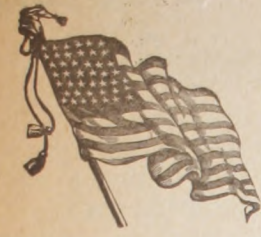


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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COLLECTOR.

A. Rhode hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of Collector of Dwight township, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

H. Spellman hereby announces himself a candidate for the office of Collector for Dwight township, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

The United States Senatorship seems to be about as follows: Tanner with Lorrimer, Hopkins, Joe Cannon and a large part of the state machine for him, and Cullom with the people behind him.

The democratic state central committee will meet at Springfield Tuesday, February 27, to select the time and place for holding the democratic state convention and to fix the representation to be allowed each county.

DuPage county will ask the next convention of the republicans of the Eighth Congressional District to renominate for member of the state board of equalization, that hearty old veteran, Captain Rogers, of Downers Grove. McHenry county, it is understood, desires that Lyman T. Hoy remain the district member of the state central committee. It is not likely that any opposition will develop to either.--Sandwich Free Press.

Over in Kankakee, W. R. Hunter is said to be giving Len Small the fight of his life in the contest for the republican nomination for state senator. Small is a Tanner lieutenant and being one of the trustees of the asylum has the patronage of that institution at his back. Small favors Hancey for governor while the Hunter men are understood to favor Reeves. Kankakee has the primary system and the delegates to the state convention will be accredited direct from the precinct primaries instead of from the county convention. The experts say that the tide appears to be running away from Small who has played the boss so long that he has disgusted a large portion of the party.--Pontiac Leader.

The republican convention at Springfield, Sangamon county, this week, which developed into a warm political fight between Governor Tanner and Senator Cullom, resulted in two conventions. On the face of the returns it would seem that Tanner had ninety-two delegates and Cullom ninety-one, but there were disagreements which the latter declared deprived them of one delegate, which would have changed the result and given Cullom the ninety-two. The chairman of the county committee was a Tanner man and refused to make any changes and the result was that the Cullom forces left the hall and each faction held a convention and elected delegates to all conventions, nominated county officers, etc. The result is nothing for either side to brag of and will cut no material figure in



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the general outcome. The Tanner people claim Tanner won a great victory because it was Cullom's home, but when it is considered that Tanner is governor and had every state officer and about five hundred state employees, the State Journal and the Springfield postoffice using their fullest influence for him, it would look to a man up a tree as if the governor ought to win if he ever would. It can be put down from now on that both Cullom and Tanner are candidates for United States senator with the chances favoring Cullom.

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District Convention.

FEBRUARY, ILL., Feb. 1, 1900. By direction of the Republican District Committee of the Eleventh Congressional District the Republican voters of the several counties of said district are requested to send delegates to the district convention to be held at Peoria, Illinois, May 8, 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of appointing two delegates and two alternates to the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia, Penn., June 19, 1900, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such district convention.

The basis of representation for the several counties of said district in such district convention shall be one delegate for every four hundred votes cast for the republican electors in 1896 and one delegate for each additional fraction of two hundred or more.

The number of delegates to which each county is entitled in said convention, on the basis aforesaid, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Number of Delegates. Includes Bureau (14), La Salle (29), Livingston (14), Woodford (6), Total (63).

The committee recommends that the delegates to the district convention herein above called be appointed at the county convention called to select delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Peoria, May 8, 1900, and that the delegates to the state convention be constituted and appointed delegates to the district convention aforesaid. WRIGHT ADAMS, Chairman. B. E. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Call for Republican Convention.

Chas. S. Hennells, chairman, and Jas. R. B. Van Cleave, Secretary, of the Republican Central Committee have called a convention to meet at Peoria, May 8, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates to be voted for at the November election 1900, for the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Three Trustees of the University of

Illinois. Also to nominate two electors at large; one elector from each Congressional District, which district elector shall be selected by the delegates to the said state convention from each district; four delegates at large to the National Republican Convention; a republican state committee consisting of one member from each congressional district.

The State Convention will be composed of delegates from the several counties of the state to be chosen by republican county conventions to be held for that purpose, except in counties where the primary election law is in force, in such counties they shall be chosen in accordance with said law.

The basis of representation for the several counties will be one delegate for every 400 votes cast for the republican electors in 1896, and one additional delegate for each additional fraction of 200 or more.

