

WAR OF THE MAYOR.

J. C. O'Donnell Asks the Democratic City Committee to Indorse GOURLEY FOR CONTROLLER.

The Suggestion Causes a Lively Tilt in the Meeting and IT IS DECLARED OUT OF ORDER.

New Men Mentioned for Republican Mayoralty Candidates.

HENSEL ON THE FIFTH WARD MIDDLE

An old-fashioned Democratic meeting was held in the University building last night. It was the meeting of the city committee and there was an extremely large turnout of leaders, workers and candidates.

Under the rules of the Democratic party in this city the delegates to the city convention become thereafter members of the city committee. The present committee was elected for the last Mayoralty convention. It completed its official career when it called last night's meeting and fixed the time for the primaries on January 7 and the nominating convention on the 9th.

An endorsement for the Mayor. Chairman Foley was in charge of the meeting and the routine business had been completed when J. C. O'Donnell arose and read his resolution. It read:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that it would be in the interest of good government, the people and the Democratic party to elect the Hon. H. L. Gourley City Controller at the ensuing municipal election.

O'Donnell had scarcely concluded reading his resolution when half a dozen motions were offered for its disposal. Some were for its adoption, some to lay it on the table, and some to postpone indefinitely.

Incidentally there was much applause and great confusion.

M. J. Rafferty finally made himself heard with a motion to lay it on the table. As this was debated Mr. O'Leary objected and insisted on a motion to indefinitely postpone.

Rafferty's motion was finally submitted, and Mr. O'Donnell took the floor.

"I offered this resolution," said he, "in the interest and for the success of the Democratic party. It matters not to me who may be the candidate for Mayor, whether it be Mr. McKenna, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Jones, or who it is, but I want to say that Mr. Gourley, who stood up in the interest of the people and good government, and who is despised, hated and feared by the enemies of the people—"

Commissioner Boyle's Point of Order. Commissioner Boyle, interrupting—rise to a point of order. This is a meeting of the Democratic City Committee, called for the purpose of fixing a time for primaries and a convention, and this has been done and this resolution is out of order. This committee dies with this meeting.

Chairman Foley—I put the motion to indefinitely postpone on the table. I will discuss the question, but since the point has been raised I must decide that this meeting was called for a purpose; that purpose has been accomplished and this resolution is out of order.

Mr. O'Donnell attempted to speak but he was rapped down by the Chair and another communication followed.

E. O'Leary—Appeal from the chair, Mr. O'Donnell.

Mr. O'Donnell—No. I don't want to get into a wrangle with the Democratic party, especially at this time, but Mr. O'Leary's resolution was not in instruction, only a commendation.

The Chairman's gavel again drew down Mr. O'Donnell's voice in the discussion with half a dozen participants followed, and finally Mr. O'Donnell took O'Leary's advice and appealed from the Chair.

Mr. Foley resigned the Chair to Mr. O'Donnell, who then said that it is only a short time to the convention and if this committee desired to place itself on record in favor of a certain candidate in the coming election, now was the time and the opportunity to do it.

Mr. Brennan—Confine yourself to the subject.

Mr. O'Donnell—That is the appeal. If the Democratic party desires to go on record now is the time to do it, and the convention and people will see it. My opinion is that it ought to nominate Mr. Gourley for Controller.

Chairman Foley's Reason for Ruling. Mr. Foley gave as his reason for ruling the resolution out of order that the business for which the meeting had been called had been disposed of.

Mr. O'Donnell said it had not, as only an amendment to the original convention resolution had passed, and not the body of the resolution.

After a wrangle of a few minutes Mr. Brennan put the question as to sustaining the appeal or the Chair's decision.

Mr. O'Donnell said it was not a roll call on the question but was not listened to. A loud chorus of ayes was heard, followed by a chorus of nays. Mr. Brennan declared, however, the ayes had it and that the Chair was sustained.

A chorus of cries for a roll call resulted, but Mr. Brennan said no. "You can't get any more a roll call," exclaimed T. J. O'Leary.

Mr. Brennan asked his gavel in O'Leary's face, saying: "You won't get it." Everybody was clamoring and many were yelling when Mr. Brennan yielded the chair to Mr. Foley. During a full Mr. Brennan offered a resolution and it was adopted. This was followed by a motion to adjourn, and amid a storm of cries to roll call the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Brennan's resolution was a recommendation to the Democratic organizations of the various wards to hold their own meetings for the nomination of ward and election district officers on or before December 11, 1922.

Reeder and General D. H. Hastings are the other candidates for the nomination. Congressman C. W. Stone, of Warren, is also talked of.

