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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention for the purpose of nominating a Canal Commissioner, Auditor General, and Surveyor General, met at the court-house, in the borough of Williamsport, on Wednesday the 29th day of May.

The convention was organized, temporarily, by the appointment of GEN. A. P. WILSON, of Huntingdon, as President and W. H. FAZON, of Philadelphia county, THOMAS W. GRAYSON, of Washington county, and W. J. JAMES, of Westmoreland county, as Secretaries.

The credentials of the different delegates were examined and those not disputed were admitted to seats—33 Senatorial & 6 Representative delegates answered to their names.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution which was twice read namely:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of a number equal to the number of Senators to which said districts are entitled, for the purpose of selecting officers for the permanent organization of the convention.

Mr. Danner moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the following names:

And that the delegates from each of the several Senatorial districts, name one of their own number as a member of said committee.

Mr. Frank moved to postpone the amendment, together with the resolution, for the present.

On this question the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows, namely:—yeas 78, nays 58.

On motion of Mr. Butler, the convention proceeded to consider the case of the contested seat as Representative delegate from Blair county; Mr. H. L. Patterson and Mr. Adam Moses being the contestants.

Whereupon, Mr. Magraw moved that both the claimants be admitted to seats in the convention.

Mr. Campbell moved to amend by striking out the motion and inserting that H. L. Patterson be admitted to a seat, as a delegate.

Mr. Hickman moved to further amend by striking out the amendment and inserting "that both the claimants to seats be rejected."

Pending the question on the amendment to the amendment, the convention, on motion, adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The convention assembled.

The question on the adjournment being on the amendment, to the amendment, to the motion rejecting both the claimants to seats as delegates from Blair county.

The yeas and nays being required, were yeas 20, nays 63.

So the question was determined in the negative.

The question then recurring on the amendment admitting Henry L. Patterson to a seat as a delegate in the convention.

The yeas and nays were required, and were as follows, namely: yeas 57, nays 66.

So the question was determined in the negative.

And the original motion admitting both claimants to seats, being before the convention.

A motion was made by Mr. Magraw to amend the same, so as to give the two claimants but one vote on any motion, resolution, or for any candidate.

Mr. Thompson moved to postpone the amendment and resolution indefinitely—Agreed to.

The resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to select officers for the permanent organization of the convention, was called up.

Mr. Johnston moved the following as a substitute for the amendment and resolution:

Resolved, That the Senatorial delegates of this convention constitute a committee to select officers for its permanent organization.

W. S. Garvin—Bever, Mercer, and Lawrence.

Andrew H. Tiffin—Montgomery.

Joel R. Danner—Adams and Franklin.

Wm. Green—Third Senatorial district, Philadelphia county.

J. W. T. M'Allister—First district Philadelphia county.

C. L. Carpenter—Fourth district Philadelphia county.

E. Carlton—Indiana, Armstrong, &c. Maxwell M'Caslin—Fayette and Greene.

John Hickman—Chester and Delaware.

Ira D. Casfield—Center, Lycoming &c. Hiram Lentz—Bedford, Blair, and Huntingdon.

C. J. Burns, Daniel Haviland—Philadelphia City.

George Smith—Berks.

B. S. Schoonover—Schuylkill, Carbon, &c.

W. C. Ward—Susquehanna, &c.

Wm. Koons—Columbia and Luzerne.

J. K. Davis—Mifflin, Juniata, &c.

Vincent Phelps—Crawford and Venango.

George H. Culler—Erie.

Wm. T. Alexander—Warren, Jefferson and M'Kean.

B. Laporte—Bradford and Tioga.

C. E. Wright—Bucks.

Mr. Magraw moved that the President of the Convention, appoint a committee man from those districts where the delegates themselves cannot agree; agreed to.

The President appointed Mr. Wright for the Bucks district, and Mr. Laporte for the Bradford district.

The convention then, on motion, took a recess.

On re-assembling, Mr. Wright, from the committee on officers, reported the names of the following gentlemen as officers of the convention, viz:

President—HENRY S. MAGRAW, of Allegheny.

Vice Presidents—John Fausold, James Keenan, Wm. C. Ward, Joseph Bailey, Solomon Fogle, James M. Anderson, W. L. Dewart, David Boies, Geo. W. Jacob, Dr. Wm. R. Stewart, John S. Donahue, Wm. Henwood, Dennis Lamont, R. P. Linton, Wesley Frost, Major M'Veagh, Wm. H. Blair, Joseph Fillor, Dr. T. J. P. Stokes, Dr. Wm. Penn Lambert, Benjamin Tyson, Wm. H. Butler, John Coyle, J. S. Fullmer, Wm. P. Cooper, Arnold Plumer, J. Galbraith, James Gillis, Col. S. Dickerson, Noah Shull, John Moore, Cyrus Zimmerman, Samuel Woodburn.

