

DEMOCRATS SUPPORT DIGGS FOR JUDGESHIP

Conference of Seventh Circuit, Maryland, Meets in National Hotel.

PRIMARY FIGHT EXPECTED

W. Mitchell Diggs, of La Plata, Charles county, Md., was indorsed for the nomination as chief judge of the Seventh judicial circuit, composed of Charles, St. Marys, Calvert and Prince Georges counties, at a conference attended by sixty to seventy leading Democrats of Prince Georges county, in the National hotel here yesterday afternoon. The indorsement followed a spirited contest between friends of Mr. Diggs and Ogle Marbury of Laurel, Prince Georges county, who is also a candidate for the nomination.

M. Hampton Magruder and J. Enos Ray, recognized organization leaders, and T. Howard Duckett, heretofore looked upon as a leader in anti-organization forces, advocated the indorsement of Mr. Diggs. All three said it would be political suicide for Prince Georges county to attempt to "hog" the judicial nominations by placing both a chief judge and an associate justice nominee in Prince Georges county.

Clarence M. Roberts, of Kent district, advocated the indorsement of Mr. Marbury. He contended Prince Georges county was entitled to two of three judges. George S. Dove, Theodore B. Middleton and S. D. Hall, clerk of the circuit court, all prominent organization men, supported Mr. Marbury.

After most of the representatives from the various districts had voted, H. H. Sasser, jr., clerk to the State central committee, announced that Diggs had received 12 votes to 6 for Marbury. Many friends of Mr. Marbury announced they would not stand by the verdict of the conference, and if Mr. Marbury remains in the fight, which seems certain, Prince Georges county is booked for a lively primary contest September 10.

The conference unanimously indorsed Joseph C. Mattingly, of Oxon Hill, Prince Georges county, and William M. Loker, of Leonardtown, St. Marys county, as nominees for associate justices.

Owing to the large number of candidates filed for the nomination for sheriff in Prince Georges county the conference decided to withhold its indorsement, which means an open primary fight among John J. Fink, of Berwyn; Ruby Paul Watts, of Riverdale; Robert H. Smith, of Bowie; J. I. Parker, of Mellwood; T. Claude Underwood, of Piscataway, and Robert L. Wells, of Marlboro.

For members of the house of delegates the conference indorsed Charles B. Ager, Chillum district; George J. Hess, Splantings district; J. Guy Bell, Bowie, district; Robert W. Brooke, Seat Pleasant district, and Henry L. Morris, Marlboro district.

For county treasurer, George W. Waters, of Laurel, now a county commissioner, was indorsed.

William P. Magruder, of Hyattsville, and Philip G. Miller, of Surratts, were indorsed for two county commissionerships; J. Frank Lillard, of Hyattsville, for State's attorney; R. Irving Bowie, Mellwood; William T. MacPherson, Brandywine, and John A. Schultz, Seat Pleasant, for judges of the orphans' court; Millard Thorne, of Piscataway, for county surveyor.

Delegates to the State convention indorsed were former Judge T. Van Clagett, R. Lee Mullikin, Lee Tarmann, Henry B. Brady, J. J. Crawley and Alan Bowie.

The present members of the county central committee were indorsed: J. Chew Sheriff taking the place of Mr. Waters.