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## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Short Work Made of the Nominations—The  
Snap Caucuses Endorsed.

The Republican County Convention was held at Prest's opera house in this village last Friday afternoon.

It was generally conceded that the present County Judge, Member of Assembly and District Attorney would be renominated without much opposition, and the interest of the people, for many hours previous to the time named for the Convention to meet, was largely centered on the contest from the town of Andover, as to which set of delegates should be seated. The delegation headed by Orange Smith had received repeated assurances from the party leaders that full justice should be done in the matter, and it seemed to be the opinion of all fair-minded men that there could be but one result—the seating of the Smith delegation and the throwing out of the other. Justice could be done in no other way, and nothing less would carry out the wishes of the Republican voters of this town.

Matters stood in this way when, at about eleven o'clock Thursday night, the Smith delegates and their friends were approached with offers of compromise from representatives of the county organization. It was proposed to seat two members of each organization, and allow the Smith delegation to name the county committeeman for this town. Those who made the proposition admitted that the Smith faction was all right and the other all wrong—that the former was in justice entitled to everything and the latter to nothing, but, under a plea for harmony, urged that the compromise be made.

Those to whom the proposition was made did not feel authorized to accept it without consulting those members of the delegation who were not present, and also ascertaining the views of other Republicans. Consequently no answer was given that night. The next morning the other delegates and as many Republicans as possible were consulted, and out of the large number of those interviewed, not a single man could be found who favored compromise on any basis. The universal opinion was that bulldozing and disfranchisement were no part of the Republican doctrine, and could not be made so for the sake of "harmony" or anything else. This was in accordance with the views held by the Smith delegates, and the offers of compromise were declined.

The Convention was called to order about 2 p. m. Friday, by Clarence Ricker, Chairman of the County Committee, who nominated J. F. Rice of Friendship for Chairman of the Convention. He was elected by acclamation, and F. B. Lyon of Cuba and O. E. Burdick of Genesee were elected Secretaries.

J. J. Merrill of Alfred moved that a committee of seven be appointed on contested seats. The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen (occasionally refreshing his memory by glancing at a slip of paper): D. N. Hancock of Centerville, Rodney Sisson of Almond, E. R. Crandall of Genesee, A. R. Kilbury of Bolivar, John S. Wright of Scio, H. M. Davis of Ward, I. S. Hunt of Belfast.

Mr. Hancock offered a resolution (which had been previously written by a member of the County Executive Committee, and doubtless the whole organization were accessory to the scheme), providing that the report of the Committee on Contested Seats should be balloted on without debate. This resolution was adopted so quickly that many of the delegates and spectators did not grasp its full meaning until too late. Then they realized that the Convention had been gagged, and that the delegates would have no further opportunity to acquaint themselves with the facts concerning the outrage which had been perpetrated on the Republicans of Andover, but must take it for granted that the committee's decision, rendered after a brief hearing had been given each side, must be right, even under the assumption that their decision had not been previously agreed upon, as the make-up of the committee and the gag resolution had been.

It should be remembered that only one hour had been allowed the committee to hear and determine two contests—one from Willing and one from Andover; this would give each side fifteen minutes to present its case, allowing no time whatever to the committee to consider and decide upon the

evidence; a proper allowance being made for this would materially cut down the time for argument. The Smith delegation had enough documentary evidence to consume much more than the allotted time in reading, to say nothing of oral argument, and the committee stated that owing to a lack of time they could not listen to all of the evidence which this delegation was prepared to present.

Upon reassembling, the Convention listened to the report of the committee, which was as follows:

"Your committee on contested seats respectfully recommend that the two delegations from Willing be allowed a one-half vote each in this convention, and that the county executive committee appoint the county committeeman for said town.

"Also that the two delegations from the town of Andover be allowed a one-half vote each in this convention, and that the delegation of which Orange Smith is chairman is hereby empowered to appoint the town and county committeemen."

The report was adopted by a vote of 79 to 12.

