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The trouble seems to be over for a while.

The result in Illinois and Pennsylvania surely indicates that there are a lot of people who would like to see Mr. Roosevelt president again.

There are a lot of people who are talking of Hughes and Fairbanks for the republican nomination, but everything points to the re-nomination of President Taft.

Congressman John A. Sterling was re-nominated for congress and will be re-elected for the fifth time. His record is unexcelled by any representative in Washington.

There is no disposition to offer opposition to the will of the people where Mr. Roosevelt has won, but can it be said that the same feeling exists for Mr. Taft where he has won?

While the sentiment was strong for Mr. Roosevelt in Dwight as everywhere else, our home people stood by Col. Smith in his fight for President Taft by a two to one vote. It was a compliment that the Colonel will always remember.

No man ever fought a harder battle or a more honorable one than Colonel Frank L. Smith did for President Taft. There were a great many things which helped to cause defeat, and they just as well be put away with the political moth balls. There is not one act of Col. Smith's which can or will belittle him in the eyes of the people. The people love an honest fighter and Col. Smith is that kind of a man and does what he thinks is right. His fight did not win for Mr. Taft, but it did maintain the republican organization in Illinois. That means a lot.

The Chicago Tribune and some other papers are doing a lot of kicking

about Taft men being elected delegates under instructions for Roosevelt. It does not seem that the people cared to turn down the leading republicans of the party, but just to express themselves regarding the presidency. They are satisfied with the leaders and willing to trust them to carry out their will. The primaries were held fairly in Illinois and Mr. Roosevelt won by a large vote in every district but one, and he is entitled to the votes in the national convention as long as he has a chance to win. No one questions that.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Three Different Parties Name State and Congressional Committees.

Republican.

The Republican county convention convened in the supervisors' room in the court house, at Pontiac, at 12:30 o'clock Monday, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state and congressional conventions and also for the purpose of making a permanent organization for the county central committee for the ensuing two years. The convention was called to order by E. O. Reed, retiring chairman of the old organization. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Thomas M. Walsh, of Campus, chairman, and E. Hoobler, of Pontiac, secretary.

After roll call, which showed all the committeemen present excepting C. V. Richardson, of Pike; Clyde W. Davis, of Sunbury; G. P. Murphy, of Owego, and O. O. Reed, of Fayette, the temporary organization was made the permanent organization of the convention. Colonel Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, moved and the motion was adopted for the appointment by the chair of a committee of three to select delegates to the state and congressional conventions. The chairman appointed as such committee Ammi Lewis, of Broughton; Robert Davis, of Dwight, and Erastus Hoobler, of Pontiac. While this committee was deliberating speeches were made to the convention by L. F. Strawn, J. H. McFadden, J. M. Lyon and Colonel F. L. Smith.

Colonel Smith's Speech.

In his remarks Colonel Smith referred to the rumors going about over the state in which it was claimed that certain delegates to the national convention from Illinois would not obey the instruction of the people to vote for Roosevelt after the first ballot. He said: "I want to say that as far as I am concerned, and I believe I voice the sentiment of the Republicans who supported Mr. Taft throughout the state, that every one of the fifty-six delegates instructed last Tuesday

will vote for Roosevelt at the national convention according to the instruction of the voters as long as there is any chance in the convention to nominate him. They will carry out the wishes of the voters. If I should be elected a delegate to the national convention, this is where I stand. While we have lost this fight, we have not lost our honor and we will not be a traitor to our instructions. The people passed upon the question of Roosevelt or Taft and they declared for Roosevelt. They did not, however, pass upon other questions which might arise. If a delegate to that convention I will vote as long as any one for Roosevelt; but there is one thing I will not do; I will not follow anybody in any bolt from that convention." The remarks of Colonel Smith were greeted with rounds of applause.

The committee reported the following delegates: Congressional Delegates—R. F. Bradford, J. D. Kane, D. P. Murphy, John Melvin, Emory Gregg, T. M. Walsh, Henry Bennett, F. A. Morrow, W. G. Dustin, William Zollinger, Ammi Lewis, William Loudon, T. E. Grotevant.