The delegates from Cook county will be selected by primary election districts of wards and towns in accordance with law, and be called by wards and committeemen's districts on the roll in the state convention.

Livingston County has 14 delegates.

Republican County Convention.

The republican voters of Livingston county are hereby notified that there will be a Republican county convention held at the court house in Pontiac, on Tuesday, February 27, 1900, at the hour of 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of selecting fourteen delegates to the state convention to be held in Peoria May 8, 1900.

Republicans residing in the various voting precincts in said county are requested to meet at the place where the last election was held in their respective voting precincts on Saturday, February 24, at 3 o'clock p. m., and select delegates from such voting precincts to said convention. Said caucus to remain open at least one hour. If for any reason the caucus may not be held at the place where the election was held, the committeeman may select another place by giving ten days public notice of such a change.

The basis of representation has been fixed at one delegate for each twenty votes cast for William McKinley in 1896, and one additional delegate for each fraction of eleven.

The various voting precincts will be entitled to the following number of delegates:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Delegates. Includes Wadsworth (4), Wadsworth (4), Long Point (12), Reading (12), Pike (12), Rooks Creek (12), Newbern (12), Eppafus Point (12), Pontiac 1 (12), Pontiac 2 (12), Pontiac 3 (12), Belle Prairie (12), Indian Grove 1 (12), Indian Grove 2 (12), Avoca (12), Total (272).

D. S. MYERS, Chairman Rep. Co. Central Com. G. W. LACEY, Secretary. Pontiac, Ill., February 10th, 1900.

Republican County Central Committee Meeting.

Leader: The meeting of the republican county central committee last Saturday afternoon was well attended, all the towns except Belle Prairie being represented either by the central committeeman or his proxy. Those present were: H. J. Clark, proxy for Fred Fry, Wadsworth; Will Kenney, proxy for H. F. Mette, Nebraska; Charles N. Howell, Long Point; Dr. George Fordyce, Reading; John Phillips, Pike; Ramey Johnson, Rooks Creek; J. D. Shackleton, Amity; E. B. Jones, Newton; N. J. Myer, Eppafus Point; A. M. Legg, Pontiac; G. W. Lacey, Pontiac; J. M. Lyon, Pontiac; O. Beardsley, Esmer; J. M. White, Sunbury; C. F. H. Carrithers, Indian Grove; N. E. Fulton, Indian Grove; William H. Bentley, proxy for George Bentley, Avoca; J. P. Mortimore, Owego; B. A. Gower, Odell; Andrew Hansen, Nevada; W. H. Oxley,

Fayette; W. H. Opie, Forrest; L. Holloway, Pleasant Ridge; I. M. Lish, Sannemin; William Wylie, Union; J. R. Oughton, Dwight; F. L. Smith, Dwight; R. F. Bradford, proxy for Henry Netherton, Germantown; B. N. Stone, Chatsworth; D. J. Stanford, Charlotte; A. H. Haag, Sullivan; C. B. Gordon, Broughton; J. G. Kelley, Round Grove. A large number of other leading republicans were present.

Chairman D. S. Myers presided and Secretary G. W. Lacey kept the minutes.

Some discussion arose as to the appointment of persons on the committee to fill vacancies but it was voted to allow such appointments to stand and that all proxies be recognized.

John Phillips of Pike presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, There resides in the Eleventh Congressional District, a candidate for the republican nomination for Governor, a man whose record as a model citizen and an honest, upright, able lawyer entitles him to the respect of all good citizens regardless of political affiliation, and whose experience in public life and especially in congress, has fitted him for any office within the gift of the people of the state of Illinois, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the members of the Republican County Central Committee of Livingston County, that the active, honest, giant Republican leader in this Congressional district, Walter Reeves, be endorsed for Governor, and we hereby pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to secure his nomination and election, believing as we do that if he is nominated in the state convention his name will add great strength to the entire republican ticket.

It was moved by J. M. White that one convention be held on the date to be set by the committee. F. L. Smith moved to amend the resolution to read "having two conventions and setting the date of the first for February 27 to select delegates for the Peoria convention, the date of the next convention to be settled at the first." Amendment was carried.

Yeas--Clark, Kenney, Shackleton, Fordyce, Jones, Myer, Laey, Lyon, Beardsley, Carrithers, Fulton, Hanson, Mortimore, Oxley, Oughton, Smith, Lish, Bradford, Stanford, Haag--20.

