

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Steele County Independent Convention, Sherbrooke, July 16th 1892.

Meeting called to order by J. M. Keene. Watson E. Boise elected temporary Chairman and A. T. Drakeley temporary Sec'y. Moved and seconded that the chair appoint the following committees, viz: Five on credentials, five on resolutions, three on permanent organization and three on order of business, which motions prevailed. While making up the committees O. G. Major entertained the audience with a brief account of the Omaha convention which was very interesting. The following persons were appointed on the several committees, viz: Committee on Credentials, Porter Kimball, O. J. Colton, A. T. Drakeley, James M. Patterson and J. F. Lossing. Committee on resolutions, Lewis Thompson, Charles Chalmers, T. J. Baldwin, Charles J. Nash and C. L. Pratt. Committee on order of business, John Oxton, Iver I. Slem and Henry Gilbertson. Committee on organization, John Mullen, Martin Gulbrandson and Millard Aasev. Adjourned till 1-30 o'clock p. m.

1-30 p. m. convention reconvened. Committee on permanent organization reported recommending that the temporary organization be made permanent which report was accepted and adopted. Report of committee on credentials read and accepted. Committee on resolutions then read their report which was adopted as read.

RESOLUTIONS. We the committee on resolutions beg leave to report the following, that we endorse the platform of the Peoples Party, both National and State. Also, Resolved, That we refrain from nominating any person for the several offices, who is not wholly in sympathy with the cause. Resolved, That we recommend the distribution of the several County Officers so that every part of the county may feel as though they were represented, and as will tend to the success of the party. LEWIS THOMPSON, Chairman. CHAS. CHALMERS, Secretary.

Committee on order of business then made the following report. Permanent organization. Report of Committee on Credentials.

Report on resolutions. Nomination of Officers, 1st. Treasurer, 2nd. Auditor, 3rd. Register of Deeds, 4th Sheriff, 5th Clerk of the Dist. Court, 6th Dist. Attorney, 7th County Judge, 8th Coroner, 9th County Surveyor, 10th Commissioners for Dist. No. 5 and Dist. No. 2, 11th Four Justices of the Peace, 12th Delegates to Dist. Legislative Convention, which report was accepted and adopted as read. Moved and seconded that we take an informal ballot for officers.

A substitute was offered that a committee of one delegate from each town be appointed to make up a slate which substitute was lost. The motion to have an informal ballot was then put to vote and carried. A motion that the chair appoint 3 tellers was carried. W. L. Aldrich, J. F. Lossing and Chas. Chalmers were appointed tellers.

Proceeded to an informal ballot for Treasurer with the following result—50 votes cast. J. M. Keene 9, L. W. Taylor 20, W. E. Boise 3, Lewis Thompson 13, M. M. Hanson 1, O. Olson 4.

Proceeded to a formal ballot with the following result—51 votes cast of which J. M. Keene received 28, L. W. Taylor 19, Lewis Thompson 1, Ole Olson 5, J. M. Keene having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared the nominee.

Proceeded with an informal ballot for Auditor with the following result—48 votes cast, of which J. P. Pease received 3, W. E. Boise 27, M. Hanson 13, L. C. Goplerud 2, L. W. Taylor 2, Blank 1.

Motion was made to suspend the rules and the informal ballot be made formal and W. E. Boise declared the nominee which motion prevailed and Mr. Boise was declared the nominee for Auditor. Proceeded with our informal ballot for Register of Deeds with the following result, 51 votes cast, of which Martin Hanson received 46, L. W. Taylor 2. Moved and carried that the rules be suspended and the informal ballot be made formal and Martin Hanson be declared the nominee.

Proceed with an informal ballot for Sheriff with the following result, 51 votes cast of which A. T. Drakeley received 19, C. Chalmers 15, T. J. Baldwin 1, James M. Patterson 11, William Elliott 3, J. M. Hyder 1, J. P. Pease 1.

The formal ballot resulted as follows: 51 votes of which A. T. Drakeley received 24, C. Chalmers 13, Thos. J. Baldwin 3, Jas. M. Patterson 9, A. T. Drakeley declared the nominee.

An informal ballot for Clerk of court resulted as follows: 50 votes. Iver I. Slem 23, R. D. Ross 10, Ole J. Colton 2, C. J. Nash 5, L. W. Taylor 2.