State Delegates—E. Hoobler, A. L. Dolde, E. O. Reed, L. A. Strawn, W. W. Tambling, J. W. Rudd, Henry Bennett, Claude Carroll, N. W. Fulton, F. H. Herr, W. A. Wilcox, F. L. Smith, William McMillan. The next thing in order being the perfection of the organization of the county central committee, W. H. Bentley was unanimously chosen for chairman and E. O. Reed in the same manner for treasurer. On the question of selection of secretary there was a contest, two candidates being presented, viz: R. F. Bradford and B. R. Thompson. Upon call of the roll there were 126 votes for Bradford and 29 votes for Thompson. Mr. Bradford was declared elected secretary.

The following are the committeemen who were present:

Fred Frey, W. A. Wilcox, William Loudon, Henry Jacobs, Claude Carroll, Charles Patterson, J. H. Hohenshell, A. J. Schimmel, W. H. Bentley, A. L. Dolde, J. M. Lyon, E. Hoobler, William McMillan, T. W. Davis, W. A. Tarr, W. H. Bartlett, N. E. Fulton, Arthur Moate, F. A. Morrow, J. W. Rudd, J. A. Carter, Henry Bennett, Fred Egenberger, Robert Davis, F. L. Smith, R. F. Netherton, F. H. Herr, Thomas Fields, W. W. Zollinger, Ammi Lewis, John Allison, Thomas M. Walsh, E. J. Hakes.

Democratic.

The Democratic county convention convened Monday afternoon at 1:30 in the city hall, Pontiac, nearly all

the precinct committeemen being present.

W. C. Graves, who has been chairman of the county central committee for the last four years, was re-elected by acclamation.

There were two candidates for the office of secretary, George H. Franzen, of Fairbury, and Charles E. Myers, of Pontiac. Mr. Franzen received fifteen votes and Myers five.

Anton Fischer was elected treasurer without opposition.

The appointment of an advisory and executive committee was left to the chairman and will be announced later.

The following delegates and alternates were selected to the state and congressional conventions: Delegates to State Convention—W. C. Graves, W. E. Baker, Anton Fischer, Pontiac; Thomas Dillon, Flanagan; James Kelagher, Dwight; Bartley Gulshan, Odell; George H. Franzen, Fairbury; J. O. Morris, Forrest; J. M. Finnegan, Round Grove.

Alternates—J. J. Pearson, S. A. Rathbun, James Cook, Jr., E. M. Johnson, Pontiac; Clyde H. Thompson, Dwight; Daniel Whalen, Flanagan; H. A. Foster, Fairbury; John Winslow, Avoca.

Delegates to Congressional Convention—Henry Rudolph, Sr., Strawn; W. C. Graves, James Cook, Jr., Pontiac; James H. Donohue, P. H. Langan, Odell; John Feehery, Round Grove; S. P. Klitz, Dwight; H. A. Foster, Fairbury; George Pursley, Strawn.

Alternates—W. S. Holmes, Eppards Point; Daniel Whalen, Flanagan; Elhanan Fitzgerald, Fairbury; H. C. Sawyer, Cornell; W. E. Baker, F. A. Ortman, W. J. Butler, Arthur McMahon, Thomas Morrissey, Pontiac.

Addresses were made by F. A. Ortman, candidate for state's attorney; W. E. Baker, candidate for member of the state board of equalization, and Henry A. Foster, candidate for the legislature.

Prohibition.

The Prohibition county convention convened at 3:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon in the Sterry block, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Prohibition state convention to be held at Springfield on Friday of this week; to select delegates to the Prohibition congressional convention; also to organize for the ensuing two years. Marion Gallup, who has been the Prohibition county chairman for a number of years, called the convention to order and made a few appropriate remarks. Permanent organization was then effected by electing Marion Gallup chairman of the county committee and J. B. Parsons was elected secretary and treasurer of the committee.

The following delegates were elected to the state convention with power to fill vacancies: Marion Gallup, B. W. Tate, J. B. Parsons, M. M. Bane, Mrs. Nellie K. Gallup, Pontiac; John Stewart, C. M. Baker, Dwight; George C. Nettleton, Robert Allen, Mrs. Mary Brumbach, Odell; E. A. Tapper, George Cottingham, Fairbury; Robert Stevenson, Saunemin; S. T. Call, Emington; Jerome B. Smith, Blackstone; J. Q. Mayer, Forrest.

