

Democratic Watchman

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Grim and Greevy at Pittsburg

Democratic Candidates Receive Tremendous Ovation—Gospel of True Democracy.

Never in the history of the Democracy has there been such a turn out of voters at a Democratic rally in the western end of Pennsylvania as assembled on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Kennywood Park, a beautiful pleasure resort, delightfully situated on a high eminence overlooking the many industrial establishments along the Monongahela river, near Pittsburg. The day was an ideal one, being just cool enough for the candidates to go through the ordeal of hand shaking without any danger of perspiring.

The principal attraction aside from the speech-making by the Democratic nominees and Congressman Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, was a mammoth ox-roast, an old-fashioned barbecue. The invitations to the feed were extended throughout Allegheny and neighboring counties, and by 10 o'clock in the morning the park was well filled with hungry as well as enthusiastic Democrats and their friends, who came to hear the gospel of a free and untrammelled Democracy and to eat beef that was not made under the stamp of the beef trust.

Senator Grim took "Conservation" for the text of his speech, and denounced the reckless extravagance with which the natural resources of the state have been dissipated under the mismanagement of machine politicians. He said, in part:

"Your petty grangers in Pittsburg, some of whom recently have been convicted, had high examples before them, especially in Pennsylvania and Harrisburg. It is but a few years ago that a distinguished citizen of your own city, then governor of Pennsylvania, according to reports, sat in his own chamber at midnight, to accommodate under the forms of law, certain people in getting away with valuable franchises."

"It is but a few years ago that a distinguished citizen of Philadelphia offered to pay that city two and a half million dollars for a railway franchise for which the people afterward never received one dollar. The building of the state capitol at Harrisburg, in which nearly \$5,000,000 was stolen, is still fresh in our memory. The development in the filtration suits in Philadelphia four years ago revealed a system of contracting unparalleled. The method of contracting at Pottsville smells of the same odor. The people of Philadelphia rose up in their might and swept the political machine that was responsible for it from its power."

"My friends, if you want to retain into your full possession this great nation of ours, with its boundless natural resources and transmit it after your death unimpaired to your children as a priceless heritage, if you want to maintain as the safeguard of your liberties and those of posterity equal rights for all and special privileges for none, I beseech of you that you pay more attention to the character of the men you choose for your officers. The place to right it is at the polls. You should conserve not only the natural resources which a kind creator has bestowed upon us with such a lavish hand, but you should preserve our political morality and equality as well. Then and then only will the future of our nation be secure."

Thomas H. Greevy, of Altoona, candidate for lieutenant governor, spoke on the tariff and the Republican betrayal of party promises as evidenced by the Payne-Aldrich bill. He said in part:

"This increased cost of living is one of the great causes for political discontent in the country today. Almost every article of necessity used by the people is taxed. Everything you eat and everything you wear is taxed by this bill. On the free list, however, we find dried acorns, ashes, stuffed birds bones, cuttlefish, fish skin, fossil horse hair, hoots, ice, joss sticks, old junk, leeches, sea weeds, strange pebbles, mother of pearl, rags and bolonga sawage. Immediately upon the signing of this bill the Republicans issued a campaign document in which they declared that they had reduced the tariff on beef, pork, bacon and ham and lard 25 per cent; on corn meal, 5 per cent; yet everyone knows it is just the reverse. There is not an individual present but who would testify that the cost of living has increased since the tariff bill went into effect. Is it any wonder that there is so much dissension in Republican ranks?"

There is plenty of time yet to arrange for getting out the vote on election day, but there is none too much to arrange for getting voters registered and their taxes paid. These things are as essential to party success as voting. But voting is important, too, and when the registration is complete and the taxes all paid centre your activities on getting out the vote.

Voters in third class cities have two more opportunities to register for the coming election. The next registration day is September 20 and the last chance is Saturday, October 22. It isn't wise, however, to wait for the last day. Discharge this civic obligation on Tuesday, September 20.

"Remember the Maine," used to be a common expression and by the same token it might be worth while to keep in mind the result of the Maine election.

He Wasn't It.
"My dear Miss Billmore," sadly wrote young Hankinson. "I return herewith your kind note in which you accept my offer of marriage. You will observe that it begins 'Dear George.' I do not know who George is, but my name, as you know, is William."—Chicago Tribune.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB FOR GRIM

Spirited Debate Ends With Indorsing Regular State Ticket.

