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**MERRIFIELD IS ON THE FENCE**

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crowd present at the afternoon session, but it did not compare in numbers with the immense throng that attended the Republican convention of a week before.

During the noon recess a rumor spread rapidly to the effect that Mr. Merrifield had refused to be a candidate for congress. Although the rumor denied it the rumor was widely circulated and had a demoralizing effect on the delegates who discussed the situation in an animated way.

Very few of the candidates were seen about the court house. The majority of them knew they had no opposition and kept at a safe distance from the delegates. At 2.45 Chairman Horn called the body to order again and the report of the committee on contested seats was called for. It recommended the seating of the following: Seventh ward, Third district, M. F. Gilroy; Spring Brook, J. W. Haines; Carbondale, North End district, Peter McDermott; Archbold, First ward, Second district, Thomas Price; Taylor, First ward, Thomas Hesseus; Dunmore, Fifth ward, Martin McAndrews and Edward Duffy, one-half vote each; Scranton, First ward, First district, John Lynch and Patrick Cannon, one-half vote each; Scranton, Seventh ward, Second district, John H. Burke and Patrick V. Scanlon, one-half vote each.

The committee on permanent organization then presented its report. It named George S. Horn for chairman, but the temporary secretary, M. F. Gilroy, came in for a slash. He did not please the committee and Joseph Brennan, of Carbondale, was substituted for him. To break Gilroy's fall he was named with W. W. Baylor for assistant secretary. Both reports were adopted as read.

**QUEER RESOLUTIONS THERE.**

W. J. Burke read the resolutions. He paused for cheers after the name of Cleveland, but he did not grow impatient waiting for the tumult to subside. Even at the conclusion of the resolutions the damaged roof of the court house was not in danger for a moment. There was little enthusiasm. Here are the resolutions:

The Democratic party of Lackawanna county, in convention assembled, hereby reaffirms its devotion to Democratic principles and its hearty endorsement of the platform of 1892 and the platform of the recent Democratic state convention.

We congratulate the people of this country upon the passage by the Democratic party of a tariff measure which protects labor without fostering trusts, which removes uncertainty from the business world and opens up an era of prosperity which will be unparalleled in the history of the country.

We point with pride to the splendid record made by the national administration under the wise guidance of that great statesman, Grover Cleveland; to the redemption of party pledges and the purity of the civil service under it, and we heartily endorse the clear and able administration of Governor Pattison in the old Keystone state.

We hold that purity in politics is the only way of preserving the liberties of the people as they were established by the fathers, and we denounce and execrate the shameful and notorious purchase of delegates at the recent Republican county convention as a burning disgrace to the county and the Republican party. We call upon the voters of Lackawanna county to rebuke the dishonorable methods that shut out from the poor and the honest the hope of political reform and which encourage the dishonest and unscrupulous and lead to malfeasance in office, scandal and corruption in high places.

We urge upon the legislature to be elected this fall to enact laws looking to the establishment of a system of mediation and arbitration in effecting the settlement of disputes between employers and employees to the end that peaceful and amicable methods may take the place of strike and strife upon the industrial field and that a better mutual understanding may be established between the representatives of capital and labor.

We heartily endorse the excellent ticket nominated by the recent Democratic state convention and pledge our united effort for its successful election.

We pledge our earnest and hearty support to the ticket to be nominated by this convention today.

**MCDONALD NAMED FOR SENATOR.**

After the resolutions were adopted Mr. Blewitt called the senatorial convention to order and Secretary Stokes read the list of delegates. It was moved that the temporary organization be made permanent and Mr. Blewitt and Mr. Stokes continued at the helm. E. J. Keating was directed to assist Mr. Stokes as assistant secretary. Nominations for senator were called for by Mr. Blewitt and P. W. Stokes arose.

He said that owing to the amount of business to be transacted, he would not indulge in any extended remarks. After paying a compliment to the past services of M. E. McDonald in the senate, he placed him in nomination. Major Broadhead, on behalf of the Laramie delegates, seconded the nomination. Mr. McDonald was nominated by acclamation and A. J. Gavin, of Jersey, P. W. Stokes and T. P. Duffy, of this city, were sent out to find the candidate. They returned in a short time with the report that they could not find Mr. McDonald, and after the convention, on motion of T. P. Duffy, had instructed the candidate and chairman of the convention to name the standing committee, the senatorial convention adjourned.

