

A BATCH OF NEWS ITEMS.

Sharp Contest Between Democrats Expected.

AT THE TERR. CONVENTION.

Funeral of Pierce Quirk—Last Night's Entertainment—Police Court, Etc., Etc.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Liberal Democrats Meet and Elect Delegates and County Committee.

Pursuant to adjournment, ordered by Mr. J. W. McNutt last Saturday evening, the dissatisfied Democrats, who would not fuse with the majority of Democrats, assembled in Corey's Hall yesterday morning at 11 a. m. There were about forty present, who proposed to represent the Democratic party of Weber Co. A few minutes after the appointed time, Mr. E. A. McDaniel nominated Mr. J. W. McNutt chairman. The gentleman was elected by unanimous vote. Mr. McNutt stepped to the rostrum, which, by the way, he occupied for a few minutes last Saturday, and delivered the following speech:

Gentlemen, I thank you. This convention was called to meet here on Saturday evening, but when the hour fixed for the meeting arrived it was found that the hall was packed by members of another party. As those gentlemen refused to vacate the seats reserved for Democrats, and as it was too late to procure another hall, it became absolutely necessary to adjourn the convention until to-day.

The party that took possession of our hall was the People's party, every member of which at the last election for delegate to Congress, voted against the regular Democratic nominee, Colonel Ferry, and for their own candidate, John T. Caine, yet they come in and try to run a Democratic convention.

They may not like the proposition that no man can belong to the People's party and be a Democrat at the same time. But this is the whole business in a nutshell. On this line, must the fight be made. When those gentlemen withdraw from an organization, every movement of which is directed by the Church, and determine to think and act for themselves politically, then and only then will they be entitled to recognition by one or other of the great political parties. Certainly not until then can they expect to march under the banner of Democracy which has boldly inscribed upon it "Opposition to Monopoly, Fraud, Fanaticism and Hypocrisy."

Mr. J. H. Knauss was then elected secretary of the convention. A committee on resolutions, consisting of Messrs. Ogden Hiles, R. W. Cross and H. M. Bond was appointed by the chair.

A committee of five on resolutions were then appointed as follows: John G. Tyler, W. V. Helfrich, E. A. McDaniel, Joseph Brinker and J. J. Clayton.

The committee on nominations were instructed to bring in five nominations for an Executive Democratic Committee, as well as the names of twenty delegates.

A recess of ten minutes was taken by the assembly to allow the committees to report the nominations and resolutions.

At 11:50 the committees arrived and the convention was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Ogden Hiles, chairman of the committee on resolutions offered the following:

The Democracy of Weber County in convention assembled, reaffirms their devotion to the principles of the Democratic Party. The party which had its origin at the foundation of the government, and which must continue to exist in power and efficiency for good, so long as this government shall last.

As members of the National Democratic Party be it resolved by this convention:

First—That we are unwaveringly devoted to the Union of States formed by our fathers under the constitution, and that we will teach our children to cherish a like devotion.

Second—That we heartily endorse the wise and conservative administration of President Cleveland, and that the increased prosperity of the country under his administration has completely refuted the predictions of its opponents, that its accession to power after a lapse of twenty-four years, would work harmful results to our country.

Third—Resolved, that the presence of John T. Caine on the National Democratic Congressional Committee is not a fit representation of the Democracy of Utah, and we hereby recommend that the ensuing Territorial Convention take steps to effect his removal from such committee.

Fourth—Resolved, that the action of the chairman of the county central committee in adjourning this convention from Saturday the 28th inst., to this day be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed. The ground and cause for such action being that the place of meeting was through fraud and chicanery taken possession of by a party who is not only opposed to the Democracy of Utah, but to the Government of the United States itself, and indeed to all governments existing among men, except to the government established in Utah by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, so called.

Fifth—Resolved, that the enforcement of the law of the United States in this Territory, under the present administration, is highly gratifying to the Democracy of Weber County, and we shall always insist for a continuance of such enforcement until all organized and other opposition to the operations of such laws shall have been utterly stamped out.

OGDEN HILES,
R. W. CROSS,
H. M. BOND.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee on nominations was the next feature of the proceedings, reading as follows:

We, your committee to recommend the names of twenty delegates to the Territorial Convention beg leave to report as follows:

J. W. McNutt, T. A. Whalen, Wm. V. Helfrich, F. J. Kiesel, J. J. Clayton, J. M. Langsdorf, T. W. Hurd, John Maguire, W. P. Dwyer, E. A. McDaniel, H. M. Bond, R. W. Cross, Ogden Hiles, E. W. Exum, James Thompson, Ransford Smith, John Ledwidge, J. H. Knauss, W. A. McGaw, Fred. A. Sbiells.

We recommend the election of the following county committee:

J. W. McNutt, J. S. Corlew, H. W. Smith, R. T. Hume, H. M. Bond.

We recommend that the delegation be empowered to fill all vacancies that may occur in the delegation.