After an animated debate at a largely attended meeting of the Democratic club, of Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 14, the following resolution, offered by Ephraim Lederer, and seconded by John Cadwalader, Jr., was finally adopted:

"Resolved, That the Democratic club hereby indorses the Democratic state ticket, headed by the Hon. Webster Grim, the nominee for the office of governor of Pennsylvania, and pledges its hearty support to the candidates, whose private character and public records entitle them to the support of all good citizens."

Among the advocates of the resolution were ex-Magistrate William Eisenbrown, who paid a warm tribute to Senator Grim. Thomas F. Nelson, of the Thirty-second ward, declared that it was a good time for Democrats to get together and stick together. Similar arguments were advanced by W. J. Campbell, Max Loeb, Roland S. Morris, B. Gordon Bromley and Major Moses Veale.

Henry Budd made a spirited address in behalf of the Keystone party, denouncing the methods that had culminated in the Allentown convention, and among others who declared themselves for Berry were Mickle C. Paul and Ryerson W. Jennings. But the Grim forces in the final vote outnumbered the Berry followers about two to one. A motion was also adopted that a committee of three lawyers endeavor in conjunction with the state committee to test the legality of avowed Republican candidates running as Democrats, especially in the senatorial districts, and also to draft remedial legislation to be introduced at the next session to prevent the theft of party nominations by their opponents.

"Local Issues."

[From the New York World.] Republican explanations of the appalling party disaster in Maine make much of "local issues."

The "Maine law" has been a local issue for sixty years. The inquisitorial Sturgis act was equally a local issue in 1908, when a Republican governor was elected by 7653 plurality. State extravagance was a local issue on Monday, but so was it in 1908. In none of these issues has there been substantial change.

Yet such a ratio of Republican loss and Democratic gain as Maine showed in the vote for governor would wipe out even President Taft's immense popular plurality of 1,269,804 in 1908 and leave in its stead a Democratic plurality of 290,000.

Maine lost half its Republican representatives in congress. Such a loss throughout the country would leave the party in the lower house with 113 members out of 398.

Maine lost in Eugene Hale a Republican senator of ability, influence and the prestige of successive re-election for thirty years. November will decide the fate of twenty-one other Republican senators. In what state except oligarchic Rhode Island, where the Aldrich-Brayton gang play for the legislature with loaded dice, have the Republicans a better chance to retain their senator than they had in Maine? Such a reversal of political conditions as Monday's election portends would lose even the senate to the Republicans—a thing which until Monday no man had dreamed was within the bounds of possibility.

Wherever men take seriously the duties of citizenship, governmental extravagance which costs the country \$3,567,685.66 every business day is a "local issue." Wherever men work for their daily bread the cost of living, heightened to fatten trusts and monopolies, is a "local issue." These issues have been heard from in Maine.

If any so-called Keystone Party man, who was a Democrat, will point out a single state convention in the history of the party, assembled in a year in which there was hope of Democratic success, that was without a contest for the nomination for the hopeful office, we will agree to vote the Keystone ticket, provided he agrees to vote the Democratic ticket if he fails. No sharper fight was ever witnessed in any convention than that which nominated Robert E. Pattison in 1882 by the narrowest majority. Yet Pattison was elected because none of his competitors for the nomination imagined that he was the anointed of God, the only good man living, as the absurd, if not insane, candidate of the Keystone Party appears to think of himself now.

Senator Nelson's Reward.

The term of Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, does not expire until March 4, 1913. However, two years are a comparatively brief interval, and Minnesota is sufficiently insurgent to keep in mind Senator Nelson's frantic efforts in Ballinger's behalf.—Kansas City Times.

Long Drawn Out But Harmless.

Revision of the tariff, one schedule at a time, should result in an improved tariff system in not less than 300 years. It could be accomplished without disturbing business or anything else but the gravity of the nation.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Candidates Grim and Berry had a fine time in Western Pennsylvania counties last week and the vote of those counties on the 8th of November will show that their work was effective.

This is a Democratic year, but Democrats must pay a poll tax in order to participate in the glory of it.

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