Secretaries—Wm. Jack, Geo. W. Pierce, Geo. W. Brewet, C. M. Johnson, Charles Barnett, Robert Gemmill, Wm. H. Fagan, Geo. S. Carter, Joel Ritter, Spencer Shoemaker, T. W. Greyson, Thomas B. McCord; which report was adopted.

Mr. Campbell moved that the convention proceed to the nomination of candidates for Canal Commissioner.

Mr. Johnston moved that the convention proceed to constitute a quorum.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, the following names were reported as members of the State Central Committee, from the several Congressional districts, viz:

[The names of the members of the committee will be published hereafter.]

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson, that a committee of correspondence for the several counties be appointed, to consist of three members from each county; the delegations from the several counties to report the names of committee men for their respective counties.

Agreed to.

In pursuance of this motion, the following names were reported as members of the committee of correspondence, viz:

[The names of these committees will be published hereafter.]

The convention then adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee appointed in pursuance of the resolution offered by Mr. Coyle, to investigate certain charges made, reported as follows, viz:

To the members of the Democratic State Convention, now assembled at Williamsport, Pa.:

GENTLEMEN—The committee appointed by this convention for the purpose of investigating certain charges of bribery and corruption, made in relation to the nomination of a candidate for Canal Commissioner, respectfully report—

That, in pursuance of their appointment they met, and adjourned from time to time as will appear from their minutes, annexed hereto.

That after hearing the testimony, here to attached, besides sundry other statements and evidences, in relation to the aforesaid charges, and rumors of bribery and corruption, referred to them, are, after a full investigation of all the evidence brought before them, unanimously of the opinion, and take pleasure in giving it expression, that the several gentlemen before this convention as candidates for nomination; no not, in the most remote degree, in any manner connected with the aforesaid charges. Your committee also take pleasure in exculpating fully and entirely the public officers now in Williamsport, in attendance on this convention, from all connection with the said charges. They cannot, however, find terms sufficiently strong to condemn the dishonest and infamously corrupt course pursued by the individuals implicated in the transactions referred to, and would ask that this convention will adopt a resolution, not only that the money shall be indignantly returned, but censure of such conduct, and reprobate it as being recognized among Democrats, or being that of any person true to pure Democratic principles. Your committee having devoted much time and attention to the important duty committed to them, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Testimony of William Green, taken before the Committee of Investigation, appointed by the Williamsport Convention, May 30, 1850.

My name is William Green, I live in the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, and am a delegate to the convention now sitting at Williamsport. I board at the United States hotel in this town, after supper this evening I was out on the pavement, and William B. Rankin, of the Northern Liberties, came up to me and asked me to take a walk with him, we walked up the street, and going along he said to me, "how are you going to vote on the next ballot?" I told him I was voting for Franklin Vanzant, he said "why don't you come over and give Hubley a turn?" I told him I was at liberty to go for whatever man I pleased, he said "if I were in that convention I'd make something; I can get you one hundred dollars to go for Hubley, he will be nominated and you might as well make the hundred dollars," I told him "I had not seen any money but thought if (the money) was about, we returned; to the United States Hotel, and he left me telling me not to go away from the pavement. I called Mr. John Donahue, a delegate from the county of Philadelphia, to me, and told him what was going on, Rankin had told me before to see Donahue, to see if I could not get one hundred dollars apiece by it. Mr. Donahue said that he did not want to do it, Donahue went away, Rankin met me and told me to get Donahue and go up into No. 47, in the United States Hotel; Mr. Samuel Ovenshine of the City of Philadelphia; Wm. B. Rankin and myself went up into No. 47 in the third story of the United States Hotel; Mr. Samuel Ovenshine of the city of Philadelphia, took a pocket-book from his pocket and gave us five twenty dollar bills, which were tucked with the letter 'C.' in each of the twenty dollar bills.

Friday, May 31, 1850.

Mr. Hickman offered the following resolution, which was twice read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a State Central Committee, consisting of thirty-three members, shall be constituted as follows:—Twenty-four of them to be designated by the delegates from each Congressional district in the State, and that the additional number be added by the President, and Vice Pres-

I could have anything that I wanted if he got the nomination; Ovenshine then left.

I told him "I did not want to go out with him as somebody might see us," and he left me with Wm. B. Rankin; we came out Rankin said to me "Now mind on the first ballot;" I said "Yes," and there we parted; I then went and hunted up Donahue and John Cline, and went up into my room; I told Donahue I would get him one hundred dollars; we came down stairs together, met Rankin on the pavement; I told "Ranking that Donahue would go right," he told us to go up to Eagle Hotel and that they (Ovenshine and Rankin) would be up there they met us there; we went in and drank at the bar. Rankin and Ovenshine went out at the back door, and went into the back part of the entry where we met Ovenshine and Rankin; Ovenshine and Rankin parted; Rankin came around and told Donahue there was eighty dollars which he gave him saying; he said "now whatever you do don't say anything about it for it will ruin me."