Noes--Howell, Phillips, Legg, Opie, Johnson, White, Bentley, Holloway, Wylie, Stone, Gordon, Gower--12.

CAUCUSES.

The republican caucuses for the two precincts of Dwight to elect delegates to county convention February 27, and to elect delegates to state convention, will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, February 24, as follows:

First Precinct--All east and south of the C. & A. R. R., at the town house.

Second Precinct--All west and north of the C. & A. R. R., at Jack Graham's paint shop. By order of

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Lincoln Sermon.

The following is a very condensed report of Rev. E. F. Wright's sermon last Sunday evening at the Sons of Veterans service: Nehemiah 9-27, and I. Corinthians 16-13. Observe the meaning of these two great texts of scripture. Note the key words: Savior-- Watch--Stand--be heroic--be strong. A--Nehemiah 9 27, b--I. Corinthians 16-13.

There is an historic example given in I. Samuel 4-9, which may have suggested itself to Paul. * * *

Now it would seem to me that any intelligent, thoughtful person in reading history must recognize a power other than human at work, and also guiding the affairs of men. * * *

But to-night this is a Sons of Veterans' service, and thus more particularly a young men's service. * * *

Is it not significant that this patriotic order should have selected February 12, Lincoln's anniversary, as their day? Is there not a beautiful ideal, a delightful sentiment underlying this choice? --Why? * * *

Is it the honest intention of the majority of the young men of this noble order to emulate the life and virtues of Lincoln? * * *

Then it will be a good day for our country. * * *

It is not my intention to take the life of Lincoln as my theme this evening, but only to illustrate therefrom--and for two reasons: First--Because I have done so on several former occasions. Second--Because you are all well informed concerning him, some present knew him personally. * * *

Now note: First that God raised up Saviors for Israel and also for other nations, Israel, England, France and the United States. There is an adage, "Man is immortal until his work is done". This applies to nations as well as individuals. In this connection it may be of interest to note that there are frequent parallels in history--Servius Tullius--Abraham Lincoln. * * *

Second--Observe, that to be a savior, requires heroism and sacrifice. Here examples were given from daily life--The Railroad Engineer--The Alexandrian--Firemen. * * *

Indeed, it is a great honor to be a savior of one's country or of some good cause, or of a human life. But it often costs dear. Think what it cost to save the world--Read the story of Calvary. Now, while Lincoln is placed among the world's greatest men, and was richly endowed with physical, mental and moral strength, and while he was orator, statesman, lawyer, citizen and man, there is one thought concerning him which is uppermost in the mind of orator, poet, sculptor, artist and historian, and that is, that he was a savior--That means that he was a benefactor and blessing to mankind. Abraham of old, the father of the faithful--Abraham Lincoln, the savior of his country. The piece of statuary in St. Louis; the picture in the capitol at Washington. What would artist, poet or sculptor chisel in order to portray your chief characteristic, my hearer? * * *

Third--Again, Paul said, watch, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men; be strong--There has always been a call for men--It was so in Paul's day, and in 1861, and it is equally so to day--Not things which bear only the form of an semblance of men, but real MEN. Quit you like men, be strong. This means moral courage. This means to have convictions and stand by them. It therefore means sometimes to be

misunderstood and abused and even hated.

Lincoln was thought by many to be easily influenced and to lack backbone. He did have a great heart and he did love to please people, but he had a will as firm as the granite hills. Let the Mason and Sidell case speak. Indeed when it came to a matter of principle, or governmental policy, as the Mason and Sidell case, he would stand alone against the world. * * *

He had to antagonize his cabinet, congress, press, and people. It was one instance where vox populi, was not vox dei. One man was right and the millions were wrong, and they lived to see it.

Let me say to the young men present to-night that though you may not be called upon to go to war and fight for years on ensanguined fields, yet there is room for the display of all your manhood and courage and patriotism. Great and important questions confront the American people and many perils are before us. Then in the language of Paul, I say, Quit you like men, be strong.

Fourth--Lincoln was an honest man, he was a student of the Bible, a religious man and a man of prayer. Read his interview with President Bateman and what he said to General Sickles after the battle of Gettysburg.

In conclusion--Let each one of us--and especially the young people--remember these texts and the great lessons they teach. It costs something to be a savior, to be a blessing to others, and nothing can be better than for any young man to remember the story of Lincoln's life and the words of this grand verse, which was so typical of its writer, Paul, "watch stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

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