

COMPOSITE PICTURES OF THE TWO STATE CONVENTIONS AS SEEN BY HOMER DAVENPORT.



STANCHFIELD OR VAN WYCK FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

Hill, Croker, McLaughlin and Murphy Meet and Discuss Candidates, but Make No Choice.

HILL OPPOSES PLAN TO NAME VAN WYCK.

McLaughlin Also Objects to the Mayor—Herrick, Danforth, Stanchfield and Titus Have Friends at Work, but the Fight Is Still an Open One.

Syracuse, Sept. 27.—John B. Stanchfield is in the lead for the Governorship to-night. Judge D. Cady Herrick is second in line. Mayor Van Wyck's chances hang in the balance.

The Erie delegation shortly before midnight called on Mr. Croker and urged Van Wyck's nomination for Governor, with Titus for second place. Mr. Croker is weighing the situation. If he decides to try to nominate Van Wyck there will be a spirited contest in the convention.

This situation was brought about after 5 o'clock this evening and followed a conference at which were present former Senator Hill, Senator Murphy, Richard Croker, Anthony N. Brady, John F. Carroll, and Chairman P. H. McCarran.

Radical differences of opinion exist between the leaders as to the most available man for the head of the ticket.

There will be no quarrel, however. The leaders admit they must reach an harmonious conclusion, and intend to do so.

It is this spirit that probably is responsible for the decision to adjourn until Thursday after the temporary organization is effected to-morrow. The platform is not in its final draft, and while the State issues are agreed upon, the question of dealing with the financial question has not been discussed.

The paramount question is that of the Governorship, and none of the subordinate places on the ticket will be filled until the leader is chosen. When Messrs. Croker and Hill agree on the candidate for first place, the sailing will be easy.

It was between 6 and 7 o'clock when the leaders met in Senator Murphy's private room. The palpitating lobby was breathless. The word went around, "There'll be a slate out to-night." When the conference ended, Senator Hill emerged from the chamber smiling, but Messrs. Croker, Murphy and Carroll were serious faces.

No News to Give Out.

"Nothing was decided," said Senator Hill, "absolutely nothing."
"It was just an informal talk," said Senator McCarran. "The convention will meet to-morrow, organize and adjourn until Thursday."
"Nothing done," said Mr. Carroll. "Were candidates discussed?"
"I never saw so many candidates at a convention in my life."
Mr. Croker had nothing to say.

It seems, however, that the differences of opinion, while discussed in a purely pleasant way, were quite worked. All the candidates were talked of.

ment in favor of Van Wyck's nomination up the State.

Senator Hill intimated he had searched for a rival sentiment, but had been unable to find it except in Ontario County. The Senator, it is said, described the prejudice, whether just or unjust, entertained by the country Democrats against the metropolitan influence. He thought it unfortunate to arouse this spirit. Senator Hill, it is generally understood, has the support of Hugh McLaughlin in this attitude, and the discussion of Mayor Van Wyck's availability was dropped.

Judge D. Cady Herrick, of Albany, was then suggested. He does not desire the nomination, as he has seven years to serve on the Supreme Court bench. His resignation would be necessary to his candidacy. His law practice has been dissipated because of his judicial position. If he were elected he could serve but two years. If he were defeated he would be in an unfortunate position. He is not a candidate. The point was made that Judge Herrick had sworn off a personal tax assessment of \$5,000. It was met by his proponents, who said the Judge's personal property is all, that he does not own in fee simple the house he lives in, and that he is, in fact, a poor man.

Other Names Discussed.

It is said that Messrs. Croker, Murphy and McLaughlin were ready to take up Herrick, while Senator Hill questioned the wisdom of his selection.

Elliot Danforth, when proposed was found objectionable for various reasons to New York County. While he has the most pledged delegates, he does not seem a robust possibility.

John B. Stanchfield's claims were then taken up. The feeling toward him as exhibited by Messrs. Croker and Murphy was friendly. Mr. Hill, who of late has not been particularly fond of Stanchfield, expressed no cordiality.

The gentlemen then adjourned. They had reached no conclusion but understood each other's views. They went to supper, did Messrs. Croker, Murphy and Hill, sitting at the same table and conversing together very amicably. When they finished Messrs. Murphy and Croker invited Mr. Hill to accompany them to the theatre. He laughingly declined on the ground that he had "no time." Mr. Croker reported to his room from the supper table.