JOHN G. TYLER,
Chairman.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. A. McDaniel moved that each delegate to the Territorial convention be assessed \$1, to pay the expenses of the convention.

On motion of W. V. Helfrich a Democratic club was appointed by the chair as follows: W. V. Helfrich, J. H. Knauss, F. B. DeVota, F. T. Sanford, J. J. Clayton.

On motion of E. A. McDaniel each delegate walked manfully up to the rostrum and paid his assessment.

On motion of E. A. McDaniel the county committee was authorized to decorate the Union Opera House conjointly with the Republican committee, for the reception of the Territorial convention.

On motion of Ogden Hiles the county committee was instructed to draw up fitting resolutions in sympathy of their deceased brother Pierce Quirk.

No other business being brought before the convention a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 12 o'clock.

Conference.

The semi-annual conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations of the Weber Stake of Zion, will be held in the Ogden Tabernacle, on Sunday, May 13th, beginning at 10 a. m. The following programme has been arranged:

The regular choir will furnish music and singing.

Visitors are expected from Salt Lake City.

"Cyrus, the Great"—L. J. Taylor, of Harrisville.

"Objects of the Gospel"—G. H. Is-lamb, of the Fifth Ward, Ogden.

"Effects of the Gospel on the Mo-ris"—J. A. Slater, of Slaterville.

"Continued Revelation"—Ell Mc-Intire, of West Harrisville.

"The Gathering of the Jews"—John V. Bluth, of the Fourth Ward, Ogden.

Song—By members of the Second Ward Association, Ogden.

Essay—By a member of the Uintai Association.

Reports, remarks, etc.

Meetings will be held in the morn-ing, afternoon and evening. A lec-ture will be given in the evening, the subject and speaker to be announced hereafter.

A general invitation to attend is ex-tended to all the young people.

EDWARD H. ANDERSON,
IA A. HERRICK,
THOS. A. SHREEVE.

To the Merchants of Ogden.

We, the Clerk's Association, respect-fully submit that since the adoption of the 8 o'clock movement which was on October 1st, 1880, we have received the benefit therefrom and appreciate the same. We feel the merchants have gained the good will of their em-ployees through the operation of this plan, which has been mutually en-joyed by both merchants and clerks, and especially so in Salt Lake where it has been satisfactorily carried out.

We ask your continued approval of this plan that we may all share in its benefits in the future as we have done in the past and trust that we shall have the signatures of all the mer-chants to the following agreement:

We, the undersigned merchants of Ogden City, do hereby agree to close our respective places of business promptly at 8 o'clock, Saturday's ex-cepted:

Z. C. M. I., by John Watson, man-ager, Smain & Thomas, John Scow-croft & Sons, W. H. Wright & Sons, W. G. Child & Son, Tavey & Howell, S. Horrocks & Son, S. J. Burt & Bros., George P. Harlow, L. Grix, John Glen, Jas. Wotherspoon, G. H. Tribe, H. M. Bond & Co., G. S. Corey & Sons, Clark & Shaw.

Beautiful Singing.

Last night the Woody Bros. ap-peared at the Opera House. A very small audience—probably fifty—greeted them as the curtain arose. Mr. P. Woody stated that he was surprised to see such a small gathering, but con-sidered that it was no fault of theirs (the audience). "What you lack in number," said he, "you make up in good looks. It might seem almost silly to sing to so few, but our inten-tion is to gain a reputation, as we will appear each winter. Though so few are present, yet we will sing to you."

The programme rendered was simply excellent. Space forbids us making mention of the details. The blending of voices was perfect music in every sense of the word. It is a pity that so few were present to enjoy such a musical treat. No accompaniments to the selections were given, but this made it the more beautiful. The STANDARD hopes that when they come again the house will be packed, and that Ogden will then show in numbers what the small audience did in appreci-ation and repeated encores last night.

Crop Prospects.

[Special to THE STANDARD.]

OAKLEY, Idaho, April 25th, 1888.

Yesterday we had the first soaking rainstorm of the season, and a gleam of new hope has risen in the heart of every farmer. The spring has been exceedingly dry, and the pros-pects for good crops were rather un-favorable, as the grain which had been sown had not all sprouted in con-quence of the dryness.

We hear various reports as to the amount of snow in the mountains, but from general appearances, the water question is not very flattering. It is to be hoped that the season will be a wet one, as that seems to be our only prospect for maturing crops. The mountains in this vicinity are not high and rugged as the Wasatch range is, therefore, the snow goes off early. Our high water season is in May, and in July the mountains are entirely cleared of snow.

A. A. TANNER.

Police Court.

Yesterday Billy Tweed had a pri-vate interview with His Honor, at the close of which he left \$10, for having imbibed a little too freely to suit the public.

Three vagrants, John Sherman, John Quirk and A. Kehrler were ar-rested as vagrants. It is suspected that they are guilty of a greater offence which the eagle eyes and great vigilance of the officers will un-doubtedly ferret out.