

## Independent Convention.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, O. G. Major.

The call for the convention was then read.

Mr. Jno. Oxton was then chosen temporary chairman of the meeting, and W. S. Henry, secretary.

The following committees were then appointed:

J. M. Whisman, S. Taylor, and A. T. Drakeley, on credentials.

Holland Meyman, C. P. Bush, Chas. Grettum, B. A. Pope, and Wm. Abitiga, on resolutions.

Jno. Kerue, O. G. Major and J. W. Kilne, on permanent organization.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting was called to order by chairman.

Committee on credentials reported seven townships represented and eighteen delegates present.

The report was received and adopted.

The following resolutions were submitted by the committee, and adopted:

We, the Independent voters of Steele county, in convention assembled, deem it necessary to drop both old parties in order to form a more perfect union of the laboring and productive classes. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That our financial system should be reformed by the restoration of silver to its old time place in our currency and its free and unlimited coinage on an equality with gold, and by the increase of our money circulation until it reaches the sum of \$50 per capita, and all paper issues necessary to secure that amount should be made by the Government alone, and be full legal tender for all debts, public and private.

That the railroad system, as at present managed, is a system of spoliation and robbery and that its enormous bonded debt or securities valuation is absorbing the substance of the people in the interest of millionaires. That the Government should own and operate the railroad and telegraph, and furnish transportation at cost, the same as mail facilities are now furnished, and that our legislature should enact a freight rate law, which will fix rates no higher than those now in force in Iowa.

That we believe in equal rights to all and special favors to none. We demand that taxation, National and State, shall not be used to build up one interest or class at the expense of another. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people and hence we demand that all revenues, National and State or County, shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the Government, economically and honestly administered.

That we favor the passage of such laws as will effectually prevent the dealing in futures of all agricultural and mechanical productions.

That all public offices which directly affect the people should be elective, and for this reason we hold that United States Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people.

That we recommend the salary system for all officers of both county and state.

**RESOLVED**, Also, that we do most earnestly protest against and condemn the majority of the State Equalizing board in their action in setting aside and nullifying the Revenue Law of 1890, by refusing to allow the deductions for indebtedness as expressly stipulated in said enactment, and we do pledge ourselves that before paying an assessment upon the basis of said Equalizing Board, we will ask a settlement by the courts.

**RESOLVED**, That we are unalterably opposed to special or class legislation of any kind whatsoever and pledge ourselves to use our votes and influence to elect such men as our representatives as will work and vote for the repeal of all such legislation by our state legislatures, both State and National.

That we do believe in the enforcement of both the organic and statutory law, and would therefore ask for a strict construction and enforcement of the prohibition law.

**RESOLVED**, That we favor a reduction of the tariff to the amount required to support the Government, and that such taxes be levied on and collected from luxuries and not upon the necessities of life.

**RESOLVED**, That we demand the repeal of all legislation that takes the property of one class of the Nation and bestows it upon a favored few, thus building up enormous private fortunes and creating a plutocracy to liberty and civilization.

The convention next proceeded to make the temporary officers permanent ones, as recommended by the committee on organization.

Next, the following delegates were elected to meet the State convention at Grand Forks, Sept. 25th: C. J. Nash, O. G. Major, A. T. Drakeley, Jno. M. Kerue, B. A. Pope, Jno. Oxton and J. F. Long.

The following delegates to the district convention were elected: H. Newman, Jno. Holman, S. H. Taylor, Chas. Grettum, M. O. Soile, Wm. Patterson, R. D. Lewis and J. J. Long.

The meeting next proceeded to put in nomination the following county officers: Treasurer, A. T. Drakeley; Register of Deeds, O. W. Williams; Auditor, L. W. Taylor; Sheriff, James A. Patterson; Clerk of District Court, Iver L. Selin; County Judge, Jno. Dronau; County Attorney, J. P. McMahon; Surveyor, Chas. Connor; County Assessor for District No. 4, Henry Gilbertson.

The delegates to the district convention were instructed to support O. G. Major and Lewis Thompson to represent us in the coming legislature.

Convention adjourned.

W. S. HENRY, Secretary.