

HILL'S FOLLOWERS DO THEIR DUTY

They Hold Their Snap Convention and Snub the Protesters.

A PLATFORM FRAMED

That Declares for Hill and Tariff Reform, Hill and Silver, but

STRADDLES THE COINAGE BEAM.

The Anti-Hillites Decide to Hold a Convention the Last of May.

When the hour for the gavel to fall arrived, Chairman Murphy and Chief Croker, of Tammany Hall, were among those who were present. It was an hour before they could secure the opening of an extra door.

Red, white and blue bunting formed the decorations of the hall, and the address by the white ladies in attire of a throng of ladies in the boxes. A portrait of Washington hung from the proscenium arch, in honor of the anniversary of his birth. It caused some comment among the delegates, who thought it queer that Senator Hill's picture did not occupy a place of honor.

The Tammany delegation occupied the extreme front seats, on the left side of the parquet. Kings county's 30 delegates, with "Boss" McLaughlin in the front row, sat in the center. The right of the hall, Chairman Murphy called the convention to order and named the temporary organization decided on by the State committee at its morning's meeting.

Hillis and Howells for Hill.

Major J. W. Hinkley, ex-Circuit Judge Beebe, of the Court of Claims, to the chair. His speech was warmly received throughout, but the greatest applause was accorded "Red" Howells, who, instead of the usual address, whose leadership the Democracy of the State has never lost a battle. "Three cheers and three times three were given, while Hill's name was called out by the anti-Hillites with peculiar cry, which is in many respects similar to the yell of the Cornell University students. Governor Florence's name, too, was received with great applause.

Secretary De Forest called the roll of the convention, and as the names of prominent Democrats were read they were greeted with wild applause. Lieutenant Governor Sheehan was the first to receive an ovation, and Hugh McLaughlin, of Brooklyn, was the next. The Tammany contingent in the front row, led by Chief Croker, who had been the enthusiastic rival of that fellow, followed by the anti-Hillites.

The calling of the roll revealed the presence of three contesting delegations, one from the Fourth Albany District, the second from the Second Albany District, and the third from the First District of Oswego.

Resolutions were adopted making provision for the appointment of committees on credentials, permanent organization, platform, delegates and electors. That providing for the platform committee provided for the appointment of committees on credentials, permanent organization, platform, delegates and electors. That providing for the platform committee provided for the appointment of committees on credentials, permanent organization, platform, delegates and electors.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Sunshine and booming cannon opened the convention today, and such crowds as filled the streets have never before been seen at the State capital. The weather was springlike in temperature. A great mob surged about the State committee headquarters, where, at 10 o'clock, the Grace-Anderson committee was to make its formal "kick," but it must be said that the mob was more interested in getting tickets for the convention than in the fate of the anti-Hill men.

Mr. Grace showed his face promptly on time, with a bodyguard of E. Elery Anderson, James Byrne and Colonel Moore. Mr. Anderson, entering the room with his colleagues, was recognized by Chairman Murphy, and said:

MEMBERS—I desire to say that we appear before you as a committee appointed by the Committee of Fifty Democrats appointed in pursuance of a resolution adopted by Cooper Union, held February 11, under the instructions of that meeting and the resolutions there passed—copies of the action then taken having been sent to members of the State committee—and we attend here this morning simply to ask the question whether any answer has been made to the Committee of Fifty. We do not make any proposition, and we desire to say.

A Series of Interesting Talks.

The following interesting dialogue then took place:

Chairman Murphy—I certainly have not placed the matter before the State committee. I received such a communication as to refer to Mr. Anderson, you say you see the communication to each member of the committee?

Mr. Anderson—Yes, sir, to each member of the State committee.

Mr. Murphy—It seems to me that the committee has no answer to make, as a committee. I sent my individual answer by mail.

Mr. Anderson—There is no meeting here, in session, we could not send it to them for answer.

Mr. Murphy—Thinking Mr. Anderson is mistaken, and that the State committee has received a communication from Mr. Anderson.

At this point a copy of the communication of the Committee of Fifty adopted at Cooper Union was found and read by Secretary De Forest. The following ensued:

Cookran Insists on Information.

Mr. Cookran—I would like to ask Mr. Anderson if that is the meeting that was pursuant to the call issued by the committee assembled at the office of Mr. Fairchild.

Mr. Anderson—It was a meeting held at Cooper Union, in answer to a call issued by the committee.

Mr. Cookran—Were you present at Mr. Fairchild's office, at the meeting which was held at that office, in answer to the call issued by the committee?

Mr. Anderson—I don't think there was such a meeting at Mr. Fairchild's office. Before this convention was called by the State committee to protest against the calling of an extra convention.

Mr. Anderson—Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Cookran—Then, Mr. Chairman, I suppose the State committee can take action on the statements of Mr. Anderson. I move that the protest and resolution be received and laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson—My opinion is that the original purpose of the gentlemen who are now here is to protest against the calling of an extra convention, and that plan was changed because the committee was called too early to suit them. I think you can be satisfied with them. I don't know Mr. Anderson comes here for the purpose of making a proposition, as a serious proposition, as you consider it, and I don't think it will be made.

Mr. Anderson—There is no use in our waiting any longer. I move that the protest and resolution be received and laid on the table.

Time Evidently Thrown Away.

William H. Grace—I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that so far as any meeting being held protesting against an early or late convention, I never heard of it and never took part in it. I started taking part in the meeting with the understanding that it should not be a protest against the candidacy of any person, but it was presented as such, and I took part in it. I don't know Mr. Cookran—When was this meeting?

Mr. Anderson—The Saturday previous to the meeting of the State committee held at Cooper Union, in answer to the call issued by the committee.

Mr. Anderson—Yes, sir, I issued it as a protest against the calling of an extra convention.

Mr. Anderson—Further, said that meeting had been held during the last three or four months in regard to issues and candidacies. Mr. Cookran's motion to table the protest and resolution was then put and carried unanimously. The committee headed by Mr. Anderson withdrew. "We were treated to a meeting that will astonish these people this afternoon." From the scene of the kick the crowd poured forward toward the Convention Hall.

Proceedings of the Morning Session.

The police arrangements at the Becker Hall where the convention was held were very imperfect. The crush for admission was so great that delegates were detained outside, and there was not a quorum present

THE WICKEDEST MAN

That Ever Stood in Boots Is the Dude Express Robber, According to A BIG PINKERTON CHIEF.

Superintendent Bangs' History of the Nery Young Fellow.

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REPUBLICANS LIKE IT, TOO.

They Only Hope the Chicago Meeting Will Ratify the Action.

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A FEMALE STABLEY

Returns From an Interesting Journey Through Dark Eastern Africa.

TREATED LIKE A QUEEN

By the Natives, Whom She Received Everywhere in State.

AN ADVENTURE WITH A COUNT.

A SLIDE DOWN A PRECIPICE 350 FEET IN LENGTH TO A LAKE.

PECULIAR CUSTOMS OF THE NATIVES

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