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Washington County Democratic Convention

As provided by the rules adopted by the State Democratic Convention, the delegates of the Washington County Democratic Convention assembled at the Court House in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on Saturday, the 6th day of April, 1912, and a quorum being present, the Convention organized by electing J. S. Dill chairman and Z. L. Reagan secretary.

The Democratic primary election returns as tabulated by the County Central Committee, were opened, read approved and the candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast for the various offices were declared the nominees of the Democratic party.

On motion a committee of five, consisting of H. L. Baker, I. T. Lane, W. F. Ham, W. D. Moore and M. F. Croxdale were appointed to select and recommend suitable Democrats to represent the county as delegates to the state and several district conventions, and said committee submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Delegates to Judicial Convention, Fourth Judicial District:

Delegates.	Alternates
H. L. Pearson.	T. C. Worthington.
Allan M. Wilson.	G. W. Redfern.
O. P. McDonald.	L. H. Winstead.
W. A. Engles.	S. F. Dowell.
A. E. Hutchens.	A. M. Reed.
D. C. Huey.	P. L. Hathecock.
C. C. Irwin.	John Gibson.
Hayden Smith.	Dave Lewis.
W. E. Trewhitt.	G. W. Buckley.
J. A. Steele.	George Hannah.
J. H. Clark.	Lee H. Smith.
J. W. Sharp.	W. S. Chick.

Delegates to Railroad Commissioners' Convention, Northwestern District:

Delegates.	Alternates.
D. M. Allen.	J. F. Thomason.
Guy Phillips.	J. W. Springer.
L. A. Coger.	J. K. Cowan.
D. E. Pharr.	H. C. Osburn.
W. H. Searcy.	J. C. Wilson.
Lee Donaldson.	M. E. Smith.
J. H. Frost.	P. E. Shoffner.
D. W. Glover.	J. K. Anglin.
Marcus Hulse.	J. D. Savage.
S. G. McClelland.	R. S. Mitchell.
N. W. Phillips.	J. T. Elms.
J. P. Stafford.	H. C. Thompson.

Delegates to Chancery Convention, Eleventh Chancery District:

Delegates.	Alternates.
J. V. Walker.	J. M. Hewitt.
B. C. Ballard.	H. C. Buchanan.
John Hale.	P. A. Allison.
L. L. Kantz.	H. G. Thompson.
Wm. Garrett.	D. A. Jackson.
John P. Smith.	C. C. Cabe.
W. C. Brewster.	A. J. Howe.
Hugh Wilson.	J. A. Wheeler.
R. R. Baird.	J. B. Dutton.
J. A. Miller.	Ben Harris.
J. W. Philbeck.	R. T. Brown.
J. H. Farley.	H. E. Snodgrass.

Delegates to Congressional Convention, Third Congressional District:

Delegates.	Alternates
J. W. Walker.	E. S. Hutchens.
W. D. Moore.	R. H. Rickert.
B. Brewster.	R. L. Dameron.
R. M. Morton.	I. T. Lane.
W. F. Ham.	T. M. Blakemore.
L. B. Dawn.	J. A. Tennant.
D. H. Morgan.	N. C. Cunningham.
T. J. Abshier.	J. M. Rollins.
R. A. Greathouse.	W. W. Joyce.
W. P. Pickens.	T. A. Morrow.
T. E. Frost.	Vester Luther.
J. B. Lewis.	P. P. VanHoose.

Delegates to State Convention:

Delegates.	Alternates.
H. F. Reagan.	S. H. Guinn.
J. S. Dill.	D. M. Allen.
Jack Walker.	J. W. Walker.
J. P. Stafford.	W. H. Searcy.
S. W. Peel.	H. C. Evans.
W. D. McLaugh.	Jack Phillips.
T. H. Humphreys.	J. H. Frost.
E. W. Price.	H. L. Pearson.
J. C. Wasson.	M. F. Croxdale.
B. H. Greathouse.	Oscar D. Moore.
W. E. Bond.	Allen G. Flowers.
C. H. Brough.	H. D. Rollins.

On motion, the delegates to the State Convention were instructed to cast their vote in said convention on all questions as a unit, to be decided by a majority of the delegates present.

H. F. Reagan, D. E. Pharr and J. A. Tennant were appointed a committee to select and recommend a committee man for each of the district committees, and they recommended for the Railroad Commissioner District, D. M. Allen; Congressional S. W. Peel; Judicial, R. J. Wilson; and Chancery, J. V. Walker, which recommendations were adopted.

The secretary submitted the following resolution concerning the Turner-Jacobson Bill, which was approved and adopted, there being but one dissenting vote:

WHEREAS, At a meeting of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee held on the 3rd day of February, 1912, a Committee consisting of H. F. Reagan, J. S. Dill, and J. P. Stafford, was appointed to investigate the matter of cost in the publication of the Turner-Jacobson bill as provided under the Enabling Act for carrying into effect the Initiative and referendum powers of amendment No. 10, to our State Constitution, and

WHEREAS, That Committee has made full and complete report, obtaining much of their information from the Secretary of State, and

WHEREAS, In their report said Committee quotes the Secretary of State as stating, "Measures of this nature are to be published in AT LEAST one paper in each County for

thirty days before the general election, in full, and shall be paid for at one half the legal rate," which will make it cost the State at least \$33,000.00 to publish this specific measure and

WHEREAS, While that clause in Section 15 of said Enabling Act does not say that the State shall pay one half the legal rate for such publications, yet it is so loosely drawn as to permit Secretaries of State, who might want to perpetuate themselves in office, to pay that amount to obtain a stand-in with the newspapers of the State instead of letting the work to the lowest bidder in all counties where there is more than one paper published, and

WHEREAS, From the report of said Committee we learn that after the State shall have paid the enormous sum of \$33,000.00 to the newspapers for the printing and sending out of said bill it will then reach only about one-half of the voters in our state, and

WHEREAS, We further learn that if permissible said bill could be printed and sent to each of the 260,000 poll tax payers in the State at three cents per copy which would cost the State not exceeding \$8,000.00, and which would be a saving as compared with the cost under the present law, of at least \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, This is only the beginning of our Initiative and Referendum form of enacting laws and that many like expenditures will follow this one under our present law:— Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION ASSEMBLED,

That our Senator and Representatives from Washington County be instructed to do all in their power during the next Session of our Legislature to amend our present Enabling Act, wherein it permits the payment, by the Secretary of State, of such exorbitant prices for the publication of bills and other measures, and pass a law providing that all measures be printed and sent direct to the voters at the least possible cost to the State.

On motion of J. P. Stafford, the delegates to the State Convention were instructed to use their influence to change the date of holding our biennial election to the last Wednesday in July.

No further business appearing, the convention adjourned.

J. S. Dill, Chairman,
Z. L. Reagan, Secretary.