

village be allowed to name two delegates from their part of the caucus precinct. There was no intention to allow any such fair play as that—it went on the slate—so the twelve or fourteen in the caucus under the bosses voted down as fair a proposition as was ever made; some twenty were present, all told. I then made a motion to give the country part of the precinct two delegates, which was passed. The delegates elected included the two gentlemen before mentioned from the country and four from Hope, which was all right—keep it up on that line, but go one step further and admit the right of those most interested, to themselves name the men they will have represent them; that will end the caucus matter fairly for all concerned.

In order to show some of the Hope people present how they were being made tools of I nominated two worthy citizens of Hope, who were promptly given to understand that they shouldn't speak without permission. Since these men were set down upon some of the townspeople are getting their eyes open to the real situation.

Now, Mr. Editor, this communication is longer than expected, and an interesting verbatim account of the last midnight convention of the "big 4"—received from our special correspondent by the grapevine telegraph—will have to go over till some other time.

E. D. WALLACE.

THE STEELE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Held at Sherbrooke, Friday, July 15th, 1890, for the purpose of selecting six delegates to the state convention at Grand Forks, July 24th.

Called to order by C. G. Merrill and Chas. Chalmers elected temporary chairman. W. A. Winshaw elected temporary secretary.

Chair appointed C. G. Boise, F. G. Eger, P. S. Ray, H. D. Carpenter and B. M. Hervey committee on credentials.

Committee on resolutions: J. G. Brown, F. C. Elwell, Anton Miller, H. N. Horner and Alex Weatherhead.

Committee on permanent organization: G. A. Warner, O. Barrett and Arthur McLaughlin.

On motion the convention adjourned to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Convention called to order by chairman at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Report of committee on credentials presented and on motion accepted.

The report is as follows: "Number of delegates in attendance 51, the townships of Norman, Hightand, Primrose and Golden Lake not being represented." The delegates from the different townships were all reported as being eligible to seats in the convention with the exception of one, who was reported as follows: "The republicanism of O. G. Major, as a delegate from Edendale township, being of an uncertain quantity, we do hereby resolve, To submit his case to the consideration of the convention."

[The credentials of Mr. Major were accepted by the convention and he was allowed to take his seat.]

Report of committee on resolutions called for and on motion accepted and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

We the Republicans of Steele Co in convention assembled believing the Republican party has in the past been instrumental in accomplishing a vast amount of good for the country and humanity and we believe that only by keeping abreast of the demands and needs of the times doing justice, dealing fairly, giving a benefit for every burden imposed, defending the right and condensing the wrong, has any party a just claim to continued existence; therefore, we, the republican delegates of Steele County

RESOLVE, That we will as far as we may be able, do our part to make the republican party a peoples party, manfully taking up and discussing those questions which are of present and vital interest to ourselves, families and people, believing with scripture that "he who will not care for those of his own house is worse than an infidel". And be it further

RESOLVED, That we approve the administration of our Governor John Miller, and especially do we acknowledge our gratitude because of his courage in suppressing the passage of the most iniquitous measure that could have disgraced our statute books; namely, the Lottery bill.

We heartily endorse the administration of President Harrison; and particularly do we approve the efforts of Secretary Blaine toward bringing our country into closer relations with the other states of the American Continent. We hail with patriotic delight his success in securing the signature of the representatives of nine of those states to a treaty whereby any differences which may arise between their country and our own is to be settled by arbitration and not by war. This is a reiteration of republican principle and marks a new advancement in the history of civilization.

While we recognize that the services of our old soldiers who saved our nation are not to be measured by a money consideration, yet we believe that they should at least receive compensation equal to that which they could have earned had they remained at home, and that it should be given in no other spirit than that it is justly their due. We approve the disability pension bill recently passed by congress and commend the liberality of the pension appropriations.

We recognize that the necessities of the government require a large revenue, and a tariff on imports, properly placed, being probably the best and easiest way of raising that revenue, while at the same time extending a proper protection to many of our home industries, therefore we favor a tariff so placed as to be as little of a burden as possible on articles of common necessity, and we think any duty on binding twine, or material used in its manufacture, is an unwise and uncalled for addition to the expense of gathering the crop of the country, being practically a tax on the wheat growers, who, of all men least receive a direct benefit from a tariff.

RESOLVED, That, in view of the fact that the circumstances of almost the entire mass of the farmers of our country compel them to sell their grain inside 60 days after harvest, this placing it in the power of the buyers to force the market to an unreasonably low figure, thus depriving the producer of a fair return for his toil, therefore we favor all legislation which has for its aim and object the placing it in the power of our farmers to sell their produce during the 12 months of the year, as the demand for consumption requires it, instead of being obliged to sell inside 60 days when there is mainly a demand for speculation; only in line with this we approve of the Sub-treasury bill now before Congress, if some better plan cannot be devised, to accomplish the object above mentioned. We also declare that we are in favor of some form of the Australian ballot system which has been used with so much satisfaction in many places in this country.

RESOLVED, That we believe that every man, not only has the right to sell where and to whom he may choose, but to buy where and of whom he may choose, and any corporation or combination seeking to prevent this is an enemy to the just rights of the people, and any such attempt should be made a criminal act by law. We therefore, especially condemn the "North-western Lumbermans Association" which aims to inflict a 19 per cent penalty on anyone who may wish to buy where he may think best.

