

DELEGATES CHEER HEARST

NEW PARTY'S FIRST MEETING

With Orchestra Hall Thronged With Delegates and Spectators and the Walls Placarded With Allusions to the Existing Political Situation, the Independence Party Opened Its First National Convention...

Chicago, July 27.—Amid loud and enthusiastic cheering and with its members showing every sign of loyalty to their new standard of political faith, the first national convention of the Independence party was opened at 8 o'clock to-night in Orchestra Hall.

The main floor of the hall was filled by delegates. There are no alternates. The galleries were overcrowded with a throng which entered heartily into the spirit of the proceedings and throughout the session applauded vigorously whatever met their approval.

DELEGATES ARRIVE

The delegates came trooping into the hall, New York heading the column. The delegates from the Empire State carried a white banner, bearing the words "Independence Party" between them being an evenly balanced scale, signifying exact justice to all.

Some of the delegates were: Kentucky, The Democratic Machine, the Plute Power, Chip the Republican Machine, the Dollar Passes Current at the Same Counter.

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DEMONSTRATION FOR HEARST

The arrival of William H. Hearst started a delicious demonstration. The hall was in an uproar as Hearst mounted the steps leading to the platform. He took no notice of the demonstration, but after remaining on the rostrum for about three minutes in consultation with the secretary of the convention he descended into the body of the hall taking a seat with the New York delegation.

His action was a signal for renewed cheering and the delegates shouting "Hearst, Hearst," immediately started on a parade around the hall shouting continuously the name of the New York editor. The parade continued for several minutes before quiet was restored.

Milton W. Howard, of Alabama, took the gavel and introduced Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa, secretary of the provisional national committee, who read the call for the convention.

This document declared the purpose of the gathering to be the foundation of an independent party and the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President.

BRYAN'S NAME HISSED. The reading was interrupted by cries of "Hearst," and one man in the balcony cried "Bryan." A storm of hisses that followed was stillied by the gavel.

Mr. Howard at the conclusion of the invocation announced the names of the temporary officers of the convention. His mention of the name of Mr. Hearst was received with an outburst of applause and when Mr. Hearst mounted the rostrum the convention rose en masse, cheering wildly.

When quiet had been restored Mr. Hearst began his address as temporary chairman of the convention.

Mr. Hearst said in part: "My friends, this is the first national convention of the Independence party."

"Whether it shall prove an historical event or merely a passing political incident depends upon the wisdom and patriotism with which we shall deliberate and act."

"If the men who met in Independence Hall in Philadelphia on the Fourth of July, 1776, had had within them the feeling of hesitancy, any disposition towards compromise or concession, that day would pass as any other day upon the calendar."

"But the patriots who assembled there had courage in their hearts, high purpose in their souls and the Fourth of July is saluted throughout the world as the birthday of liberty for all men."

A NEW PARTY NEEDED. "It is too much to say that our country can ever reach the importance of the second continental congress, but the principles they met to declare we have met to preserve, and the liberties they assembled to secure we have assembled to protect."

"I believe therefore, that we will do as bravely to our fellow citizens as we did only to the inestimable value rendered by the founders of this government if we shall found a party which will remain unflinchingly faithful to the cause of the plain people, to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and to the fundamental American ideas of liberty, equality and opportunity for all."

"I believe that if any party is necessary in this country to preserve the government as the fathers framed it, a new party is necessary; if any party is necessary to promote progress and prosperity, to encourage the honest business man and protect the honest working man a new party is necessary; if any party is necessary to represent the typical American citizen, to uphold the people in their struggle with the tyrannical monopolies which constitute the trusts, a new party is necessary."

OLD PARTIES UNFAITHFUL. "The old parties in this day of their decadence are no longer equal to this work, for they have become unfaithful to the principles which inspired them and unworthy of the patriots who founded them."

"The Republican party is the open and avowed hand maiden of the trusts. It scorns those who would reform it, and glories brazenly in its profitable infamy."

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LIFE OF THE CONVENTION

THREE CONTESTS IN IREDELL

This Year's Democratic Convention in Ireddell More Directing and Endorsing Than Any For Years—Old Sheriff, Treasurer and Register Replaced by New Men—Seven Ballots Before Choice For Sheriff is Made and Sixteen Necessary in Naming a Man to Head the County—Leader For Sheriff in Primaries Received the Nomination, But the Leader For Treasurer Lost Out—Other Nominations Made Without Any Opposition.