We parted and came to the Court House; we made it known immediately to Mr. C. M. Johnson, a delegate from Lancaster, and to Mr. John Cline; Mr. Johnson said jocosely, I wonder if I could get a hundred dollars.

Cross-examined by Dr. Stokes.—Mr. Rankin did not tell me where the money came from, Rankin said to me "that Gen. Cameron always took good care of his friends, and that when any person done his party a favor he never deserted them."

Cross-examined by Judge Frazer.—I intend to keep the money—by Dr. Stokes. But if the convention see proper do take any action in regard to it, the convention may do with the money what it pleases, I intended when I got the money to expose those who gave it to me, I don't think there is any man with money enough to buy my vote.

WILLIAM GREEN.
Sworn and subscribed before me May 30, 1850.
E. CALVERT, J. P.

Testimony of John S. Donahue of Philadelphia county taken before the Committee of Investigation, May 30, 1850.

My name is John S. Donahue, I live in the county of Philadelphia, and am a delegate to the Williamsport convention now sitting. Mr. William Green told me he got one hundred dollars, and that I could get one hundred dollars by the same operation, that is promising to vote for Hubley; I said that as soon as I received the money I would take it over to the convention, and I did so. I received eighty dollars from Mr. Wm. B. Rankin of Philadelphia county at the Eagle Hotel, consisting of three twenty dollar notes of the Bank of Middletown, and one twenty dollar note of the bank of Harrisburg.

The testimony of Mr. Green as far as I have any connection with it is true; immediately after the time the money was given, Mr. Green said to me "Now Donahue you vote before me and when you vote hold up the money and say you got it for your vote." I said I would, and I never put it into my pocket but handed it to the President of the convention when I went in.

Cross-examined by Dr. Stokes.—There was nothing said about General Cameron, or where the money came from, there was no time to say anything after the money was paid, as the bell was ringing for the convention. I am willing if required to make oath to the facts above stated.

JOHN S. DONAHUE.
Sworn and subscribed before me May 31, 1850.
E. CALVERT, J. P.

LYCOMING COUNTY, ss.

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of the county aforesaid, William B. Rankin, of the county of Philadelphia, who being duly affirmed according to law, doth depose and say, that on the evening of the 30th day of May, A. D. 1850, he met William Green, a delegate from the county aforesaid, who asked him if he had any money and said that he wanted some to defray his expenses, that he said Green had borrowed \$30 to come to Williamsport, and was short. He, the said deponent, told the said Green, that he thought that he could get the money for him: After that the said deponent met Mr. Ovenshine and stated to him that Mr. Green aforesaid, was short of money, that he had made application to him, the said deponent, for money, and that he had not to give him, and that Mr. Ovenshine, at the request of the said deponent, consented to let him have it. He, the said deponent, then told him the said Green, to come up to No. 47, U. S. Hotel, and he would get him the money; and then upon the request of the said deponent, he went with him to Mr. Green.

WILLIAM GREEN.
Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of May, A. D. 1850.
E. CALVERT, J. P.

LYCOMING COUNTY, ss.

Personally before me, a magistrate in and for the county aforesaid, came Samuel Ovenshine, who being duly sworn, according to law, saith that he had in his possession a draft on the Lancaster Bank, which he had cashed at the Bank in Williamsport, receiving \$300 in notes for the same: That the said deponent has a line of omnibuses in Philadelphia city and county, and that Messrs. Green and Donahue, delegates to the convention now in session live in Philadelphia county, as was represented to him by Mr. Rankin, and that he had the said deponent, for the said Green, the sum of \$100 of the said money, to defray his expenses in this place and to carry him back home. And the said deponent saith that he had no conversation whatever, at any time, in relation to the action of the said Green and Donahue in the present convention, nor in reference to any person now before, or to come before said convention, for nomination, for any office whatsoever, and that the money aforesaid was his own money; and further, this deponent saith, that he let Mr. Rankin have \$80 of said money, to give to Mr. Donahue, upon the representation Mr. R. made to him, that Mr. Donahue was in want of money.

SAMUEL OVENSHINE.
Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of May, 1850.
E. CALVERT, J. P.

On motion of Mr. Brewer, the report was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Coyle offered the following resolution, which was twice read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we denounce as disreputable the conduct of those men who attempted, by bribery, to assail the integrity of members of this convention, and direct the President to return the money to the source from which it came.

The convention then proceeded to the 22d ballot for Canal Commissioner, which resulted without a choice.

