

DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES MEET.

An Enthusiastic and Important Convention at Lancaster.

A STRONG PLATFORM ADOPTED.

REVISION OF PARTY RULES SUGGESTED—JUDGE M'CARTHY ENDORSED—THE GOVERNOR ARRAIGNED—CHANGE IN THE MANNER OF ELECTING A CHAIRMAN ADVOCATED—THE UNIT RULE OPPOSED—STIRRING SPEECH BY PRESIDENT BLACK.

Lancaster, Sept. 5.—When the seventh annual general assembly of the Democratic societies of Pennsylvania was called to order at eleven o'clock by President Chauncey F. Black over six hundred delegates from all parts of the state answered to their names. President Black used a gavel made of wood from trees which shade the graves of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

President Black spoke at length as to the prospects of success for the Democratic ticket in this state in the coming Fall election. "Never did we assemble," said Mr. Black, "under circumstances more encouraging. It has become plain to thousands of conscientious citizens who have heretofore adhered to the other party or to no party that the only hope of honest or even moderately decent government in this state depends upon restoration to power of the Democratic party. The spectacle presented to-day by our disgraceful and turbulent opponents is the most scandalous in our history." Mr. Black quoted at length from his speech of last year at the Altoona meeting of Democratic societies, in which he had warned the people against the consequences which would result from the election of a governor and members of the legislature put forward by conspiring bosses and corrupt state and municipal rings. This warning, he said, was unheeded and the Democratic ticket went down in the general wreck occasioned by the "bad times" under the McKinley bill, and before the relief afforded by the Wilson bill had been realized. The calamity howlers elected Hastings governor on the false issue of "tariff." Consequences have been felt, however. No legislature could have sent to the governor more odious measures than the report of the pipe line law, the religious garb bill or the bill formally authorizing consolidation of street car companies, and no governor could have signed those or similar iniquitous measures with greater alacrity than Hastings has shown. Had Delamater been elected on the "tariff" in 1890 he could not have been more reckless in serving corporations and monopolies than has Governor Hastings. The chief sponsor of Mr. Delamater (Mr. Quay) is again in supreme personal control of the Republican organization, though it is true that some of the distinguished sponsors of Mr. Hastings, the municipal bosses, who promptly took advantage of the new law to consolidate traction companies, are nowhere. Times, however, have changed. Those bad times were Republican. These good times are Democratic. Those were Harrison, Foster, McKinley times. These are Cleveland, Carlisle, Wilson times. This country has entered upon an era of unexampled prosperity and the day is not far distant when Pennsylvania will be a settled Democratic state.

In closing Mr. Black said: "Will the people sanction the scandalous juggling with the judiciary of which the administration, defeated and humiliated in the Republican state convention, was guilty in the appointment of the six Republican candidates for superior court judges? When the bench becomes not merely partisan, but factional, when judges are created to serve the necessities of political bosses and judicial nominations are huckstered for delegates in a rough and tumble war of factions, the last degradation of the commonwealth has been reached. Bosses, rings and great corporations have ruled us. Legislatures and administrations have deliberately betrayed the people to serve the monopolies. Cities have been turned over to combines. Taxes have been unequal. A free secret ballot has been denied, but through all this the bench has remained uncorrupted and has retained the respect and confidence of the people. The question now is: Shall the bench be sacrificed also?"

Hon. James Kerr presented the name of D. F. Magee, of Lancaster, for temporary chairman, and he was unanimously elected, being escorted to the chair by Mr. Kerr and Senator Green, of Berks county. When the convention met in the afternoon the following officers were reported: Permanent chairman, W. J. Brennan, Allegheny county; secretary, John D. Worman, Philadelphia; vice presidents, R. M. Reilly, Lancaster; Hon. S. M. Hoyer, Altoona; Richard C. Lloyd, Philadelphia; Hon. Howard C. Mutchler, Northampton; Hon. Maurice C. Eby, Harrisburg; George F. Baer, Reading; James J. Henry, Philadelphia; S. R. Peale, Clinton county; William P. Purcell, Montour; C. W. Herms, Clearfield; Michael McGrath, Blair county; R. B. Ziegler, Dauphin; George Caylor, Allegheny; Thomas McCullough, Philadelphia; John B. Denny, Cambria.

The following permanent officers were elected: President, Chauncey F. Black, York; secretary, Major John D. Worman, Philadelphia; vice presidents, William S. McLean, Luzerne; E. S. Bartel, Philadelphia; Colonel James Carney, Erie; H. S. Housekeeper, Northampton; Thomas Burke, Blair; Dr. Judah Isaacs, Philadelphia; Harvey Patterson, Cambria; Lloyd Barr, Chester; D. F. Wisotsky, Clearfield; Robert McCrystal, Philadelphia; Reuben McClinton, Somerset; W. B. Dunlap, Beaver; D. J. Boyle, Allegheny.

