

arrie McCutcheon, permanent man of the regular county convention here and chairman of the pro-Roosevelt delegation to the convention; George Sergeant, former chairman of the regular pro-Roosevelt county meeting, and State Commissioner John Stevenson, temporary chairman of the meeting. It was agreed that McCutcheon would open the testimony with a report on arguments. McCutcheon sprang a surprise at the convention by announcing that his opponent, named at a rump anti-Roosevelt convention at Fair Park, held proper certificates, issued by the county Democratic convention, Charles S. McCombs. The fight between McCutcheon and W. S. Bramlett over county chairmanship, McCombs won in the runoff over Bramlett in the second primary, but Bramlett insisted that he won legally by a majority in the first primary. McCutcheon used as a weapon in the hands of the pro-Roosevelt regular delegates had announced several days ago by McCutcheon—their certificates begun by Bramlett July 22. McCutcheon in argument said that he was questioning McCombs' right to be county chairman now, but when the certificates were read out, Bramlett was the legal chairman.

Letter Introduced.
A letter from Charles Simons, secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee, asking Bramlett for a list of delegates, their names and minutes of the convention, was read and introduced in the official record of the county subcommittee. The McCombs certificates were read Saturday morning, and even McCutcheon's closest associates said the reading came as a surprise. The committee members, with District Attorney Otis Dunagan of Gilmer presiding, listened silently as Renfro presented his case. The vote on temporary chairman at the July 29 convention was between Bramlett and Commissioner Davis, who won, and McCutcheon. In a Church, Renfro stated that at the pro-Roosevelt delegates were allowed to vote on his side. If his contested delegates had voted, Renfro insisted, the Church would have won. One time, while repeating the incident, Renfro made a slip, said he would have won.

Winn R. Winn, formerly with McCutcheon in legal practice, corrected Renfro immediately and advised Winn as cocounsel for the pro-Roosevelt cause.

Not Taken.
The contested precinct delegations listed by Renfro as 14, 18, 31, 63 and 91. In nearly every precinct, the county executive committee refused to seat the regularly elected delegates because they did not take a pledge to vote for pro-Roosevelt, although pledges were taken to support nominees of the Democratic primaries.

Goggans, Box 55 (Bonham), testified that his convention was divided on a test vote on resolution to support the May convention's action in Austin, led by the anti-Roosevelt. He said it resulted in a resolution that he as chairman voted against. Later a rump convention was held by a minority anti-Roosevelt group won to 1, in a regularly organized session at Box 63, University Roy C. Coffee, chairman of the convention and president of

Can Carry F. R. Name

Full powers to put the names of candidates for President and Vice-President on the general election ballot, instead of the names of electors, are given by state law to Gov. Coke R. Stevenson, former State Senator Tom Love of Dallas said Saturday.

Love, who was in conference earlier in the week with former Gov. James V. Allred, ardent Rooseveltite, quoted Article 3079A, enacted in 1931, which reads as follows:

"A vote for the candidates of any political party for both President and Vice-President of the United States shall be conclusively deemed to be a vote for candidates of the same party for presidential electors, and shall be so counted and recorded for such electors as the state shall be empowered to elect."

Also enacted, Love said, was

Ruler of Elks To Speak Here At Memorial Rites

For the first time in the history of the Dallas Elks Lodge, a grand exalted ruler will speak at memorial services, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler John Smart of Dallas said Saturday.

Robert S. Barrett of Alexandria, Va., newly elected head of the Elks, will be here Sunday, Dec. 3, for services at the First Methodist Church, he has informed Smart.

The memorial rite is one of two public services held annually by every Elks lodge in the nation, the other being Flag Day ceremonies on June 14. Those Elks who have died during the year are eulogized at the December public meeting.

A luncheon or dinner will be given in honor of Barrett, depending on the time of his arrival, Smart said.

Blind Landing Service Planned at Love Field

Installation of special equipment that will enable pilots to land blind at Love Field regardless of visibility conditions and make the airport one of the most outstanding in the country is now being planned, Municipal Airport Supervisor Hart Bowman said Saturday.

