

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR.

NOT A SURE THING.

The Leaders of Major McKinley's Fight Are Feeling a Little Anxious.

PUT ON A BOLD FRONT.

But in Private They Recognize Some Very Uncertain Quantities in the Situation.

SOME CLAIM FORAKER IS SULKING.

The Tariff Champion Has Another Great Day With the Farmers, and Gets in Some Good Work.

FACTS ABOUT THE CROCKERY RATES.

The Alliance People From Kansas Are Not Having Very Great Success Among the Back-eye Tillers of the Soil.

APPEARANCES COUNT VERY LARGE IN OHIO.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) SANDUSKY, Aug. 15.—Major McKinley invaded the Democratic stronghold of Erie county today, and made by all odds his best address in the campaign so far. It was a remarkable effort, and when Democrats and Republicans alike at its close joined in the cheers for the "American speech and the best Governor of Ohio" there was nothing cracked or hollow in the sound.

He confined himself to an exposition of the tariff and he did it in such a clear and masterly manner that many were hard to say they couldn't see how any free trader could get around it. If the major keeps up his present pace there will be little doubt about the outcome in November.

About 10,000 people were gathered at the farmers' picnic at Ruggles' Grove today. It is 14 miles from this place. Most of them came to hear the tariff advocate speak. Nothing like these open air annual meetings are held in Pennsylvania, especially about at Williams' Grove. At present all the farmers here talk about is the tariff, and the financial question.

A COLLARLESS AND SOCKLESS ORATOR.

AS USUAL, the Kansas representatives of the Farmers' Alliance were on the ground getting in their work. One was a collarless and sockless individual who looked as if he had not seen a day's work for years, and was too lazy to eat. By the side of the place, in a field, a man dressed in buckskin, eyes granger, he was decidedly out of place. It must be said at this stage that the anti-union and anti-foreigners of the People's party are not adding anything to its strength.

They remind one of the Salvation Army leaders, men and women who could not be sent out anything. These leaders may have done good work in Kansas, where the farmers were in distress through the bad crops, but in a prosperous State like Ohio their mission is ridiculous.

This seemed to be the consensus of opinion among the farmers in Ruggles' Grove today. The Alliance advocates, whenever they got a chance, would engage in discussion with the farmers, and at times little boys of men could be seen all over the ground earnestly arguing about the present condition of affairs.

ALLIANCE MEN FIGHT EVERYBODY.

Democrats and Republicans alike were drawn into the contests, and the third party leaders have no use for either. The DISPATCH man enjoyed the novel debates and was an amused listener. One farmer charged the Alliance, being opposed to trusts, is not consistent in trying to get the growers to board their wheat. He wanted to know if this was not the trust idea. The Alliance man was not daunted, and denied most vehemently that such an order had been issued.

"What you people need in Ohio," said the sockless specimen to a crowd, "is more money." "Yes," replied a Democratic disciple of Agriola, "we would have all the money we need if you fellows out there would pay what you borrowed from us. You grow all our mortgages and high interest in your State. You had better put up some of the interest first. I have not seen either principal or interest since I loaned my money. I want to say that the loan associations lost more money in Kansas than the poor afflicted farmers. Why don't you work for your money as we do? It would be far better for your people now if they had not borrowed a cent."

LAUGH AT THE SUB-TREASURY PLAN.

This speech was well received and the discomfited Kansan retired to convert some men who hadn't quite so much sound sense. This is a sample of how these erratic people work and how they are received. The intelligent farmers decline to listen to them and their sub-treasury scheme is a laughing stock. The Republican managers have little anxiety about the intelligent voters, but they are afraid these demagogues will turn the heads of the men who haven't brains enough to think for themselves.

Last evening THE DISPATCH man listened to a medicine fakir delivering an address in favor of free trade. The usual motley crowd of people had gathered around him, when he produced a blackboard and reasoned thus: "Last year \$28,000,000 worth of products were shipped out of the country under a tariff, and you people are just that much poorer."

McKINLEY'S RESPECTS TO CAMPBELL.

When Major McKinley appeared on the platform this afternoon a little girl presented him with a large basket of flowers. He stooped down and kissed the child. The audience cheered heartily. He announced his subject as the tariff, and he started in by paying his respects to Governor Campbell. A few weeks since the Governor made a speech at Cedar Point, near here. He said he owned two farms and they paid him nothing, while stock that he held in a manufacturing concern brought him in yearly dividends.

Major McKinley replied to this that a

farmer by proxy never could hope to succeed. He said he was tired of hearing the gospel of woe and calamity preached from every platform in Ohio.

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ANOTHER FOR BLAINE.

LAWRENCE COUNTY OUT FOR THE PLUMED KNIGHT IN '92. The Phillips and McDowell Factions Clash Again, the Former Wins—A Wordy War Over a County Committee Man—Charges and Counter Charges Made. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW CASTLE, Aug. 15.—The white wings of peace hovered over the two factions in the Republican County Committee meeting this afternoon, and for a short time at least all was harmony. It was the magnetic name of Blaine that caused a cessation of all hostilities, and the following resolutions were passed unanimously, and with cheers that continued fully ten minutes.

Resolved, That we endorse and heartily approve of the nomination of President Harrison, because of his conservative, clean and thoroughly business methods, conducted as he has been for the best interests of the whole people.

Resolved, That in James G. Blaine, that American of Americans, who by his matchless diplomacy and championship of the principle of reciprocity and commercial intercourse to our financial advantage—with full protection to our home industries, has proven himself the statesman of the States, we recognize one pre-eminently fitted to lead the Republican party to victory in the Presidential election of 1892.

There was a full representation present, and when a motion was made to have the Chairman appoint a committee to confer with the other members of the State Republican district to devise some plan of nominating Congressmen, a long discussion followed between the two factions. After a talk amounting to a full representation of the district, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the house vote on the McDowell element by a small majority. Mr. McConnell, an attorney of this place, was appointed a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

A resolution asking Frank Liken to resign from the County Committee, because while acting as judge of election at the late primaries he had permitted proxy votes to be counted, and that the same day of words during which several members present were accused of being elected to the committee by a Democratic vote. The resolution was adopted and amid the cheers of the McDowellites.

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Captain Baker Cronin, an old resident, and an old-time Whig, stopped the President and asked him if he had a chance to shake hands with a candidate for a second term, to which the President gave an evasive answer and politely bowed himself out of the Captain's company. Postmaster General Wanamaker and a number of politicians from Philadelphia arrived to-night.

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PATTI SCORES ANOTHER TRIUMPH.

Thursday's Scenes of Enthusiasm Repeated in Her Little Theater. LONDON, Aug. 15.—The miniature theater built as an addition to Mme. Patti's Castle Craig-Y-Nos and opened this week, was to-night the scene of another performance, in which Mme. Patti's singing in selections from "Flower" "Martha" and "Gondolier" "Romeo and Juliet" elicited a repetition of Thursday's scenes of enthusiasm.

TWO SETS OF PRICES.