In presenting this report the committee said in substance to the Republicans of Allegany county:

"Go ahead, gentlemen, and hold your snap caucuses. As long as four men can be found who will congregate in one corner of a room and name themselves or their followers as delegates to a county convention they shall be recognized as such. Public sentiment restrains us from allowing you all the privileges accorded to delegates elected by a free ballot and a fair count, but we will seat you in Convention and you shall have an equal voice with those elected by the great majority, in choosing the candidates who shall be placed on the ticket to be endorsed at the polls by the people you have affronted, and who are charged with the duties of making laws, prosecuting crime, administering justice, and trying matters in dispute between neighbors, to say nothing of reflecting and advocating Republican principles, which condemn bulldozing and disfranchisement in the South, but which may be suspended here in the interest of "harmony," to save the votes of a few whose policy is rule or ruin, even at the risk of losing five times as many from those who believe in fair play."

We do not believe these were the sentiments of a majority of the delegates in the convention. The knowledge which most of them had of the matter was obtained largely by rumor, and doubtless they realized only that there was a contest in Andover, but were not fully conversant with the facts in the case. And here is where the gag resolution got its work in—there was no means of obtaining further knowledge before a vote should be taken. Those who put up the job are responsible for the outcome, and the people of Andover are not much in doubt as to where to fix the blame.

The contesting delegates from Willing refused to sit in convention in accordance with the committee's report, and the Smith delegates announced the same conclusion. The long applause which followed the latter's announcement left no room for doubt as to what was the sentiment among the people of Andover who was present as spectators, and there was not a small crowd of them.

The conclusion arrived at by the Smith delegates was reached after the most deliberate thought and careful consideration of the matter. The subject had been freely discussed ever since the caucus was held, and it was the almost universal opinion of the Republicans of this town that the insults heaped upon them by a few persons should not be condoned nor compromised. A caucus for electing delegates was not a boy's play ground, but was a place where the electors meet to exercise the rights vested in them by the laws and customs of a free country, and the men who took part in the primaries were intelligent, substantial citizens, who bear their share of public burdens and assume their share of public responsibilities. The town of Andover has ever been loyal to the Republican party and its nominees, and to be compelled to longer submit to the dictation of a few persons who were not satisfactory as leaders or representatives, and who could only perpetuate their rule through unfair and indefensible methods, was far too much to expect. If there had been a reasonable doubt of the right of the Smith delegation to claim full en-

dorsement at the hands of the convention, the offers of compromise might have been accepted. But there could be no doubt, it was as clear a case as could possibly be imagined, and "a compromise" was the only sentiment that could be held without sacrificing self pride and independence.

The leaders of the organization who promised to see justice done could follow no other course than to seat the Smith delegation, without endorsing methods which are directly opposed to Republican principles, nor without adding to the insults already made against the intelligence and manhood of our people, and their action in seeking to force the delegates to accept propositions which had already been refused are taken by the people of this place as an outrage against public decency equalled only by the acts perpetrated in the caucus.

Andover may still remain a Republican town, but unless there is a change in leadership or a change in tactics there is no telling how soon she will cease to be such.

The following delegates were elected to the State Convention—W. J. Glen Cuba; Hon. F. A. Robbins, Angelic Grant Duke, Wellsville; J. J. Merrill Alfred; M. E. Horner, Belmont; I. Hunt, Belfast; E. R. Kilbury, Bolivar; Hon. Hamilton Ward and Capt. G. H. Blackman were elected delegates to the Judicial Convention.

The following delegates were elected to the Senatorial Convention: John Rockwell, Angelica; Hon. M. S. Cha Whitesville; Hon. M. M. Congd Clarksville; John S. Wright, Scio; Fra Higgins, Wellsville; N. M. Wells, Hug; Hon. D. P. Richardson of Angeli presented the name of Hon. S. J. Norton, and moved that he be nominated by acclamation for County Judge and Surrogate, which was done.

Charles H. Brown was renominated for District Attorney on the first ballot.

Hon. Fred A. Robbins was also nominated on the first ballot for Member of Assembly.

The following other nominations were made by acclamation: For Coroner Dr. Geo. E. Burdick of Alfred and H. F. Gillette of Cuba.

The animus for the action of the Committee on Contested Seats is very generally credited to previous instruction from the heads of the organization who realized that McGinty was no longer useful to them, but who wanted let the discredited chieftain down as a consequence. Consequently he and his delegates were given seats and a half vote each in the convention. McGinty was only willing to accept this half vote, but other delegation from this village believed there was no half way business about it. They were all right or wrong, so they very properly withdrew from the convention.—Wellsville Report.

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