Mr. Stanchfield created a sensation by leaving his quarters and going to Mr. Croker's rooms, where he remained for a half hour. Gossip tongues wagged freely. Mr. Stanchfield, when he reappeared, was in excellent spirits. He refused to talk. His friends said his prospects had never been brighter. It was freely said that Mr. Croker had abandoned the idea of nominating Van Wyck, and "thought well" of Stanchfield.

Messrs. Croker and Murphy then went to the theatre. Senator Hill went to work. At half-past 9 o'clock he went to Mr. Stanchfield's rooms. The delegates were in a fever.

AMOS J. CUMMINGS SAYS HARMONY RULES.

Democracy Will Force the Fighting.

Candidates Are Numerous in Syracuse.

Van Wyck's Friends Are Hard at Work.



REPRESENTATIVE AMOS CUMMINGS.

Syracuse, Sept. 27.—All day long a swarm of political butterflies have been settling upon the city. They came from all points of the compass. Their wings are as thin as tissue paper and of gaudy colors. All have a silver lining, with an occasional streak of gold. They flutter in hotel corridors and parlors, and work their wings in little groups in an effort to attract attention.

With tremulous antennae they unroll their tiny suction pumps and essay the extraction of honey. A few are said to have brought their honey with them, but so infinitesimal in quantity as to be fairly microscopic. Some settle upon dirt heaps and others prowl over the mud holes of politics, while a chosen few seek rare exotics and flowering shrubs. The latter, however, are utterly impenetrable. June bugs and dragon flies dart among their airy forms, cutting cycles clean and true, adding much to their excitement.

Occasionally a Brevi illumines the perspective. Each has his specialty and each has his own incentive, but all seem to be seeking personal exalt, regardless of the good of the party. Their antics excite amusement instead of concern and have little or no effect upon the veteran Democrats who have so often led the party to victory.

After the hard fight of 1892 they question the right of any man to impugn their fealty to national Democratic principles. They are united in a determined effort to attack the enemy at the most vulnerable point, regardless of side issues. Harmony is an essential of victory. It is a state convention and the vital issues of the campaign are State issues. It is a reflex of the sentiment of last year.

Municipal issues gave that campaign unwonted vitality, and on those issues the Democracy won a brilliant victory and is now reaping the fruits of that triumph.

Ticket to Be Democratic.

The State ticket is to be a Democratic ticket, composed of Democrats who stood upon the National Democratic and State Democratic platforms in 1896, and this of itself ought to be satisfactory to every true blue follower of Jefferson and Jackson. So reason the veterans of the Democracy and their reasonings confirm the outlook. Such a State ticket would be a platform of itself. Upon it all Democrats could unite and from it a determined assault could be made upon the enemy.

Fair Field—No Favor.

There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of Mr. Croker when he says that Tammany has no candidate for Governor to present. There is no out-and-out program. The action of the New York delegation will be governed by developments after their arrival in Syracuse. It will be a fair field and no favor. If there is a strong pressure from the country delegations for the nomination of Robert A. Van Wyck and the Tammany delegation is satisfied that such nomination will excite the enthusiasm

that should inspire soldiers in line of battle eager to assault the entrenched garrisons of the enemy, Van Wyck will be nominated. Otherwise his name will not be presented with their consent.

The John B. Stanchfield Club, of Elmira, appeared late in the afternoon, headed by a magnificent band, and created a wave of applause. Stanchfield himself is here, surrounded by a troop of staunch friends, but thus far has developed no line of battle. Then there is Elliot Danforth, whose robust presence an imposing appearance and whose chieflets are causing nearly a third of the votes of the convention on the first ballot. Even if this is true, there is no evidence of an increase of strength on the ensuing ballots. Danforth, however, is extremely confident. It is far more likely that combinations against Danforth will be made than combinations in his favor. There is hardly a bare possibility of his nomination.