SEVERAL NEW CANDIDATES

Mentioned in Connection With the Mayoralty-Warden John McAleese Talked of—Hon. M. B. Leman Is Suggested—The Democratic Situation.

Several new names were talked of in connection with the Republican Mayoralty nomination, but the situation is practically the same as it was two weeks ago.

Warden John McAleese was prominently mentioned among others as material for the head of a winning ticket. His record as the head of the police department, his management of his present charge, his personal popularity and the fact that he has always been an aggressive, active Republican, are the arguments used in his favor.

Hon. M. B. Leman's name was also suggested. Mr. Leman is the oldest member of the Legislature from this county, in point of service, and an old soldier. His friends say he would draw the soldier's vote, his party vote and the vote of a large percentage following with regard to party lines.

In regard to the Controllership, a suggestion, credited to a Republican leader, was that Mayor Gourley be nominated on the popular ticket. It was said for the more that it would be good politics, and that it would not strengthen the ticket, but that Mayor Gourley would not accept a renomination, a proposition is talked of to make him City Clerk which position he held before he was Controller and Chairman of the Finance Committee, the present clerk for Controller, D. R. Torrence, of the City Treasurer's office, is also spoken of as a candidate.

The Democratic Mayoralty situation is still running along with practically no opposition. There was some talk of Captain Kerr Controller and F. H. King for Treasurer, both being positively declared they would not be candidates.

Mr. Kerr wants nothing but the Mayoralty nomination. Joseph R. Hunter is also talked of for Treasurer.

PARTY RULES GOVERN.

Attorney General Hensel on Those Fifth Ward Nominations.

While Attorney General Hensel was in this city yesterday morning, a prominent county official asked him about the merits of the nominations made in the Fifth ward, Allegheny, last Tuesday night.

Mr. Hensel was guarded in his reply. He said a parallel case could be found in Buffalo township, in an Eastern county, which case he decided in court recently.

Mr. Hensel said that he would investigate the claims made by the Republican Committee of Allegheny and the Republican Committee of Buffalo, and would certify to the county clerk as to which party was entitled to the nomination.

C. V. Lewis, candidate for Common Council, who was placed on the ticket nominating at last Tuesday's meeting, called on the County Commissioners yesterday and asked that his name be kept off that ticket. He said he appreciated an endorsement by the Board of Commissioners, but wanted to be nominated on the regular Republican ticket and he did not consider that meeting a Republican meeting.

There was one Democrat on the ticket and that settled it.

Commissioner Mercer said he would investigate the claims made by the Republican Committee of Allegheny and the Republican Committee of Buffalo, and would certify to the county clerk as to which party was entitled to the nomination.

The Citizens' Industrial Alliance. A ticket may be put into the field by the Labor Union of the County.

The Citizens' Industrial Alliance will hold a meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, on South Eleventh street, to-day. It is thought the question of putting a ticket into the field for the coming spring election will come up, and the names of candidates on the regular tickets will be discussed.

The Alliance is composed entirely of members of labor unions in Allegheny county, and the purpose of the alliance was formed to elect efficient reforms in the interests of labor. It had never been the intention of the organization to make a ticket, but simply endorse candidates favorable to their interests.

Since its organization, however, there has been a feeling that they should have their own candidates.

Branches of the Alliance have been formed in Allegheny and several wards of this city. The Thirteenth ward was organized Friday night. The Allegheny branch will hold its first meeting on Monday at 7:30 P. M. at the corner of Liberty and Myrtle streets. At these meetings delegates are expected to be present from all parts of the county.

CONTENTS DECLARED OFF.

The Westmoreland County Republicans Will Resist Their Defeat.

Ex-Sheriff John M. Stewart, of Westmoreland county, was in Pittsburgh, yesterday, to discuss the Democratic nomination of his county. He says the Legislative and Senatorial contests inaugurated by the Republicans of Westmoreland have all been withdrawn.

The legislative contests, it is said, were declared off by Senator Quay, who is claimed to be anxious to keep Chairman W. H. Andrews out of the Legislature. Mr. Andrews is contesting for a seat in Crawford county and those who claim to know say the matter is in controversy with the maker of the House as it now stands.

STRANAHAN AFTER A JOB.

He Hopes Through Harrity to Get a Situation From Grover.

Deputy Attorney General James Stranahan left for Harrisburg last evening. He had been at his home in Mercer attending to some political business. Through Chairman Harrity, it is Mr. Stranahan's ambition to get a good situation from Mr. Cleveland.