The committee on platform reported as follows:

That we arraign and denounce the extravagance and corruption of the late Republican legislature, the increase of offices, the increase of salaries and jobs, the disregard of public interest and the conservation of corporate interests, the bolstering of monopolies by the repeal of the Marshall pipe line law, the consolidation of traction companies, the attempt to establish a partisan judiciary in the new superior court, the failure to provide a pure secret ballot, the failure to provide a proper system of safekeeping of public moneys and the deliberate failure for partisan reasons to apportion the state according to the constitution.

That we arraign and denounce the administration of Governor Hastings for its full participation in the iniquities of the legislature for its unseemly partisanship, and especially for its complete and indecent proscription of the executive department in a coarse struggle for the supreme boss ship of the Republican party, and while we condemn the Republican appointments to the superior court bench, made for factional purposes, we approve and commend the selection of Henry J. McCarthy, an eminent, learned and upright Democratic jurist as the minority member of the court made under compulsion of law, this being one position which could not be used to the advantage of any Republican faction.

That we congratulate the people of all classes, and especially the wage earners, upon the general prosperity of the country, the return of "good times," the revival of trade and industry, and the universal employment of labor, under a Democratic administration and as the direct result of specific Democratic measures.

That the late depression was in large degree the consequence of the Sherman silver coinage act, which was repealed by the Democratic congress, and the restrictions imposed upon production and exchange by the McKinley tariff law, reformed by the Democratic congress and replaced with the Wilson bill, under which our prostrate industries have been revived and our commerce extended, under which our workmen are receiving steady wages and paying less than before for all the necessities of life.

That we reaffirm the platforms of the last national and state Democratic conventions, and further especially declare the perfect unanimity of the Democracy of Pennsylvania in favor of tariff reform and sound money, as recommended and enforced by our Democratic administration.

That we declare our undiminished and abiding confidence in the wisdom and patriotism of President Cleveland, and our great secretary of the treasury, John G. Carlisle.

That the rules now in force for the government of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania are inadequate to preserve the harmony of the party and to poll the full Democratic vote; we therefore, earnestly recommend that the delegates to the Williamsport convention take prompt and active measures to correct the evil and bring about the adoption of party rules which will be in the interest of the whole party, the welfare of the people in general and for the promotion of good government.

That we favor the election of a state chairman by the delegates elected by the Democratic state convention. That we look to the Williamsport nominating convention for a clear ringing declaration upon state and national issues, sustaining the sound, honest and fearless administration of Grover Cleveland, and for a ticket for state treasurer and superior court judges, composed of men whose names of themselves will command the public confidence and who will adorn the offices in question should they be elected.

And to such a ticket we pledge our honest support, from the day of the nomination to the day of the election, in the full assurance that it is easily within the power of the better class of voters to elect it, and place the superior court above the fatal reproach with which it is threatened.

That we are opposed to the adoption of the unit rule in casting the votes of the delegates to the national convention, and condemn the system of enforcing such unit rule as unfair, undemocratic, and in its effects calculated to disfranchise the minority delegates and deprive their constituents from having their choice for national candidates expressed. That we denounce the action of the majority of the Pennsylvania senate in unseating E. H. Lautbach, the legally elected

senator from the Eighteenth district and we declare it as a subversion of popular representation, that this convention cheerfully endorses the effort of those Democrats in Washington, D. C., who have organized under the title of the Inter-state Democratic association, what Democrats from all states and territories can find a hearty welcome while in that city.

When the platform was read a scene of great disorder followed. The chair was unable to restrain the delegates and it looked at one time as if violent encounters would follow. President Black tried to restore order but was unsuccessful. The trouble arose over the resolution endorsing Judge McCarthy. The Crescent club of Philadelphia, led the fight against McCarthy. A motion to adopt the resolutions was met by a mighty shout of no and yes.

For over two hours the convention was in a state of wild excitement. At times the entire convention was on its feet wildly gesticulating and Chairman Brennan was wholly unable to control them, or get anything like order out of the gathering. The fight focused around the Philadelphia club delegates, the Crescent club of Philadelphia leading the fight against McCarthy, who, however, was supported by a majority of the Philadelphia delegates. After order had been obtained D. F. Magee, of Lancaster, moved that all reference to the appointment of Judge McCarthy be stricken from the platform. He was seconded by J. A. Stranahan, of Mercer county; Dr. Judah Isaacs, of Philadelphia, and George J. Wardlinger, of Pottsville, while McCarthy was championed by Magistrate Hughes, of Philadelphia; Christopher L. Flood, of Philadelphia and Thomas M. Greevy, of Altoona. Much vigorous language was employed by both sides, Mr. Greevy telling the Philadelphia delegates to bring their dirty linen to Williamsport, where the country delegates would wash it and settle the matter. After a debate of two hours the previous question was ordered. In a viva voce vote both sides showed up with equal strength and in a vote by clubs the motion to strike out the McCarthy endorsement was defeated by a vote of 160 ayes and 268 nays.

