

office or seeking it. I prefer a man who can show his manhood by earning a living for himself rather than continually asking it from the people. Mr. Lugers will support Mr. Smith, but he believes that there are other matters quite as important as that to come before the legislature. Furthermore, if elected he will seek but one term."

"I object to the statement made by the gentleman who has just spoken," exclaimed Dr. Brown of Spring Lake. "I consider it almost insulting. Mr. Hoyt would not have been holding offices if the people had not wanted him and he would not be a candidate here today if his friends had not urged him. Some of the most eminent men in the Republican party have been holding office ever since they were weaned."

A delegate in the rear of the hall insisted that the convention pledge its nominees in advance to vote for William Alden Smith, and again Mr. Van Raalte objected, saying that it would look childish.

"I know of no reason why our nominee should not pledge himself and I know of no reason why we should not instruct him as to our wishes," said Walter I. Lilley, in one of the warmest speeches of the day. "Mr. Van Raalte says that Mr. Moore was forced back into the race by certain parties in Grand Haven and that when Moore died these same parties put Hoyt in the field. I want to say that I was instrumental in getting Mr. Hoyt in the field, and I had nothing to do with the Moore affair. I want to say, too, that one of the main reasons why we wanted Hoyt in the field was because we wanted a man who would openly declare himself upon the United States senatorship. Mr. Lugers refused persistently to pledge himself until he was smoked out by The Evening Press of Grand Rapids. We want a man who will declare himself frankly and honestly and not wait until he is smoked out."

Voted Down the Pledge Motion.

"I know that Mr. Lugers will be loyal," declared Mr. Van Raalte, securing the floor again, "but it is beneath the dignity of this convention to ask him to pledge himself. We should have confidence in him. It is insulting to William Alden Smith to insist upon this action. I should prefer for this office a man who is not everlastingly seeking office. What is this force which is behind this movement? Is it William Alden Smith or is there something else? We don't know."

George W. Aikens secured the floor long enough to declare that "Mr. Lugers is a good man regardless of whether he votes for William Alden Smith or not."

A formal motion was made at this time that the convention force the candidates to pledge themselves for William Alden Smith and it was supported by a chorus of voices.

"I move that the motion be laid upon the table," shouted a voice from Mr. Van Raalte's location! The affirmative vote was overwhelming and when the chair declared the motion carried there was great applause among the Holland delegates.

This settled the question of pledging and the convention proceeded to vote upon the nominations. The first ballot was stuffed and a second was necessary. The result gave Lugers 136 and Hoyt 90 and Lugers was at once declared the choice of the convention with the privilege of naming his delegates to the senatorial

convention. There were cries for a speech and Mr. Lugers went forward and said briefly: "I thank you all and especially those who stood by me so loyally. I am not afraid to declare my position, but I do not think it necessary at this time. I prefer to save my ammunition until it is time to fight."

Mr. Lugers was given ten minutes to prepare his list of delegates and he reported the following: D. B. K. Van Raalte, George E. Kollen, Con Depree, William H. Beach, H. Pelgrim, Joy Heck, Albert Lahuis, H. Keppel, Henry Borch, John Ovens, Seth Coburn, Robert Alward, Charles E. Stearns, John Rutgers, James A. Garfield, John Y. Huizenga.

The Final Retort.

"Mr. Chairman," exclaimed Captain Harbeck of Grand Haven immediately after the list had been read, "in view of the fact that Grand Haven is not recognized in that list I move that it be ratified."

"For the same reason in behalf of Spring Lake," exclaimed another delegate, "I support the motion." The motion prevailed.

Judge Kirby was unanimously renominated for chairman of the county committee with Jacob Glerum as secretary. The convention also voted to indorse William A. Savidge for member of the state central committee.

The convention then adjourned and the two representative conventions were immediately called. In the First district Representative Whelan was renominated by acclamation. In the Second there were four candidates in the field and the vote stood as follows: Albert Lahuis of Zeeland, 62; Dr. Smith of Coopersville, 31; William Stoddard of Tallmadge, 18; Charles H. Wells of Berlin, 7. Mr. Lahuis made a short speech, declaring that he is not pledged, but would try to represent the sentiment of his district.