**NAMING A COUNTY TICKET.**

Chairman Horn called for nominations for additional law judges as the first business of the county convention, whereupon Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons arose and placed in nomination the name of Hon. P. P. Smith. The eloquent colonel contented himself by merely saying that the man whose name he would present for the thoughtful consideration of the convention needed no extended comments from him. "He has been tried in the position and has made a brilliant record. His fitness and popularity are unquestioned." The nomination was made by acclamation.

When nominations for congress were called for by Chairman Horn there was a silence painful to even a sympathetic outsider. Then followed whisperings and hasty glances around the room which betokened that the convention was anxious to know where it was at. To relieve the oppressive silence Edward Frable suggested that Judge Smith be named for congress by Fitzsimmons and Lawrence Zidler were appointed a committee for that purpose. Chairman Horn again reminded the convention that he was ready to receive nominations for congressmen. Another silence. It was broken by Billy Craig who rushed across the bar enclosure very much out of breath and whispered to Colonel Fitzsimmons. The colonel looked at W. J. Burke and the three consulted in whispers for a moment. "Well," said the chairman, after a short wait, "if there are no nominations for congress we will pass that business for the time being."

At this juncture it was apparent

that something had to be done, something desperate and that desperate something soon. Billy Craig looked at Colonel Fitzsimmons the colonel looked intensely at the boards beneath his feet and the grand culmination of all was the rising of Billy Craig (with a half smile, half scorn and the determination to fill up the blank space on the ticket. "I nominate Edward Merrifield for congress" was all he said. P. J. McCormick, of Blakely, moved that the nomination be made by acclamation and the motion was carried without opposition, only two men voting on the motion.

THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION.

For sheriff Attorney C. Comegys nominated James G. Bally. He said the latter would maintain the office and make an official of whom the people of Lackawanna might be proud. There was no other nominee and the nomination was made by acclamation.

Edward Frable, of the Twelfth ward, nominated Charles H. Schadt for county treasurer. He said he would give a place on the ticket by unanimous consent.

John J. Durkin was placed in nomination for the office of clerk of the courts in a neat speech by T. J. McTigue, of Carbondale. Like his predecessors he was nominated by acclamation. The same was true of Sheriff John J. Fahey, who was nominated for prothonotary by John E. Roche in a speech in which he paid high tribute to Mr. Fahey's services to the party, and his sterling qualities as a fighter for party success. Mr. Fahey's name was greeted by cheers.

It was not until John P. Kelly was nominated for district attorney by James J. O'Neill, however, that the convention began to enthuse. Mr. O'Neill became truly eloquent as he dwelt on the merits of Mr. Kelly. In closing he said: "The candidate I name for you has never been defeated; he is honest, courageous, with a wide knowledge of the common and statute law, and if you nominate him you will find him a winner again."

Mr. Kelly was given the nomination by unanimous consent, and E. J. Lynett then arose and renominated James J. Healey, of Dunmore, for recorder of deeds. He referred to him as a man of the people, a great vote "getter" and a person who would be a tower of strength to the ticket. Incidentally Mr. Lynett also expressed his gratification at the good judgment the convention showed in placing P. P. Smith and Edward Merrifield at the head of the ticket. There was no opposition to the candidacy of Mr. Healey and he, too, was accorded a nomination by acclamation. H. T. Koehler was unanimously renominated for the office of register of wills and then the struggle for the office of jury commissioner began.

**JURY COMMISSIONER.**

There were half a dozen delegates on their feet when the nominations for jury commissioner were called for. All began talking at once and it was some time before order was restored. Finally the following were placed in nomination: W. J. Campbell, Providence; Dennis J. Roche, Seventh ward; Leopold Yearling, Eleventh ward; Anthony Meliugh, West Side; George Shoemaker, Eleventh ward; Thomas H. Iron, Twentieth ward; Thomas H. Kelly, Ninth ward; John P. Feeney, Fourth ward; John J. Mannion, Carbondale.

A little diversion was created, before balloting began, by the appearance of the diminutive Major Shoemaker, who denounced the platform in front of the delegates, made an appeal to the delegates for support. He was interrupted frequently by cheers, hisses, cries of "Sit down," "Shut up," "That's not fair," etc., but nothing daunted the little man said his little say.

