

BETRAYED BY PARTY LEADERS.

Recent County Democratic Convention Packed to Shield Republican Candidates So Charges T. N. James.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

No doubt many democrats as well as good republicans and progressives over the County feel disappointed over the action of the recent County Democratic Convention in refusing to nominate a county ticket. It seems incredible to think that our party would back down just as the door of opportunity was opening. Not for a generation has political conditions been so torn up in Madison County; not for a generation has there been so many voters unsettled as to how they were going to vote next November, and not for a generation has our party had such opportunity to gain from these unsettled voters permanent recruits. "As the tree falleth so shall it lie" and as the voter finally decides this election, so will he generally vote hereafter. The Republican party is appealing to these independent voters through a complete county ticket made up of candidates from most every section of our county, while the democratic party offers them only a one man bob-tail ticket to vote for. Can the Democratic party hope to make gains under such conditions? Can it even hope to hold its own?

Does the Democratic party in Madison County stand for anything? Has it any mission to serve? It should stand against the extravagance which has characterized the administration of our county's affairs, but it has condoned it. It should stand against the drunkenness, inefficiency and imorality which permeates some of our county offices, but against such evils it is silent and offers no remedy. Speaking figuratively the Democratic party in Madison County has ignored the great vultures who feed daily on the county's vitals and trained all of its guns on one little harmless sparrow—Jim Rector against whose character, so far as the writer is able to learn, there is no stain and against whose record "if he has one" can be made no charge.

Why did our County Convention take such a course? The answer is simple. The rank and file of the Democratic party was betrayed by its present party leaders, and our County Convention was run, not in the interest of the Democratic party, not in the interest of better County Government, but in the interest of a few Republican candidates. Their personal friendship for certain Republican candidates and their desire to shield them from further opposition was stronger than their party principles, and their ambition to gain financial advantage for a business headed by a leading Republican was stronger than their desire to correct existing abuses. Personal friendship is all right and I only wish that men might be bound together stronger by such ties, and I concede a man the right to vote for a warm worthy and personal friend running on an opposite ticket, but I have only censure and condemnation for a few men after acquiring leadership of our party and then betraying it into the hands of the Republicans.

Now I do not charge that all the Democrats who voted to carry out the plans of these leaders were influenced by the same sinister motives. A few as good Democrats as live in Madison County thought it good party policy to nominate only one candidate, others followed their leadership blindly trusting them to lead for the best interest of the party, while others were offered the support of this ring crowd in securing a small piece of federal pie in the event of a national Democratic victory if they would only do their bidding. It is actually funny to think of this crowd, who fought Wilson so hard before the National Convention and who now have taken the very course that will lose him and our State ticket as well, many, many votes, dividing up the federal pie this far in advance. But it has been done and I can name their candidates for the most important appointments now. If they would like to see their list published, they have only to request it.

Now I want it plainly understood that I am not kicking about the nomination of Mr. N. B. McDevitt, but my kick is that the will of the rank and file of our party was ignored and our primaries and convention was packed by our so called party leaders for the express purpose of carrying out the will of certain Republican candidates and leaders and therefore other nominations were prevented. I want every Democrat in Madison County to go to the poles early on election day and for the sake of Democratic principles, and for the sake of our National, State and Congressional ticket, and for the sake of the one County candidate, Mr. McDevitt, who they did let us nominate, vote and work harder than ever before for success, and remember that "Truth will not always be on the scaffold and wrong on the throne" and that the "principles of Democracy are immortal" and that bye and bye a Moses whose only ambition will be to advance the interest of the Democratic party, and the cause of good government in general, will appear to lead us out from the Wilderness into which we have been led.

Remember you must vote the ENTIRE Democratic ticket, otherwise you cannot vote for either Simmons, Kitchen or Clark for United States Senator in the Senatorial primary to be held on election day. This rule has been laid down by the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Respectfully,
T. N. JAMES.

Docket For Civil Court Monday Oct. 1912.

Mashburn, No. 61 Deaver Kennedy & Co. vs. Dan Shelton et-al
J. C. Ramsey

Mashburn, No. 62 C. M. McClung & Co. vs. Dan Shelton et al J. C. Ramsey.

Mashburn, No. 63 Cowan McClung & Co. vs. Dan Shelton et al J. C. Ramsey.

Ray, No. 112 J. M. Winters vs Champion Lumber Co. Roberts McElroy & Barnard.

McElroy & Ramsey, No. 110 Frank Henderson vs Madison County Railway Company Roberts McElroy & Barnard.

TUESDAY Oct. 15, 1912.

McElroy, No. Mack Crain vs Laurel River Logging Company Roberts McElroy & Barnard.

Ray & Murphy, No. 71 Jno. Buckner vs. Laurel River Logging Company & Madison Railway Company Roberts McElroy & Barnard.

Ray & Murphy, No. 73 Carmel Bradburn Inft by N. F. vs Southern Railroad Company Roberts & Rollins.

Zachary & Roberts, No. 68 R. H. & D. T. Haynie vs Philip Martin, J. C. Ramsey.

Mashburn, No. 80 Howard Chandley vs T. J. Ricker Roberts & Ramsey.

WEDNESDAY Oct. 16, 1912

McElroy, No. 82 Lannie Arrington vs Thos. Dill & S. Peek Ray.

Gudger McElroy & Rollins, No. 85 Tonie Ball vs Barnett Lowe Pritchard.

Mashburn & Ray, No. 92 Joshua Gosnell vs Southern Railroad Company Roberts & Rollins.

Mashburn, No. 105 Z. C. Rector vs R. B. Payne Ramsey.

Roberts Fortune & Mashburn, No. 108 Thos. Lamb, admr. vs Southern Railroad Company Roberts & Rollins.

Gudger & McElroy, No. 111 Vinnie Ramsey vs Harrison McElroy & Ramsey.

THURSDAY, Oct. 17, 1912.

Ray, No. 118 F. R. Waddell vs Sidney Lusk, et-al McElroy.

McElroy, No. Nat Davis an wife vs W. R. Waddeil, et-al Ray & Roberts.

Ray, No. John Franks Southern Railroad Company Rollins & Roberts.

Gudger & McElroy, No. 25 W. Rice vs Jno. Ferrier Mashburn.

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