The formal ballot resulted as follows: 51 votes. Iver I. Slem 30, R. D. Ross 17, John Duncan 2, Blank 2. Iver I. Slem declared the nominee.

A motion prevailed that the County Central Committee be instructed and empowered to place in nomination a County Attorney provided he would accept the nomination at our hands and endorse our principles.

Proceeded with an informal ballot for County Judge with the following result—50 votes. John Duncan 21, Ole Colton 4, R. D. Ross 3, J. P. Pease 2, C. J. Nash 18, O. W. Williams 1.

The formal ballot resulted as follows: 51 votes. John Duncan 27, Ole J. Colton 1, O. J. Nash 22, Knute Nelson 1, John Duncan declared the nominee.

On motion the rules were suspended and W. H. M. Phillip nominated by acclamation for Coroner. On motion the rules were suspended and F. R. Kugg was nominated for Co. Surveyor by acclamation.

Ole G. Blugstad received the nomination as Commissioner in Dist. No. 2 and J. P. Pease in Dist. No. 5. The rules were suspended and the following persons were nominated by acclamation for Justices of the peace: R. D. Ross, Ole J. Colton, Porter Kimball and W. H. Dennis.

Porter Kimball, Lewis Thompson and Osborne Russell were elected by acclamation as our 3 members of the legislative Dist. Committee. Moved and seconded that we elect 3 delegates to the legislative convention carried. Moved and seconded that we ballot for our choice as representative in the Legislature carried. The ballot resulted as follows: 40 votes. Lewis Thompson 33, John Oxton 2, W. E. Boise 7, O. G. Major 8. A motion prevailed allowing Mr. Thompson to choose the 3 delegates to the Legislative convention.

Mr. Thompson named John Oxton, Ole J. Colton and Chas. J. Nash as delegates to the Legislative Dist. convention and they were declared elected as such delegates. After which the convention adjourned to listen to a very interesting address by Judge Standish.

A. T. DRAKELEY, Sec'y.

OFFICIAL

Proceedings of the Board of Equalization.

Sherbrooke, N. D., July 11th, 1892.

The Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, being first duly sworn according to law, met at 1-30 o'clock p. m., as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing the assessment of real and personal property in Steele county for the year 1892.

Present:—Commissioners J P Pease, L C Day, Alexander Curry, T O Schjeldahl and O W Williams and Auditor L C Goplerud

J P Pease was on motion elected Chairman. The Board proceeded to examine the assessment of grain in the county. W H H Roney appeared before the Board and made statements in regard to his assessment on personal property. And after investigating the matter the following resolution was on motion adopted. Whereas W H H Roney was assessed for his personal property in Traill county and also in Steele county, and it appearing that the assessment in Traill county was legal, therefore, Resolved, that the assessment of his personal property made in Broadlawn township be stricken from the assessment roll of said township. On motion the Board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday July 12th, 1892.

J. P. PEASE, Chairman.

L. C. GOPLERUD, County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D., July 12th, 1892.

Board of Equalization met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Present J P Pease, L C Day, Alexander Curry, and L C Goplerud. After considerable discussion as to the mode of equalizing the assessment of wheat the Board adjourned until 1-30 o'clock P. M.

Board re-convened at 1-30 o'clock P. M. Present all members.

The following resolution was adopted by Mr. Pease and was upon motion approved. Whereas some of the Assessors of Steele county have failed to assess the grain in their respective townships, while others by reason of not knowing the condition of the grain and the state of the markets wrongfully assessed the same. Therefore be it resolved; that all assessment of grain in this county be stricken from the assessment rolls by striking out all in column 26 excepting in the incorporated town of Hope and all in column 27 except the assessment on elevators and their contents.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion adopted. Whereas the unplatted portion of section one Township 144 Range 55 has been assessed by the assessors of both Hope Township and the incorporated town of Hope, and whereas all of said section one, is included within the limits of said incorporated town of Hope, therefore be it resolved that said section one be stricken from the assessment roll of Hope township. For the purpose of equalization the valuations of lands exclusive of structures were increased in the following townships, as follows: Newburgh 12 per cent, Norway 25 per cent, Bergen 15 per cent, Golden Lake 10 per cent, Eger 5 per cent, Primrose 16 per cent, Sherbrooke 13 per cent, Riverside 15 per cent, Edendale 20 per cent, Colgate 8 per cent, Hope township 40 per cent, Incorporated town of Hope, (unplatted portion of Sec. 1,) 50 per cent.

