



DEMOCRATIC RECORD

The Reading Convention Degenerates Into a Free Fight.

HARRITYTES ARE BEATEN But Not Until Pandemonium Is Unleashed.

Bryanism and Free Silver the Dominant Sentiment Throughout the Entire Convention--Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming, Named for Auditor-General and M. E. Brown, of Indiana, for State Treasurer--The Platform.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 31.—The Democratic state convention met in this city today and nominated Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming county, for auditor-general, and M. E. Brown, of Blairsville, for state treasurer. The matter of the selection of candidates was entirely overshadowed by the fight to force the retirement of William F. Harrity from the national committee. The opponents of Mr. Harrity succeeded in pushing through, by a vote of 290 to 134, a resolution endorsing James M. Guffey for his position. Mr. Harrity's friends contended that the state convention has no power to declare his seat in the national committee vacant and that he will not surrender without a fight.

The morning session of the convention ended with a disgraceful row, during which some delegates who did not like the way things were going, climbed upon the stage and exchanged blows. A large detachment of policemen were on hand in the afternoon and everything was serene.

CALLED TO ORDER.

State Chairman Garman called the convention to order at 12.30 p. m. Congressman Ermentrout, temporary chairman, received a round of applause when he received the gavel from Mr. Garman. Mr. Ermentrout said, in part:

This is not a convention of men who are about to be elected, but of men who are Democrats already. Those who would participate and hold the commission of the party should be such, and only such. It would be an outrage on the brave men, who, in the great campaign of 1896, so fearlessly fought under the banner of our party, to have William J. Bryan, and the Chicago platform, not to allow the administrative officers of the organization to remain in the hands of those who by their desertion brought about our defeat.

Had it not been for such as they, the country would have spared the spectacle of Mark Hanna in company with the legislators and legislation. There would have been no Republican congress—no manufactured Elmhurst, no tampering with an eye put into the pockets of a monstrous trust eight million dollars and made the nation tributary to it in the future. It is the people's choice. Democracy would be the fountain of honor and preference, and the destinies of the country would be now prodded over by William J. Bryan, the people's choice. The last campaign proved that the Democratic party does not need such leaders as the late President Cleveland and the late Governor of New York, or others in your own state, who either voted against you and did not raise their voices for you while you were sitting bravely for the old and new.

BRYAN'S NAME CHEERED.

A wild scene of enthusiasm followed Mr. Ermentrout's mention of the name of William J. Bryan. Delegates and spectators stood in their chairs and waved hats and handkerchiefs as they cheered the name of their leader.

The roll call was then begun. When it was concluded, John T. Lashman, of Wilkes-Barre, claimed several of the delegates from Luzerne were not regularly elected and were not entitled to seats. Chairman Ermentrout refused to recognize Lashman and declared the convention adjourned for an hour. John T. Murphy, of Philadelphia, a secretary, grabbed the gavel from Ermentrout and attempted to preside. Ermentrout tried to recover the gavel and a free fight ensued between the two. Murphy was finally ejected from the stage and the belligerents ordered to take their seats. Nobody was injured in the scuffle, but much bad blood was engendered. The convention took a recess at 2 o'clock for an hour.

IN THE AFTERNOON.

When the convention reassembled at 3.25 o'clock the force of policemen in the hall had been reinforced and there were other evidences of preparations to prevent a repetition of the disgraceful scene that brought the morning session to a close.

Chairman Ermentrout announced that the offending secretary, John T. Murphy, of Philadelphia, would be excluded from the stage. Chairman James, of the credentials committee, submitted a report reading: Fenner, Hicks and Smith, from the Sixth Luzerne district, and allowing Tisch, from the First Luzerne district, to keep his seat. John T. Mahan, of Luzerne, appointed the convention for permanent chairman and recommended the continuation of the other temporary officers with the exception that C. W.

BOTH HARMONIOUS AND ENTHUSIASTIC

Luzerne Republicans Hold a Convention That Beats the Record.

JOHN LEISENRING FOR GOVERNOR

His Boom Endorsed in Handsome Fashion in the Resolutions--Fell for District Attorney, Llewellyn for Prothonotary, Koons for Clerk of the Courts and Moore for Jury Commissioner.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 31.—A high-water mark in enthusiasm and harmony was registered in the history of Luzerne Republicanism today by the proceedings of the party convention. It was essentially a young men's convention, for the delegates showed up in the forefront, and showed up conspicuously and well. And back around all was that fine party spirit which inevitably presages unity of effort and party triumph.

WILL RITTER RUN?

Late tonight a report was circulated that Mr. Ritter had telegraphed from Williamsport to State Chairman Garman, declaring that he would not run, but on his consent, and declining to run. The report could not be verified.