We consider the freight rates on wheat from Dakota points to Minneapolis, and to Lake Superior points, as extortionate, and in view of the general disposition shown by the railroads to tax the producers of the country all

they can bear and not, at the same time, absolutely kill the geese that lay the golden egg, therefore we approve of every effort to bring about the government ownership of railroads, and, meantime, will not cease to support every measure looking to the securing to the people of North Dakota fair treatment by the railroads within its borders.

RESOLVED, That our delegates to the state convention be instructed to favor, and use their best efforts to secure the passage by the state convention of a resolution asking congress to speedily pass a law allowing states to regulate, or prohibit, the sale of intoxicating liquors, also to procure the passage of a resolution in favor of government ownership of railroads.

We disapprove of and see no cause for the organization of an independent party in Steele county at present, and recommend the salary system for all officers of both county and state, as being to the best interest of the tax payers.

We believe in a strict enforcement of the prohibitory law as passed by our legislature.

Congratulating the people of our county on the prospects of an abundant harvest we cordially invite the co-operation of all who believe in life, liberty and happiness, and we respectfully submit the above.

ALEX WEATHERHEAD,
J. G. BROWN,
ANTON MILLER,
H. N. HORNER,
F. C. ELWELL,

Report of committee on permanent organization reported that the temporary organization be made permanent, and on motion accepted and adopted.

Moved and carried to proceed to informal ballot for chairman of delegation to State convention.

The chair on motion appointed J. J. Wainberg and F. C. Elwell as tellers.

On the informal ballot F. G. Eger, 19; J. O. Smith, 1; Laor King, 5; M. B. Cassell, 2; E. D. Wallace, 4; O. G. Majors, 1; W. E. Boise 2; Lewis Thompson, 4; J. J. Wainberg, 2; W. H. H. Roney, 8. On motion the informal was made formal and F. G. Eger was declared to be the choice of the convention.

On second informal ballot of delegate, on motion W. H. H. Roney was declared the choice of the convention.

On third informal ballot no choice, and on motion the convention proceeded to ballot on the three highest names, viz: L. Thompson, Laor King and K. H. Brunsdale. On motion Lewis Thompson was declared to be the unanimous choice of the convention.

Moved to take a recess for 15 minutes. Carried.

Moved to proceed to another informal ballot. No choice.

Moved to proceed to another informal ballot. Moved and seconded that the person receiving the highest number of votes cast be declared the nominee. Lost.

Proceeded to eighth ballot. No choice.

Proceeded to ninth ballot, resulting in the choice of Osborn Russell for delegate.

Proceeded to tenth ballot. On motion the informal ballot was declared formal and W. E. Boise was declared the choice of the convention.

Proceeded to informal ballot for fifth delegate. On motion the informal ballot be declared formal, and O. Barrett was declared the choice of the convention.

On motion the vote declaring F. G. Eger and W. H. H. Roney was reconsidered and the convention proceeded to ballot for a chairman of the delegation.

On motion F. G. Eger was declared unanimously elected.

Convention proceeded to elect the remaining delegate. On motion W. H. H. Roney was declared unanimously elected.

Speaking being in order, the convention listened to W. H. H. Roney.

On motion the convention adjourned.

CHAS. CHALMERS, Chairman.
W. A. WPISTOW, Secretary.

OFFICIAL

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

Sherbrooke, July 7th, 1890.

Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Present Commissioners Hanson, Pease, Day, Curry and Thompson.

Thompson in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting of June 7th were read and approved excepting the bill of S. L. Lion, which should have read cash advanced for cuspidors, \$2; services furnishing court room, including hauling chairs, \$10 and cash advanced for one rug, \$5.

On motion the Auditor is instructed to order 20 canvas cots for use of jurors during court week.

Thomas Power, of Portland, made application for auctioneers license to act as such in Steele county.

On motion a license to act as auctioneer was granted to Thomas Power to act as such for one year from May 20th, 1890, the date the permit was issued by the Auditor.

On motion the salary of the County Attorney is fixed at \$500.00 per year for the ensuing two years commencing January 1st, 1891.

On motion the salaries for quarter ending June 30th, were allowed and ordered paid:

C G Huntley, County Auditor's salary for May and June,	\$177 50
C J Paul, County Attorney,	200 00
S J Axahl, County Superintendent,	50 00
John Duncan, County Judge,	100 00
P T Stankard, Janitor, June,	16 65

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid from general fund:

Nugent & Brown, books, stationery, letter press stand, &c,	107 45
H G Twomey, court stenographer, one day and mileage,	18 00
M B Cassell, postage for quarter, 10.30; cash advanced for express, &c,	19 95
H V Ryther putting up railing in court room and window screens,	1 50
C G Huntley cash advanced, 5.28; postage, 1.50; transcribing proceedings,	38 64
Reidier & Robinson L. Co, felt paper for court room and screens for windows,	14 50
J B Honeyman, iron work and hardware,	10 10
Bugbee Bros, cash advanced for express and cartage,	4 00

On motion the board adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

Board reconvened at 2 o'clock.

All members present.

On motion the bill of L. A. Jacobson for money advanced and paid E. W. Palmer for surveying Hope incorporated town, was rejected.

On motion the seed wheat order given to Martine O. Leid was cancelled and contract ordered cancelled.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid from general fund:

K H Brunsdale, postage, April 7th to date,	3 20
P T Stankard, digging vault and moving out house,	3 50
Lewis Thompson, 5 days and mileage examining school lands,	81 75
S J Axahl, postage, 2.10; telegram 55c	2 75
S J Axahl, fees and mileage, month of June allowed at	64 50

One visit and mileage not allowed on ac-