Tall and stately John Wiley, of Buffalo, is waving the gonfalon of Robert C. Titus. It was Wiley who encompassed the nomination of Grover Cleveland for Governor in this same city fifteen years ago. Then he had the powerful aid of old Sol Scheu, of Buffalo, who declared that Cleveland was a strong candidate because "nobody knows him." Today the son of old Sol is straddling in Wiley's wake under the Titus banner, but E. K. Aggar, the shrewd little thistle who manipulated the wires for Grover Cleveland, is no longer in the lead of the living.

Erie's Second String.

Another element against Titus is the fact that Erie has a second string to her bow in the person of one Buser, a sunny-faced Teuton, who is seeking the nomination for State Engineer. The friends of Robert Earl are quiet, with a lurking confidence in the possibility of their candidate based on the necessities of the situation and the uncertainties of politics.

Cady Herrick is a mysterious factor in the group of candidates. He is said to be eternally opposed to his selection. He told Herrick when selected as a delegate that he would prefer to remain in Albany if Herrick were to be a candidate. Still there are smooth-tongued whispers of a surprise in store for the convention, and the sudden appearance of Herrick armed cap-a-pie and ready for the fray.

There appears to be no doubt that Herrick has told his friends that he would accept the nomination if it came to him with practical unanimity. The uncertainty with regard to Herrick has handicapped the chances of James H. Manning, of Albany, for Controller, and practically thrown him out of the race.

Tammany in Town.

The probabilities are that the platform will be silent on the question of annexation. This will be a disappointment to some who were disposed to follow the lead of the Missouri Democrats in this respect. There seems to be a disposition not to lumber the platform in any way with extraneous issues, but to force the fighting on State issues alone.

SYNOPSIS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

FOLLOWING is a synopsis of the platform likely to be adopted at the Democratic Convention in Syracuse:

CANAL FRAUDS—A plank denouncing the canal frauds by which millions of the people's money have been diverted from the uses for which they were intended, and have found their way in the pockets of Republican politicians.

RAINES LAW—A ringing utterance on the inequitable conditions created by the Raines law, and the promise of excise legislation which will discriminate against no class, equalize the burdens of excise taxation throughout the State and permit each community to regulate its liquor traffic.

FORCE BILL—A plank vigorously denouncing the enactment of the Force bill by which the Republicans seek to infringe the right of personal liberty and establish an armed espionage over the voter at the polls.

EXTRAVAGANCE—A plank denouncing the appointment of special commissions by a Republican Governor and Legislature for which enormous sums were appropriated and from the labors of which no adequate return has been received.

THE WAR—A strong declaration as to the deficiencies and fatal mistakes of the Department of War as exemplified in the treatment of the soldiers of our State guard in the many army camps, both in Cuba and this country.

MILITIA—A plank denouncing the mismanagement of our State militia by an incompetent adjutant-general and his assistants.

MONEY—The manner in which the silver question will be treated in the platform is still in abeyance. It is said that this plank of the platform will simply state in general terms that the convention reaffirms the principles of true Democracy as enunciated by the Chicago Convention of 1860.

gates. The probabilities are that Mr. Croker was reviving the situation preparatory to reaching a decision.

It was generally conceded that Erie was urging him to nominate the Mayor. The leaders will meet again in the morning. The situation at midnight hangs on the attempt to convert the Kings County delegation to Van Wyck. Mr. McLaughlin, of the big leaders trying in vain to leave if it is to be Van Wyck or Titus. The scene is constantly shifting, and men come and go, aimlessly seeking for the straight tip. Mr. Croker escaped from the maelstrom early in the evening by going for a drive with Messrs. Hinkley, Murphy and Sheelin.

The headquarters of the Journal opposite the Yates House were honored this evening by a serenade by the Central City Band, representing the Democracy of Syracuse. A great crowd surrounded the Journal building at the time and hugely enjoyed the music.

ARMY OF BRAVES AT SYRACUSE.

Most of the Wigwam Delegation Dodge Bands and Noisy Welcome.

Syracuse, Sept. 27.—The first section of the train bearing Tammany Hall's delegates to the convention arrived here just after 5 o'clock. The other three sections drifted in at intervals of from twenty minutes to half an hour. The streets leading to the depot were thronged with people who gazed at the trains with undiminished interest.

Bombs were exploded in honor of the new arrivals and brass bands of this city greeted each other in their traditional "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town."

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