The 23d and 24th ballots resulted also without a choice, and on the 25th ballot the result was as follows:

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Vanzant	18
Marlin	1

Mr. WILLIAM T. MORISON having received a majority of all the votes, was declared to be duly nominated.

On motion the nomination of Mr. Morison was unanimously confirmed by the convention.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the following committee was appointed to inform Mr. Morison of his nomination, viz:—Messrs. Anderson, Frazer, Smith, Stokes and Snodgrass.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the nomination of candidates for Surveyor General.

Whereupon, Mr. Carpenter nominated James Miller, Manyard " Timothy Ives, Snodgrass " S. L. Carpenter, Lynch " Maj. T. Watson, Porter " J. P. Brawley, Fagle " Samuel Marx, Danner " Isaac Robinson, Blair " H. L. Duffenbaugh, Bailly " Robert Kelly, M'Allister " Thos. Davison, Ogorfield " Alfred, Ogorfield " Jas. M. Ogorfield " J. M. Schoonover " John Hersh " Op. M. closed.

deponent was on the pavement of the U. S. Hotel, and stated to him that Mr. Donahue, the friend of the said Green, was also in want of money; and at Mr. Green's suggestion, the said deponent again saw Mr. O., and said that he wanted some money for Mr. Green's friend, Mr. Donahue.

Mr. O. then furnished the money, and afterwards, when the deponent saw Mr. D., he handed him \$30; and he never, at any time, had any conversation whatever with Mr. Donahue in relation to any nomination or business, whatsoever, connected with the Democratic convention.

These pecuniary transactions were without the knowledge of any delegate in this convention, or of any person before this convention for nomination for any office, or of any other person whatever: And the said deponent has never been requested or authorized by any delegate in, or candidate before the convention, or to come before it, or by any other person, to use any improper influence to secure a vote.

W. B. RANKIN.
Affirmed and subscribed before me this 30th day of May, A. D. 1850.
E. CALVERT, J. P.

LYCOMING COUNTY, ss.

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Mr. WILLIAM T. MORISON having received a majority of all the votes, was declared to be duly nominated.

On motion the nomination of Mr. Morison was unanimously confirmed by the convention.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the following committee was appointed to inform Mr. Morison of his nomination, viz:—Messrs. Anderson, Frazer, Smith, Stokes and Snodgrass.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the nomination of candidates for Surveyor General.

Whereupon, Mr. Carpenter nominated James Miller, Manyard " Timothy Ives, Snodgrass " S. L. Carpenter, Lynch " Maj. T. Watson, Porter " J. P. Brawley, Fagle " Samuel Marx, Danner " Isaac Robinson, Blair " H. L. Duffenbaugh, Bailly " Robert Kelly, M'Allister " Thos. Davison, Ogorfield " Alfred, Ogorfield " Jas. M. Ogorfield " J. M. Schoonover " John Hersh " Op. M. closed.

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On motion, the convention proceeded to the nomination of candidates for Surveyor General.

Mr. Brawley having received a majority of all the votes, was declared to be duly nominated.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, the nomination of Mr. Brawley was unanimously confirmed by the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Brewer, the following committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Brawley and inform him of his nomination, viz: Messrs. Brewer, Watson, M'Caslin, Lambert and Black.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the nomination of candidates for Auditor General.

Whereupon, Mr. Donaldson nominated J. B. Guthrie:

Butler	Thos. J. Power
J. Alexander	Ephraim Banks
Cutler	Murray Whalon
Koons	A. Beaumont
M'Allister	D. L. Dougherty
Anderson	Thos. Jamison
Dewart	Wm. Forsyth
Brewer	Jno. Armstrong
M'Caslin	Daniel Kaine
Stewart	Daniel Sheaffer

On motion the nominations were closed. On motion, the convention proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Auditor General, which, on the second ballot resulted as follows:—

E. Banks	67
J. B. Guthrie	40
Murray Whalon	12
A. Beaumont	9

Ephraim Banks having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly nominated.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the nomination of Mr. Banks was unanimously confirmed by the convention.

On motion of Mr. Dewart, the following committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Banks and inform him of his nomination, viz: Messrs. Dewart, Carlton, Filler and Blattenberger.

Mr. Frazer from the committee on resolutions, made report as follows:—

The Democracy of Pennsylvania by her Delegates in State Convention assembled, do hereby resolve as follows:

That the doctrines and principles of Democracy as asserted by the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore, in May, 1844, and May, 1848, we still warmly recognize and support, and pledge ourselves, as representatives of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, not to yield or give up any portion of that broad and constitutional platform, covering the entire extent of the Union, and which is as follows:

1. That the Federal Government is one of limited powers, derived solely from the Constitution, and the grants of power shown therein ought to be strictly construed by all the departments and agents of the government; and that it is inexpedient and dangerous to exercise doubtful constitutional powers.