was but one Republican party in Utah and that was endorsed by the nation. (Applause.) The action in allowing two other gentlemen to occupy seats in that convention, in addition to the regular delegates, was simply in the interest of harmony. The right hand of fellowship had been extended to them and he trusted that it was accepted in the same spirit it was given. Factionalism and "Liberalism" were now dead in Utah. (Prolonged cheering and applause.) The Brilliant Goodwin had been honored by being appointed by the regular delegates to wait upon the President and inform him of his renomination, simply as an exhibition of good will. The great bone of conten-