He has designated what he believes to be the best position in the law in the city, and he is willing to take anything. Mr. Stranahan denied the report that when his term expires he will practice law in Philadelphia. He will, he will return to Mercer when his time is up.

Deferred Permanent Organization.

The mass meeting of colored citizens that was to have been held in City Hall last evening, failed to materialize owing to a misunderstanding about the hall. The Executive Committee adjourned to meet on Wylie avenue and it was decided to postpone permanent organization until definite arrangements for securing the hall could be made.

A PROMPT RESPONSE.

The Homestead Appeal Is Heard by the Generous World.

FIRST INSTALLMENT RECEIVED.

A Wrecked Coal Train Brings Cheer to the Unfortunates.

THE WORK OF THE RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Homestead's appeal has been heard and substantial contributions are already being sent by the generous world to the unfortunates who suffered by the recent strike.

Keasport and Yonghougheny road yesterday evening, the first installment of relief arrived. There were 1,000 pounds of provisions, every pound of which was sent by express. There were 18 bags of cornmeal, three sacks of potatoes, one barrel of turnips, two bags of rutabagas, one bag of peas, one bag of beans, one barrel of raw beef, three hams, a box of coffee and a barrel of flour.

Through the energy of J. H. Rose, of the Relief Committee, the provisions were quickly removed from the station platform.

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LOVE OVERLOOKED ALL.

A Girl of 13 and a Man of 40 in Trouble—An Oil Field Romance—The Dramatic Scene at the Lover's Arrest.

Detectives Glenn and Akin, of Allegheny, last night arrested George W. Lowden, of his boarding place on East Diamond street on a serious charge, and locked him up in the Central station.

Lowden, who is a handsome fellow and dresses well, is an oil driller and during last August and September worked in the Westmoreland region. During his absence his wife was left with the 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, a poor but respectable widow, and succeeded in getting the child into bed with him. Lowden's attentions to the girl soon reached the ears of her mother, and as Lowden is not far from 40 years of age the mother strongly opposed his attentions to her daughter, and warned the child to beware of him, as his attentions to her meant, if allowed to go on, her downfall and disgrace.

However, George W. Lowden, of Allegheny, and made information against Lowden. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and last night Superintendent of Police Smith learning that Lowden was boarding on East Diamond street, detailed Detectives Glenn and Akin to arrest him.

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NOTIFIED TO LEAVE.

John C. Grey Driven From Alabama by Klu Klux Threats of Murder.

HE BOUGHT 1,000 ACRES OF LAND.

Tough Experience of a Former Butler County Farmer in the South.

SOME STORIES OF RECENT OUTRAGES.

John C. Grey, a Butler county farmer, who was in the city yesterday, tells a harrowing story of his treatment in Alabama, from which State he was recently driven by threats of murder from the Klu Klux organization. He speaks also of the murder of negroes and other people not wanted, which, if true, is not credited to the famous hospitality of the South.

Mr. Grey says any stranger could expect to be roughly handled by the "croaker" element, but he looked for better things from his neighbors in Alabama. In telling his story he said:

"About 8 years ago I read a glowing account of the success of Southern farmers. The land was so fertile that all they had to do was to till the ground with a fine brush and it would answer the purpose of plowing and harrowing. With two companions I went to Alabama. When the people heard we wanted to buy land they treated us royally. I was induced to purchase 1,000 acres.

Carried Off Fences and Floors. "I then came north and went back last spring. I found that the fences had been burned on the plantation, the floors from the cabin stolen, valuable timber cut down and carted away, and all the window panes smashed. The sight of my destroyed property made me feel that I had been deceived in the summer. When I had finished I received a mysterious note to leave the country in a fixed time. I had heard of the outrages committed by the Klu Klux, but I thought that the organization was a myth. Shortly after I got the warning I was informed of a negro who had been cut out of his eyes and ears and was being diddled with bullets. It was reported that he had been mobbed for taking a woman. Another Northern man had been dragged from his home and a rope was thrown around his neck. He begged them for the sake of his family not to hang him, and after a long parley they consented on condition he would tell anybody of the occurrence. He overheard that I had been warned, and to save me from harm, related his experience and advised me to get out of the country.

"Here is another case that I can vouch for. Martha Johnston, a servant girl, had worked for two months when she asked for her pay, but they refused to give her the price. Two nights afterward she was found chopped to pieces near the house.

"It was reported that she had attempted to burn the house, but that she was saved by other people not far from the place, and her fate was to be an example for all who attempted to do likewise. I know this story was a lie and the girl had been frequently read in Northern newspapers of colored men being hanged by mobs for some offense. The truth is that in many cases the Klu Klux were used as a cover for the murder of the innocent.

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