IN A WARM FINISH

Holland Downed Grand Haven All Along the Line.

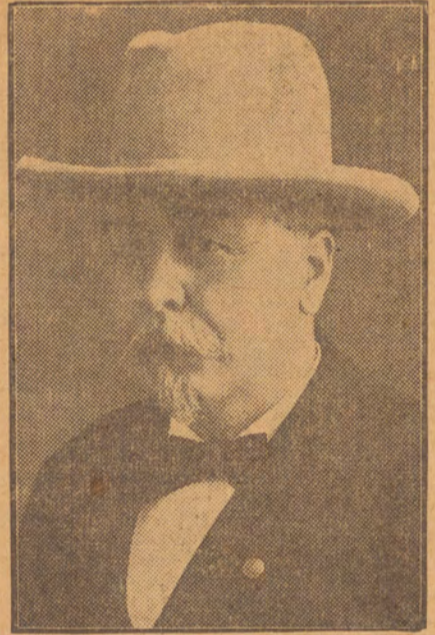
LUGERS NOT PLEDGED

Convention Refused to Tie Him to Wm. Alden.

Breezy Compliments Exchanged in the Tussle Over the State Senatorial Nomination.

That wise old political general, D. B. K. VanRaalte, won out all along the line in the Ottawa county convention yesterday afternoon and carried off everything for the Holland city end of the district. Luke Lugers won with comparative ease the senatorial fight. Determined attempts were made to force Lugers to pledge himself officially to William Alden Smith, but Mr. VanRaalte successfully resisted them all and won completely when a motion to place the candidates upon record for Mr. Smith was laid upon the table.

The Holland city contingent made another winning when it captured both the house nominations. It was a foregone conclusion that Representative Whelan of Holland would be renominated, but there was a warm fight on for the nomination in the Second district, and while Holland could not carry off this place that end of the county did the next best thing by capturing it for a Zeeland man. As a finishing touch to the day's victory Mr. Lugers did not recognize Grand Haven in his list of delegates to the joint senatorial convention with Muskegon



D. B. K. Van Raalte, still the ruler of Ottawa county politics.

county. John Rutgers, one of his delegates, lives in Grand Haven, but he is a relative of the prospective nominee.

When the convention was called to order in the afternoon the work of finishing the county ticket was resumed. Arthur Van Duren and Charles E. Soule were named as Circuit court commissioners. A lively fight ensued between the doctors and undertakers for the two nominations for coroners and the doctors won, the nominations going to Dr. W. S. Walkley of Grand Haven and Dr. J. A. Mabbe of Holland. Emmett Peck was renominated for surveyor by acclamation.

"Don't Force a Pledge Upon Him.

Then the decks were cleared away for the big fight of the day. The roll of townships and wards was started for the presentation of candidates for senator and a delegate from Holland presented the name of Luke Lugers, using only a dozen words in doing it. When Grand Haven was reached ex-Mayor H. F. Harbeck presented the name of Charles K. Hoyt, adding, "We want to know where our candidates stand upon the question of the United States senatorship. Mr. Hoyt will not equivocate. He says openly that he stands for William Alden Smith first, last, and all the time, and I believe that this convention should insist that its nominees pledge themselves to vote for him."

This brought Mr. Van Raalte into the ring. "I want to say that I take pleasure in supporting the nomination of Luke Lugers," he said, "and I want to assure you that if he is elected he will not be untrue to us. But don't disgrace us or him by forcing a pledge upon him. We are all true to William Alden Smith without pledges. I want to say further that there is something strange about this opposition to Mr. Lugers. He had the field to himself until certain factions or elements in Grand Haven induced Mr. Moore of Coopersville into the field. But Mr. Moore looked the field over and decided to withdraw. I don't get this from any third person, Mr. Chairman, but I got it from the lips of Mr. Moore. But some influences here forced him back into the field. Then Mr. Moore died and he had been hardly laid up before these same influences put up Mr. Hoyt.

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