For the purpose of equalization, the valuations of lands exclusive of structures, were re-

duced in the following townships as follows: Highland 10 per cent, Pickert 15 per cent, Greenview 10 per cent, Melrose 5 per cent, Lincoln 5 per cent, and Broadlawn 5 per cent. The valuations of lands in Clifton, Norman and Willow Lake were not changed. On motion the valuations of structures and improvements on lands were increased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 25 per cent, Greenview 20 per cent, Riverside 30 per cent and Edendale 10 per cent. On motion the valuations of structures and improvements on lands were reduced in the following townships as follows: Norway 23 per cent, Eger 25 per cent, Primrose 10 per cent, Sherbrooke 10 per cent, Pickert 10 per cent, Lincoln 30 per cent, Broadlawn 33 1/2 per cent, and Colgate 10 per cent. The valuations of structures in Clifton, Norman, Bergen, Highland, Golden Lake, Melrose, Hope township and Willow Lake were not changed. On motion the Board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday July 13th, 1892.

J. P. PEASE, Chairman. L. C. GOPLERUD, County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D., July 13th, 1892.

Board of equalization convened at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Present all members. On motion the County Auditor was instructed to enter on the assessment roll for the incorporated town of Hope, as personal property, the building of E J McMahon located on a portion of the E 1/4 of lots 1 & 2 in Block 23 in the original townsite of Hope, at a valuation of \$500.00. An affidavit was received from N. P. Rasmussen stating that his sheep had been assessed in Barnes County and that the same sheep had been entered on the assessment roll of Willow Lake township Steele county by the Board of review of said township. It appearing from said affidavit that said sheep were legally assessed in Barnes County, on motion and assessment was stricken from the assessment roll of Willow Lake township.

On motion the Board adjourned until 1-30 o'clock p. m.

Board re-convened at 1-30 o'clock p. m. Present all members. The valuations of horses under three years old were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 10 per cent, Clifton 15 per cent, Norman 5 per cent, Bergen 33 1/2 per cent, Eger 40 per cent, Primrose 33 1/2 per cent, Sherbrooke 10 per cent, Pickert 5 per cent, Greenview 10 per cent, Riverside 60 per cent, Melrose 40 per cent, Lincoln 60 per cent, Edendale 25 per cent, Broadlawn 50 per cent, Hope township 35 per cent, Willow Lake 10 per cent, Incorporated town of Hope 33 1/2 per cent. The valuations of horses under three years old were on motion reduced as follows: In Norway 5 per cent, Highland 15 per cent, Golden Lake 10 per cent, Colgate 5 per cent. The valuations of horses three years old and over, were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 5 per cent, Norway 10 per cent, Clifton 30 per cent, Norman 5 per cent, Bergen 40 per cent, Highland 30 per cent, Golden Lake 15 per cent, Eger 25 per cent, Primrose 30 per cent, Sherbrooke 15 per cent, Pickert 40 per cent, Greenview 15 per cent, Riverside 55 per cent, Melrose 5 per cent, Lincoln 15 per cent, Edendale 15 per cent, Broadlawn 20 per cent, Colgate 10 per cent, Hope township 50 per cent, Willow Lake 35 per cent and incorporated town of Hope 20 per cent.

The valuations of cattle under two years old were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 10 per cent, Norway 30 per cent, Clifton 10 per cent, Norman 33 1/2 per cent, Bergen 30 per cent, Highland 10 per cent, Golden Lake 5 per cent, Eger 55 per cent, Primrose 20 per cent, Sherbrooke 20 per cent, Greenview 10 per cent, Riverside 33 1/2 per cent, Edendale 5 per cent, Colgate 15 per cent, Hope township 15 per cent, Willow Lake 45 per cent. The valuations of cattle under two years old, were on motion reduced as follows: In Melrose 10 per cent, and Broadlawn 10 per cent. The valuations of cows two years old and over, were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 15 per cent, Norway 30 per cent, Clifton 10 per cent, Norman 15 per cent, Bergen 20 per cent, Highland 15 per cent, Golden Lake 19 per cent, Eger 30 per cent, Primrose 25 per cent, Sherbrooke 15 per cent, Pickert 33 1/2 per cent, Greenview 25 per cent, Riverside 40 per cent, Melrose 10 per cent, Lincoln 10 per cent, Edendale 20 per cent, Broadlawn 10 per cent, Hope township 15 per cent, Willow Lake 45 per cent, Incorporated town of Hope 15 per cent.