HARRITY IS BY NO MEANS DISMAYED

Hasn't Changed His Mind Any and Will Not Leave the National Committee Until Told by It to Go.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 31.—William F. Harrity, in speaking here tonight of the action of the Reading convention, said:

I am not greatly disappointed at the outcome. Personally, I feel grateful to all those who supported the radical and reactionary policy of the men now in the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania and I have no resentments for those who voted otherwise in the belief that their duty to the party required them to do so. Of course, I thoroughly understand that the minority stood for a conservative policy that would have had a tendency to unite the party, rather than to split it personally, and I honor them the more for it.

The venom displayed by some of the extremists has not annoyed or disturbed me in the least. When I recall that during the campaign of 1896, I was in the front ranks of such Democrats as William C. Whitney and David B. Hill were hilled in meetings held in Tammany Hall because of their refusal to endorse the Chicago declaration, I find it quite easy to be philosophical over the situation.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform reaffirms the St. Louis national and recent Harrisburg state party manifestos. It is a platform of freedom and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. But it will not change my opinion in that respect. In my judgment, the time is not far distant when the Democratic party will be in a position to win the great victory in Pennsylvania.

WEAVING THE CHAIN ABOUT LUEGTERT

The Prosecution in the Famous Chicago Murder Case Brings Damaging Testimony to Bear Against the Defendant.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—When the Luetgert murder trial resumed today the defense asked the jury to compel the prosecution to set forth by what means, according to the theory of the prosecution, the life of Mrs. Luetgert was taken. The body was placed in the vat, Judge Vincent, Luetgert's lawyer, said the indictment, which contains twelve counts, does not state the manner of Mrs. Luetgert's death. Judge Tulliff decided that the state was not bound to specify the means of death.

ODD FELLOWS' DAY.

Big Time at Waynesboro--Governor and Staff Attend.

Waynesboro, Pa., Aug. 31.—This was Odd Fellows' day here, the event being the parade. The parade was held in line, with W. A. Price as chief marshal and Captain John C. Gerbig, of Chambersburg, chief of staff. The Daughters of Rebekah were four hundred strong.

FACTORIES TO START.

Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—The press gloriously scale, affecting 8,000 men in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Indiana, was settled at a conference here today and factories will be started at once.

NO ARCHITECT SELECTED.

Harrisburg, Aug. 31.—The new capitol commission met this afternoon, but took no action in selecting an architect and adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN.

The National Union Opens Its Convention in Boston.

Boston, Aug. 31.—The twenty-third convention of the Catholic Young Men's National Union opened here today with a parade through the principal streets and a solemn high mass in the cathedral, where the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Mortimer F. Twomey, of Milwaukee.

BOMB FOR FAURE.

An Explosion Follows the Return of France's President.

Paris, Aug. 31.—President Faure arrived from Dunkirk at 6 o'clock this evening. Ten minutes after the president had passed the Maeline, a bomb was exploded inside the railings around that church.

CONGRESS OPPOSES STRIKE INJUNCTIONS

The Gathering of Labor Delegates at St. Louis Puts Itself on Record in Forceful Language.

St. Louis, Aug. 31.—The Labor congress in session here today adopted resolutions condemning the recent use of injunctions to restrain striking laborers from acts heretofore considered peaceful. The preamble, among other things, says:

The fear of the more watchful fathers of the republic has been justified. The judiciary has become supreme. We witness a political phenomenon absolutely new in the history of the world, a republic where the courts have been appointed to administer the law. Under the cunning form of injunctions, courts have assumed to enact criminal laws and to enforce them. They have assumed the power of legislation where repealed the bill of rights, and for violation of those court-made laws have denied the accused the right of trial by jury. The exercise of the commonest rights of free man—the right of assembly, the right of free speech, the right of traveling the public highways, have, by legislation, under the form of injunction, been made a crime and armed force is used to enforce them.

TO AROUSE ALL THE ISLAMIC FAITHFUL

The Standard of Revolt Is to Be Carried Throughout Asia--Latest News of the Revolt in India.

London, Aug. 31.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard bears, with reference to the Indian frontier troubles, that in response to requests of the Holy Islamic Synod fetes have been issued throughout a propaganda throughout Asia.

GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT.

The Board to Inspect Locations Is Ready to Report.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The naval officers who compose the board recently appointed by Secretary Long to prepare plans for the erection of an armor plant, to be operated by the United States government, has concluded its inspection of the Illinois Steel company's plant. Commanding General Hancock today that this concerning the inspection:

MR. ANDREWS' RESIGNATION.

Brown University Corporation Probably Will Not Accept It.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 31.—Tomorrow the board of trustees of Brown University will meet to take action upon the resignation of President Andrews. Today a meeting of the executive committee is being held.

CONFESSES MURDER.

Two Men Quarrel and One Then Takes the Other's Life.

Willisport, Pa., Aug. 31.—Timothy Hartnett, aged 26 years, was arrested and taken to the police here late tonight and confessed the murder of a man who was home at the time and got into an altercation with his victim, who drew a revolver and fired, killing Sorbarger. He claims self-defense. He was locked up and will be given a hearing tomorrow.