Statesville, July 27.—The important work of the Ireddell Democratic convention to-day was the nominating of James M. Deaton for sheriff, James Ebenezer Boyd for register of deeds and W. H. Galt for treasurer.

The Democratic nomination in Ireddell practically means the election of the nominees. The contest was over the nomination for sheriff and treasurer, requiring seven ballots to reach a choice for sheriff and sixteen to decide on the treasurer.

The convention to-day was the largest, most enthusiastic and most interesting for years. The interest was due to the contest in the primaries for the offices of sheriff, register and treasurer. The vote in the primaries was very large. In Coddie Creek township (which includes the Town of Mooresville) the vote cast in the primary was larger than the vote cast for Governor in November, 1904.

The candidates were: For sheriff—Sheriff Summers and J. W. Ward, Statesville; J. M. Deaton, Mooresville; R. L. Bradford, Shiloh township; J. A. Brown, Sharpsburg; Q. M. Goodman, Chambersburg.

Register—Register M. C. Williams and E. Boyd, Statesville; J. R. Parks, Turnersburg township; N. T. Summers, Union Grove; Mr. R. L. Arndfield, of Statesville, was voted for but was not an avowed candidate.

Treasurer—Treasurer M. A. Feinster, Joan E. Stinson, W. R. Swan and C. L. Murdoch, all of Statesville.

As there was no opposition to the following candidates they were nominated in a bunch without further ado: Zeb V. Long for the Senate, Z. V. Tarlington, of Mooresville, and N. D. Tomlin, of Olin township, for the House; L. V. White, for county surveyor; R. E. Hines, surveyor; Capt. P. S. Carlton, coroner; Captain Carlton tried to decide the nomination for coroner but he was nominated any way. The only new man in the list is Mr. Tomlin, who will succeed Capt. T. M. Davidson as a member of the House. Mr. Tomlin, father, the late A. C. Tomlin, represented Ireddell in the Legislature of 1883. Messrs. Long and Tarlington have twice represented Ireddell in the Senate and House, respectively. Messrs. White, Hines and Carlton are now filling the positions for which they are named.

The contest for sheriff was the most interesting. The contest for sheriff Mr. Deaton's lead in the primaries marked him as a winner and those who figured that way made a safe prediction.

Mr. Deaton won on the seventh ballot. After the sixth ballot Bradford's name was withdrawn and on the next ballot five of Shiloh township voted, which had been cast mostly for Bradford, and gave the lead to Deaton. After the first ballot it was realized that the race was between Deaton and Ward. Mr. Ward, who had made a good showing in the primaries, receiving more votes in Statesville township than any of the other candidates, made gains, but Mr. Deaton's lead was too much for him to overcome. Mr. Brown also made a good showing.

Mr. Boyd was nominated on the first ballot and the nomination was made unanimous. Unlike the contest for sheriff, the strongest man in the primaries did not continue to lead and win. Several times Mr. Stinson came in sight of glory, but Mr. Stinson was in the end defeated.

There was only one ballot for county commissioners, resulting in the re-nomination of the present board with the exception of J. B. Parks, who did not seek re-nomination because he had been a candidate for register. Mr. R. E. Galtier, of Turnersburg, is named to succeed Mr. Parks.

Only one ballot was taken for the board of education. Messrs J. H. Hill and J. L. Bradley, members of the present board, were re-nominated, receiving the full vote. Dr. W. G. Nicholson, of Hutton, was nominated to succeed Mr. J. W. Albee, Jr., of the same community. Mr. Albee having resigned. Dr. Nicholson received 5023 to 30 votes cast for J. W. Van Hoy and 477 for W. H. Hamler.

In getting Sheriff Summers, Register Williams and Treasurer Feinster the convention exchanged three good names for three other good men. The present board of commissioners is capable and efficient. Their re-nomination is not on account of any dissatisfaction with them but is due to the question of rotation. Mr. Deaton, who is to be the new sheriff, has been a deputy for several years and has made an active and energetic official. It is a native of the county and has lived all his life in and near Statesville. Mr. Boyd, who is a native of South Carolina, but has lived in the county 15 or 20 years, was formerly deputy clerk of the Superior Court and is now city tax collector and superintendent of waterworks. He has discharged the duties of these positions acceptably, is very popular with all his acquaintances and will make a good register. Mr. Stinson, who is an Alexander county man, has lived in Ireddell several years. He is well known as a justice of the peace and will fill the treasurer's office acceptably.

Dr. Nicholson, the new member of the board of education, and Mr. Galtier, the new county commissioner, are well-known citizens, who will fill acceptably the places for which they are chosen.

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