Bowman said Chicago is the only city in the country where an airport has this equipment now, and Dallas will be the first city in the five states of Region Four of the Civil Aeronautics Administration to get it. Region Four covers Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The equipment will cost \$15,000 and will take six months to install, with the CAA doing the work, Bowman said. The CAA also will operate the system.

A radio beam mechanism will direct a pilot onto the proper runway and let him know his exact position in regard to a proper landing, regardless of the visibility, Bowman explained. This means that fog and other bad weather

Article 3079C, which he quoted:

"The names of the candidates for President and Vice-President, respectively, of a political party as defined in the law, shall, at least twenty days prior to the election, be certified to the Secretary of State by the chairman and secretary of the state committee of said party."

"To accomplish the Governor's purpose, it is simply necessary to enforce this wise and simple law," Love said. "The Constitution of the State of Texas provides that the Governor 'shall cause the laws to be faithfully executed' and that 'he shall have power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the state.'"

Governor Stevenson's plan is not to put the names of candidates for President and Vice-President on the ballot, as suggested by Love, but to put two opposing sets of presidential electors on the ballot under the Democratic Party heading.

The act permitting the names of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates to appear on the ballot was enacted, political observers recalled, for the convenience of those counties using voting machines. It was also the recollection that Allred, when Attorney General, held that the act was invalid, and it never was used, never tested in the courts.

Condemnation Ordered For Boulevard Ground

City officials are preparing condemnation proceedings to acquire property of Max Ahlfinger on Latimer Street needed as part of the right of way for Central Boulevard.

Ahlfinger has demanded \$3,000 for his property but the city offered only \$1,250. City Councilmen approved the filing of condemnation proceedings.

the record. The stack of documents on the committee looked like an indictment of the Ripper.

It was finally decided that Charles Simons had taken the documents back to his room, and McCutcheon then introduced duplicates. The documents were minutes of the regular county convention and lists of delegates to the state convention opening Tuesday as signed by Bramlett.

"This man Bramlett was the one that Simons wrote to," McCutcheon pressed.

Renfro Claim Attacked.

When McCutcheon started telling of the county convention, and attacking Renfro's claim that delegates were seated illegally, former State Senator E. M. Davis, Brownwood, who looks not unlike Judge K. M. Landis, asked:

"Did they (the contested pro-Roosevelt delegates vote in the convention to seat themselves?"

"They voted on temporary chairman," McCutcheon replied.

"The thing I want to know is did these people vote to seat themselves," insisted Davis, puffing a corn-cob pipe.

There were shouts of "They did, they did," from the audience.

Davis was evidently irritated by a statement of McCutcheon's that it was mandatory under state law for the state executive committee to seat a delegation holding a certificate signed by the county Democratic chairman.

"Is it the contention of Curran McCutcheon that we have to do according to the action of the county chairman?"

Just Quoting the Law.

McCutcheon quickly assured committee that it had the right to act as it saw fit, he was only quoting the law.

Renfro objected several times to McCutcheon's arguing matters, saying that only evidence was needed to be admitted at that time.

McCutcheon said he was not arguing matters but was brought up by questions of the committee, and he again went to the minutes of the county convention of July 29.

"But did those contesting delegates vote to seat themselves?" Davis asked again.

McCutcheon admitted that it was a voice vote, and "I suppose they voted for themselves."

When McCutcheon told of his regular pro-Roosevelt convention invited Gov. Coke R. Stevenson to be an honorary delegate, Davis remarked, "My county chairman, too."

Ruling Postponed.

Davis then asked Judge Dunagan to rule on the point of whether the committee had real power to decide contests. It was decided that the committee would discuss that later.

"I've been riding a bus since this morning, and I haven't eaten," Davis said.

Dunagan then, at 6:30 p.m., called a recess until 8 p.m.

All members of the credentials subcommittee were present for Saturday's hearing except W. W. Embry, Brenham. Other members besides Judge Dunagan and McCutcheon are former State Senator M. M. Roberts, Victoria; Mark Halsey, Lubbock; Alvin Meissner, Bellville; O. L. Hope, McKinney; Merrill Gibson, Longview; Mrs. R. M. Carter, Sherman, and Mrs. A. Y. Trounman, San Antonio.

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