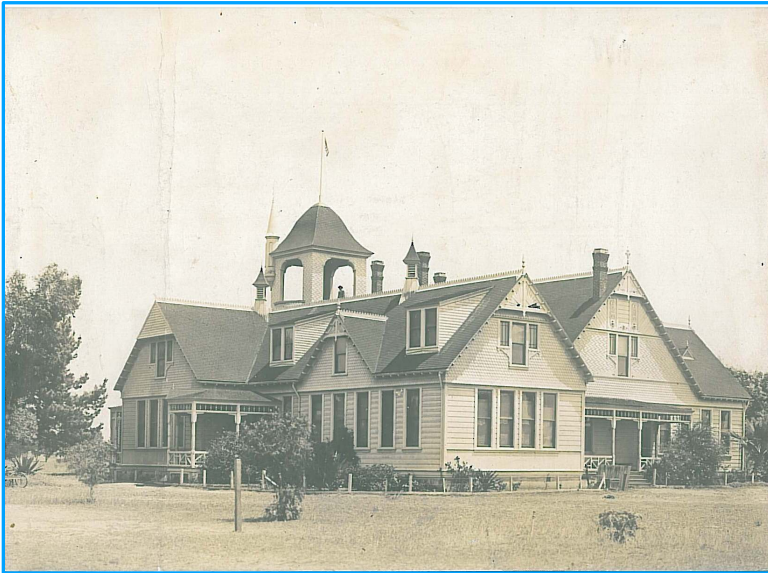


**CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB
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**Democrats and Prohibitionists Rally
THE CORONADO MERCURY, OCTOBER 2, 1888**



The Democrats of Coronado held a grand rally at the old school house last Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order by Joseph Falkenhan, president of the local Democratic club, who in a brief speech introduced the first speaker of the evening, C. Floyd Humes, who then addressed the audience.

He congratulated them upon the fact of it being the first democratic gathering ever held in Coronado. He said it gave him great pride to reflect that it was the Democratic Party that had given to this country its great western empire and

contrasted what the party had done in that regard with the record of the Republican Party. President Cleveland, he said, had shown great courage in submitting to the people, upon the eve of a general election, the great issue of the tariff, and presenting to them an issue upon which men could think, thus terminating mud slinging and personal abuse as an element in politics.

When people remembered that taxation is not levied upon the wealthy of the nation, not upon houses and lands, bonds and stocks, gold and silver, but upon the products of labor as they go from production to consumption, and that, therefore, the burden falls heaviest upon those least able to bear it, and that, consequently, the laboring man bears the burden justly fitted for the capitalist and the monopolist, we should not be surprised at their wail of indignation against the proposed reform.

The Republican Party, the great protectionists and enemies of free trade and tariff reform have a free list, but upon what the necessities of life, the things needed by the toiling millions? No, but upon a thousand things that are only procurable by wealthy people.

The speaker then read the utterances of several Republican statesmen upon the tariff question notably among which was Grant on free wool, Blaine upon free lumber, and also Sherman and Garfield upon the same questions. The platform upon which Mr. Blaine stood in the campaign of 1884 was pledged to the reduction of the surplus and the revision of the tariff. Morton voted for free salt and was denounced by the Albany Journal as a free trader, out and out.

The speaker then dealt at length with Mr. Harrison's record upon the Chinese question and concluded by reviewing the county ticket of the Democratic Party of this county and making a slight allusion to his own candidacy for District Attorney. At the conclusion of the speech he was loudly cheered by the audience.

J. WADE McDONALD

was next introduced by the chair and took for his subject "The Principles of the Democratic Party." He said it was the only party that the young men of this country could with consistency belong to: the Republican party of today existed only by misrepresentation and falsehoods by having distorted and misrepresented to the people every issue that had been presented to it since its formation. He ably defended the action of the party during the war and exposed the willful and malicious misstatements of the Republican party upon that issue. He spoke at length upon the question of pensions and contrasted the actions of the two parties since their formation. Altogether, his speech was one of the best expositions of Democracy ever listened to by the audience, and was very much appreciated by them, and Mr. McDonald, on closing his speech received quite an ovation from the meeting.

Altogether the meeting was a great success, and the Democrats of Coronado are to be congratulated upon it. (*Article from the Coronado Historical Society Archives*)