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FOREST COUNTY'S BIG DAY!

The Republican Mass Meetings of last Wednesday Voted a Flaming Success.

The splendid meetings held in this place last Wednesday afternoon and evening, at which Forest County received the banner won in the campaign of 1887, and which opened the campaign in Pennsylvania, will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present as the grandest and most successful ever held in the county.

On Tuesday evening previous to the meeting Chairman Cooper, Major John Lockhart, chief clerk in the Executive Dept., and Chas. F. Eitla, Secretary of the State Committee, were met at the depot by a delegation of citizens headed by the band, and escorted to Hon. J. B. Agnew's house.

Between one and two o'clock the court house began to fill up with spectators—the open air meeting having been abandoned on account of the dampness—and when Chairman Sawyer, of the Republican county committee arose to call the audience to order, the room was filled to overflowing, and many who could not possibly find seats (notwithstanding all the aisles and vacant places had been supplied with chairs), stood as long as they could endure it and then sought the outside.

The next speaker to be introduced was Hon. Charles W. Stone, Secretary of the Commonwealth, who made the speech of the afternoon occupying about an hour and a half. His eloquent appeal in behalf of protection to American industries against the pauper labor of Europe brought forth repeated and hearty applause from the large audience.

The taking off of \$2 a thousand of the tariff on lumber, he said, would specially affect the entire hickory product of this country, and thus the lower grades of pine. This would result in practically destroying one of the most important industries in many of the Northwestern counties of the State, among which was the thriving little county of Forest.

Gov. Stone's speech was the closing one of the afternoon meeting, and after three rousing cheers for Harrison, Morton and Protection; three more for the brilliant Cooper, and some pithy remarks by President Towler, the meeting adjourned to 8:00 o'clock p. m.

At 7:00 in the evening the Harrison and Morton club assembled in front of the band room with torches and white hats and were drawn up in line, headed by the silver cornet band, and officered by Capt. Snowden and Lieut. Leдебур and Shoemaker.

"Prize Banner, Presented by the Republican State Committee, Campaign of 1887," in gold letters. It is trimmed all round with heavy gold fringe, and gold tassels, and mounted on a fine ebony staff, on the top of which is perched a golden eagle. The general verdict of the audience was that the banner could not well have been made handsomer, and reflected much credit upon the designer, Mr. Chas. F. Eitla.

After the audience had quieted down, President Towler, introduced Senator Cooper in a felicitous speech, as the red headed and hopeful Chairman, who never lost a battle. Chairman Cooper then came forward and in a pithy speech of twenty minutes' duration formally presented the banner to Forest county. He could see only the most hopeful signs for a triumphant outcome of the present campaign for the party in November, and believed that the great issue of "protection" had already fairly settled the question in favor of the Republicans, and that there was not now a single doubtful Northern State.

In behalf of the Republicans of the county Hon. J. B. Agnew had "the honor to acknowledge the receipt of this beautiful banner. To merit the honor of being the Banner County in the campaign of 1887 in a grand old State like this, with its 67 counties, comprising a population of at least 5,000,000, that gave a Republican majority of 81,000 in 1884 for the world's greatest living statesman, that peerless Republican son of our State, James G. Blaine," was indeed a proud distinction.

Colonel Snowden analyzed the dangers of a surplus, contrasted the conditions of the country when Cleveland and Lincoln were inaugurated, claiming that a bankrupt treasury and a loss of public credit in 1861 was largely due to the low tariff of 1846, and asserted that our present condition was due to the tariff of 1861. He claimed that the Mills bill was the most insidious and dangerous measure ever offered, inasmuch as it is an attempt to break down one protected interest after another and thus alienate its supporters and ultimately destroy the whole system.

When the Colonel finished Chairman Cooper took the floor for a brief time, and in his remarks dealt some deadly blows to the free trade theories of the Democratic party. He asked his hearers to construct within their own minds a town with its cotton and woolen factories, iron forges and workshops, all of these employing a class of labor protected by a tariff. The town needs in addition to these larger workshops the carpenters, plasterers, masons, bricklayers, tailors, and, indeed, every business avocation to complete it. These classes are not directly protected by any tariff, but if the example of the high wages afforded the protected class did not extend to all the other callings in this miniature town they would remain in the factories. It does, however, extend to all who work, as is evidenced in every town or where the principles of Protection are appreciated. On the outlying districts surrounding this town are the farmers who supply it with food. All of their products are protected by a tariff, while in addition they find the blessing of a home market. Give this town substantial form and it is but a picture of all the sections of the North and Northwest, and it ought to be the picture of each and every section of the country. The speaker next discussed the greater liberty of opportunity which the American workman possesses over the English workman. He showed that double wages, with care and thrift, meant to the American a competency at the end of twenty years, while the English workman remains at his starting point. If the American chooses he can live twice as well as the Englishman and yet save twice as much, for the spirit of home competition begotten by the protective system has made supplies in this land as cheap as those in England. Under these circumstances to favor Free Trade is to reach over a two-dollar bill for the sake of grasping one. Mr. Cooper closed with a vigorous denunciation of the Democratic party in trying to evade the issue, but do what they will, the issue is made and will be fought out on the line of protection against free trade to the bitter end.

Col. Willis J. Hulings of Vebang, being present was called out and in his usually eloquent style made some exceedingly pleasant remarks touching the great issue now before the American people. Alluding to the pleasant occasion for which this grand meeting was assembled he paid our county a handsome tribute for the progress she had made, and congratulated the Republican party upon achieving the distinction of being the Banner County in the State; hemmed in as it was congressionally by so many large Democratic counties, and yet showing up so magnificently, it reminded him

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