The valuations of cattle two years old and over, were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 5 per cent, Norway 15 per cent, Norman 5 per cent, Bergen 35 per cent, Eger 55 per cent, Primrose 25 per cent, Pickert 10 per cent, Greenview 30 per cent, Riverside 50 per cent, Melrose 10 per cent, Lincoln 10 per cent, Edendale 20 per cent, Hope township 5 per cent, Willow Lake 20 per cent. The valuations of cattle two years old and over were on motion reduced 15 per cent, in Broadlawn township. The valuations of Hogs were on motion increased as follows: In Norway 20 per cent, Clifton 40 per cent, Norman 20 per cent, Bergen 60 per cent, Highland 10 per cent, Eger 30 per cent, Sherbrooke 20 per cent, Pickert 60 per cent, Riverside 30 per cent, Lincoln 5 per cent, Edendale 50 per cent, Broadlawn 5 per cent, Colgate 5 per cent, Hope township 75 per cent, and Willow Lake 65 per cent. The valuations of mules were on motion reduced 5 per cent in Greenview township. The valuations of sheep of all ages were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 10 per cent, Norway 10 per cent, Norman 40 per cent, Bergen 10 per cent, Highland 30 per cent, Golden Lake 10 per cent, Eger 30 per cent, Primrose 10 per cent, Sherbrooke 35 per cent, Pickert 75 per cent, Riverside 50 per cent, Melrose 10 per cent, Edendale 10 per cent, Broadlawn 10 per cent, Colgate 10 per cent, Hope township 50 per cent, and Willow Lake 50 per cent. The valuations of hogs of all ages were on motion increased as follows: In the townships of Newburgh, Norway, Clifton, Norman, Bergen, Highland, Golden Lake, Eger, Primrose, Sherbrooke, Pickert, Greenview, Riverside, Melrose, Lincoln, Edendale, Colgate, Hope township and Willow Lake 20 per cent, in the incorporated town of Hope 220 per cent. The valuations of hogs of all ages were on motion reduced 33 1/2 per cent in Broadlawn township.

The valuations of wagons and carriages were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 50 per cent, Norway 30 per cent, Clifton 15 per cent, Norman 5 per cent, Bergen 90 per cent, Eger 33 1/2 per cent, Primrose 20 per cent, Pickert 5 per cent, Riverside 60 per cent, Lincoln 30 per cent, Edendale 15 per cent, Hope township 33 1/2 per cent, Willow Lake 65 per cent.

The valuations of wagons and carriages were on motion reduced 10 per cent in the townships of Sherbrooke and Broadlawn. The valuations of Melodeons and Organs were on motion increased 20 per cent in all the townships. The valuations of Piano Fortes in the County were on motion, increased 20 per cent. The valuations of household furniture in the county were on motion increased 10 per cent. The valuations of agricultural tools, implements and machinery, were on motion increased as follows: In Newburgh 60 per cent, Norway 20 per cent, Clifton 90 per cent, Eger 35 per cent, Golden Lake 5 per cent, Bergen 45 per cent, Primrose 10 per cent, Sherbrooke 25 per cent, Pickert 20 per cent, Riverside 90 per cent, Melrose 20 per cent, Lincoln 75 per cent, Hope township 65 per cent.

The valuations of agricultural tools, implements and machinery were on motion reduced as follows: In Norman 35 per cent, Highland 10 per cent, Greenview 10 per cent, Edendale 50 per cent, Broadlawn 40 per cent, Colgate 20 per cent. The valuations of merchandise in the County were on motion increased 10 per cent.

On motion the Board adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. Thursday, July 11th, 1892.

J. P. PEASE, Chairman, L. C. GOPLERUD, County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D. July 14th, 1892.

The Board of equalization convened at 9 o'clock A. M. pursuant to adjournment; Present Chairman Pease, Alexander Curry, T. O. Schjeldahl, O. W. Williams and L. C. Goplerud. On motion the valuation of personal property of Ole G. Dahl of Norway township was raised 50 per cent as a penalty for refusing to swear to his assessment. The minutes of the meetings of the Board of Equalization of July 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th were read and approved. On motion the Board adjourned sine die.

J. P. PEASE, Chairman, L. C. GOPLERUD, County Auditor.

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