FARMERS' NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Opens at St. Paul with a Smaller Attendance Than Was Expected.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 31.—The seventeenth meeting of the Farmers' National congress of the United States was called to order today at the capitol in the hall of Representatives. President B. F. Clayton of Indiana. The attendance at the opening session was not as large as was expected. The representation in the congress does not exceed five hundred.

TRIED TO KILL.

Italian Aired a Revolver at a Special Officer in Center Street--Collapsed After Arrest.

Special Officer Harry Courtright, better known as "Pine Knot," had a revolver snapped twice directly at him, at 11.30 o'clock last night, and to the failure of the cartridge to explode, he owes his escape from death.

THE ABOVE CONFIRMED.

St. Louis, Aug. 31.—When shown the dispatch from Columbus, O., stating that the coal strike was considered pending arbitration, the direct parties to the United Mine Workers, acknowledged that he had received a proposition to have the miners resume work at 64 cents pending arbitration. He added: "Our executive council met at Columbus, O., tomorrow night, and the proposition of Mr. Young, who represents a large number of operators, will be considered with other matters. I must decline to discuss the proposition until after it is submitted to the council."

STRIKE GAINS GROUND.

DuBois, Pa., Aug. 31.—Helvetia, six miles from here, was the only mine of the Clearfield and Jefferson coal mining company working today. Walslow and Adrian had each voted, at a meeting Sunday, to continue work, but the strikers from Reynoldsville and Eleonora have drummed them out and both were idle today. The suspension at those places was inaugurated without the men voting to strike. The strikers next moved upon Helvetia and that place will be idle tomorrow.

PROVIDENCE MINER KILLED.

Fall of Roof Ends the Life of Patrick McHale, of West Market Street.

Patrick McHale, of West Market street, a miner at the Cayuga, was killed yesterday morning while working in his chamber by a fall of roof. McHale was taken from beneath the debris, alive, but died before he could be taken home. A wife and three small children survive him.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Opening Ceremonies of the Annual Meeting in Montreal.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—The opening ceremonies of the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the British Medical Association were held this afternoon at the Windsor ball. After the usual preliminaries, Dr. Thomas G. Richardson, of this city, the newly elected president, addressed the large gathering.

THE ENGINE EXPLODED.

The Engineer and Fireman Are Both Instantly Killed.

Akron, O., Aug. 31.—Cleveland, Akron and Columbus engine attached to a south-bound freight train on that road exploded at Frederickburg this morning, killing the engineer, fireman, and badly scalding H. E. Shank, the brakeman. The dead are William Thornley, engineer, and Lewis Brown, fireman, both of Mount Vernon.

HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST.

New York, Sept. 1.—The Herald's weather forecast: In the Middle States and New England today, fair and warm; weather and fresh to light, variable winds will prevail, the winds becoming southerly, followed by light local rain near Lake Erie. On Thursday, in both of these sections, fair, warmer and more sultry weather and fresh, southerly to southerly winds will prevail, followed by a "warm wave" with western districts of this section.

ARBITRATION NOW IN VIEW

Pending It, Men to Resume Work at 64 Cent Rate.

OPERATORS ARE WILLING

President Ratchford Partly Confirms the News.

THE FINAL DECISION TO BE MADE AT

Tonight's Meeting of the Executive Council of the United Mine Workers at Columbus--If the Strikers Acquiesce, the Whole Trouble Will Come to a Peaceful Termination.

Columbus, O., Aug. 31.—The coal strike is considered settled here. The plan is to resume at 64 cents and work pending arbitration. The direct parties to this conference of adjustment are President Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers, and the executive committee of the operators. A number of the latter were in the city today and the result is that a decision may be looked for almost at any moment. The direct effect of this decision will be the opening of the mines and of the resumption of work by all the striking miners the beginning of the coming week.

An operator here says: "But one figure has been accepted by all but one operator in the Pittsburgh district and it is understood that this has been approved by President Ratchford and other members of the executive committee of the United Mine Workers. It is expected that the single operator still holding out will be finally induced to yield and that the great strike will thus be brought to a speedy and peaceful close."

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather indications today:
Fair; Variable Winds.

- General—Platform at the Democratic State Convention.
- Labor Denounces Government by Injunction.
- Arrest for the Big Coal Strike.
- Luzerne Republicans Hold a Harmonious Convention.
- Sport—Syracuse Takes the Series from Syracuse.
- Base Ball Games of the Big League.
- Local—Tax Duplicate for 1897 Completed.
- Notes from the Political Field.
- Editorial.
- Comment of the Press.
- Local—Died, Aged About 117 Years.
- One Fatal, Another Serious Railroad Accident.
- Local—West Side and City Suburban.
- Lackawanna County News.
- Neighboring County Happenings.
- Financial and Commercial.