Chairman Brennan then declared the platform as presented adopted, disregarding the protest of J. A. Stranahan, of Mercer, who said the vote was unfair, there not being 400 delegates in the hall. The convention then proceeded to finish its business in a hurry. A number of minor amendments to the constitution were adopted and Erie was selected as the next place of meeting. Greeting was sent to the Democratic convention at Utah and a vote of thanks was tendered President Black and Secretary Worman for their services, after which the convention adjourned. This evening the delegates indulged in a street parade and were entertained by the local society.

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The Canton Sentinel says Jas. Cooney, the oldest man in Bradford county, if not in the northern tier, died Friday, August 16. He was born in county Wexford, South of Ireland, in December, 1789, and was therefore about 106 years of age. He came to this country thirty years ago, and has since resided with his son-in-law, Thomas Sutton at Canton. He was a remarkably active old gentleman, and until a few days of his death assisted in gardening.

No More Ashes for Him.

There was an old colored man pushing a whitewash cart along Brush street the other afternoon when a woman opened a chamber window and called to him: "Hey, you! Do you want a job?" "What sort of a job, mum?" he asked as he stood at the gate. "Carrying ashes out of the cellar." "Werry sorry, mum, but I couldn't do dat job. I used to be in the ashes business, but I'ze dun quit it. If it was whit-washin' or beatin' a cap't I'd be right on hand, but I doan' tech ashes no mo'."

"What's the mater with ashes?" "Heaps de matten ma'am. Last job I worked on I found three knives, five fo'ks, seben spoons, two towels an' a dollar in cash in de ash-heap, an' what yo' dun 'spose de Judge gimme fur it?" "I don't understand, she said. "Why, a policeman took me into co't an' de Judge gimme three months in jail."

"He must have thought you stole the things." "Sartinly, mum—sartinly, an' dat's why I say dat owin' to de suspicious occupashun of de suspected suspishun I'ze heaharder gwine to hold myself right down to white-washin' an' cap'ts."—From the Detroit Free Press.

A Timely Reminder.

Each season forces upon our consideration its own peculiar perils to health. The advent of fall finds many reduced in strength and vigor, poorly prepared to continue the business of life. The stomach and bowels, the great highway of animal economy, is especially liable to disorder in the fall. The nervous system has also suffered in the struggle. Typhoid fever and malaria in particular find in the fall that combination of earth, air and water that mark this season as especially dangerous. The falling leaves, the decaying vegetables contribute their share of contamination. Hood's Sarsaparilla furnishes a most valuable safeguard at these important points, and should be used in the fall before serious sickness has laid you low.

NEW DEPOT AT SUNBURY.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY WILL MAKE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

The Sunbury Daily says of the new Pennsylvania station to be built at that place.

It is the intention of the Pennsylvania railroad company to extend its passenger depot to Race street. There will be two baggage rooms. The upper baggage room will be used for the Eastern, Sunbury and Shamokin division trains. The lower room will be used for Susquehanna and Lewis-ton division trains. The Adams Express Company will have a room in the extension and the present express building will be torn away. The men and women's waiting rooms, the toilet rooms and the ticket offices will be enlarged. The extension of the second story will give more room for the offices of Superintendent Creighton, Trainmaster Attig, Trainmaster Swenk, Assistant Engineer Lincoln and the large corps of train dispatchers and operators in "S" office. The second story will be built so that a third story can be added when needed, which will be in a very few years.

A train shed will be built at Third and Race streets and the Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and Shamokin trains will be run in and out of it. The present passenger tracks will be used by the Williamsport, Harrisburg and Lewistown trains. The station platform will be extended to the train shed.

The work of remodeling the station will probably be commenced next Spring. Some temporary arrangement may be made this fall. The present station is crowded every day and is not half large enough. More passengers and baggage are handled at this station than at the big Harrisburg Union station or at either of the Williamsport stations.

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The Tobacco War.

The present war existing between the big plug tobacco manufacturers is proving very interesting for the consumers, they being the only ones who are profiting by this war. The manufacturers are unquestionably losing a great deal of money, and, as far as we can see, the whole cause of the war is on account of a brand of plug tobacco called "Battle Ax," which appears to be as powerful a weapon as its name implies. The manufacturers of "Battle Ax" claim it to be the largest piece of high grade goods ever sold for the money. And the success of the brand, the enormous quantity which is being sold, clearly demonstrates that the consumers have not been slow in detecting the fact that they have a bargain. This has caused the demand for other heretofore popular brands to be greatly diminished. Hence the present great tobacco war.

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