Delegates to congressional convention: J. A. Tune, Forrest; Frank Johnson, Cornell; Frank Mowery, Fairbury; Roy M. Baker, Dwight; Marion Gallup, J. B. Parsons, Pontiac.

An executive committee was elected as follows: Marion Gallup, Roy M. Baker, J. B. Parsons, F. H. Rutter, B. W. Tate. The vacancies in the precinct committeemen were discussed and the county chairman and secretary authorized to appoint committeemen where vacancies existed.—Pontiac Leader.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Illinois Republicans Select Representatives to Chicago Convention.

A harmony program was carried out at the Republican convention of the Seventeenth congressional district held in Hanna hall, Bloomington, Wednesday afternoon. Delegates known to be strong Roosevelt supporters were chosen as delegates to the national convention, a Roosevelt man was given the honor of presidential elector, while a Taft man was made chairman of the convention. In view of the fact that a large majority of the delegates to the convention were Taft men the Roosevelt supporters had no reason to complain of the treatment accorded them and everything passed off smoothly.

Organization Perfected.

The convention was called to order by E. E. Jones, of Bloomington, who called for the nomination of a temporary chairman. Col. Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, was nominated without opposition and on taking the chair called for the nomination of a temporary secretary. L. B. Strayer, of Lexington, was named and a motion to make the temporary organization permanent was carried unanimously. Credentials of the members of the convention were then passed upon and there were no contests. A committee of five was then appointed, consisting of the chairman of the delegations from each county, to draft resolutions.

Delegates Chosen.

The delegates to the national convention were then chosen. G. J. Johnson, of Ford county and mayor of Paxton, and Frank B. Stitt, of El Paso,

Woodford county, were selected as the regular delegates, the vote being unanimous. B. R. Behrends, of Lincoln, Logan county, and H. J. Clark, of Pontiac, Livingston county, were chosen as alternates. John Y. Christholm, of Bloomington, received an unanimous vote for presidential elector from this congressional district.

Resolutions Adopted.

Resolutions were adopted affirming the belief in Republican principles and endorsing the administration of President Taft and Gov. Deneen and strongly commending Hon. John A. Sterling for the course he had pursued in congress. The senators and representatives to the general assembly, whose districts lie wholly in the Seventeenth congressional district, were commended. An amendment to the federal constitution was favored to the effect that "the congress shall have power to suppress and prevent monopolies by appropriate legislation." There was also a provision instructing the delegates to the national convention to support Roosevelt for president.

Personnel of Convention.

The delegates to the convention Wednesday included the following: Logan county—J. C. Taylor, S. L. Quisenberry, P. B. Hungerford, William Sutpin, Patrick Hardin, Fred Satterfield, Hugh Hunter, R. R. Behrends, W. A. Koch.

Woodford county—F. J. Simater, Jacob Roth, C. H. Ireland, Milo M. Ranney, F. G. Robinson, L. J. Freese. Ford county—P. A. Coal, Thomas Crowe, A. E. Laurence, S. A. Hanson, O. A. Ploff, W. R. Watts, B. F. Higdon.

Livingston county—R. F. Bradford, J. D. Kane, D. P. Murphy, John Melvin, Emory Gregg, Henry Bennett, F. A. Morrow, Ammi Lewis, William Lowden, T. E. Grotevant, I. H. Baker, E. Hoobler, B. W. Adst.

McLean county—E. E. Jones, Harry Hamilton, T. F. Harwood, George Zinn, Fred Evans, Otto Seibert, Lon H. Kerrick, J. F. Rice, Leo Coyle, L. B. Strayer, C. C. Conger, Sherman Barnard, John Pralin, A. M. Hicks, F. C. Barley, A. H. Gooch, J. C. Cusey, J. H. Stephenson, L. L. Silliman, Park Enlow, A. T. Longworth, William Richardson.

Colonel Smith's Address.

In assuming his place as chairman of the convention Col. Frank L. Smith drew much applause in a short address in which he stated his position. He stated that he was not a candidate for the office of delegate to the national convention and that the only intimation that he would be a candidate had been published by some of the

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