Michael J. Gilroy, one of the secretaries, arose with a well-aimed volley of fire through "I'll begin air, and began to talk about the "Hub of Democracy." "The Keystone of Lackawanna County," and finally came back on earth with the information that he was seconding the nomination of Dennis J. Roche, of the Seventh ward. During his tirade he took occasion to comment on the majority which the Seventh had rolled up for Judge Smith. As he was sitting down one of the delegates in the rear of the room shouted, "Well, the Seventh was rotten when Reese Brooks ran for office." When the laughter following this rally had subsided the balloting was begun.

On the first ballot the vote for jury commissioner was as follows: Campbell, 26; Roche, 24; Yearling, 1; McHugh, 10; Kelly, 28; Feeney, 7; Shoemaker, 8; Mannion, 57; Heffron, 1. The names of Feeney, Yearling and Heffron were withdrawn and a second ballot was taken. The result was: Campbell, 28; Roche, 24; Kelly, 37; Shoemaker, 10; Mannion, 63; Heffron, 0. Before the ballot had been taken a motion was passed that at its conclusion the four lowest candidates be dropped. That left in the field only Mannion and Kelly. The former received 88 votes and was declared the nominee. Kelly received 57 votes.

**MR. BURKE'S RESOLUTION.**

When the balloting for jury commissioner was completed W. J. Burke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rules of the Democratic party of Lackawanna county relating to the election of delegates to the state convention be so amended that delegates are hereby amended that hereafter delegates to the state convention shall be elected by the delegates in the several representative district caucuses which shall have been called for that purpose.

"How are they elected now?" asked Secretary W. W. Baylor.

"By the county committee," replied Mr. Burke.

"Well, that way is good enough," declared Mr. Baylor.

"The resolution is there and is seconded," declared Mr. Burke with dignity, "and if you want an argument in its favor I'm prepared to make it."

"Vote it down!" shouted Mr. Baylor; but on the contrary the convention adopted it.

After a motion offered by P. J. McCormick, of Blakely, that the chairman of the county convention and the candidates be empowered to name the county committee and fill any vacancies in the ticket that may occur had been passed, the convention adjourned.

**WHAT MR. MERRIFIELD SAYS.**

Edward Merrifield was seen at his home on Wyoming avenue last evening by a TRIBUNE reporter.

"I am not prepared at this moment," he said, "to say what I shall do about this nomination that has been tendered me. I told the committee that waited on me this morning that I would not be a candidate, that I had no desire to get mixed up in politics. In general discussion which followed I remarked that I believed it was the duty of a patriotic American to accept a nomination when tendered him, if he reasonably could do so. I presume it is to this sentiment that I am indebted for the nomination. I will have to consult with some of those who are in charge of the affairs of the party, however, before I can give a definite answer concerning what I shall do in the premises."

Mr. Merrifield says that he is a protectionist Democrat of the Samuel J. Randall school.

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**PERSONAL.**

Walter DeHart, of Philadelphia, is visiting the Misses Deppen, of Price street.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wolf returned home yesterday from Stroudsburg, after a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Adele Ballester Trippe, sister-in-law of the late Colonel Ira Trippe, died at Newark, N. J., Monday afternoon.

Attorney John F. Scragg and family returned yesterday from their cottage at Lake Ariel, where they spent the summer.

T. J. Duffy, late of THE TRIBUNE reporter staff, will depart for Georgetown, D. C., college to-morrow, to enter upon the last year of his school term.

Madame Blauvelt has been engaged to sing at the Frothingham in a concert for the benefit of St. Luke's Kindergarten school. The concert will be sung some time in October.

James H. George, of Wilkes-Barre, stopped off in this city yesterday, en route for Hingham as representative of his society to the Grand council of Red Men of the United States.

Matthew Craner, formerly of this city, but at present engaged in Holenthal's drug store in New York, who has been visiting his parents on Ninth street, returned to his duties yesterday.

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Mrs. Adele Ballester Trippe, sister-in-law of the late Colonel Ira Trippe, died at Newark, N. J., Monday afternoon.

Attorney John F. Scragg and family returned yesterday from their cottage at Lake Ariel, where they spent the summer.

T. J. Duffy, late of THE TRIBUNE reporter staff, will depart for Georgetown, D. C., college to-morrow, to enter upon the last year of his school term.

Madame Blauvelt has been engaged to sing at the Frothingham in a concert for the benefit of St. Luke's Kindergarten school. The concert will be sung some time in October.

James H. George, of Wilkes-Barre, stopped off in this city yesterday, en route for Hingham as representative of his society to the Grand council of Red Men of the United States.

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