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REED SWEEPS HIS OWN STATE.

State Convention at Portland Enthusiastically Endorses Him for President.

Protection, Maintenance of the Gold Standard and High Credit in the Platform.

Hannibal Hamlin, Son of the Nestor of New England Republicanism, Stirs His Auditors.

GIVES TRIBUTE TO THE MAINE MAN.

Convention Hall is Crowded to Its Utmost Capacity and Cheers for the Candidate Are Spontaneous and Frequent.

Portland, Me., April 16.—The Republican State Convention to nominate six Presidential electors and to choose four delegates-at-large and four alternates to the Republican National Convention, at St. Louis, met in the City Hall here at 11 o'clock this morning, and every district in the State was represented.

The hall, which seats 1,800 people, was filled, the galleries being occupied by spectators. Almost every delegate wore a Reed button in the lapel of his coat, and enthusiasm for the Maine man was ready to break out at the slightest encouragement.

The convention was called to order by Joseph H. Manley, chairman of the State Committee. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Dalton, of Portland; Mr. Manley read the call and announced Hannibal E. Hamlin, of Ellsworth, as chairman. Chairman Manley happily introduced Mr. Hamlin as presiding officer, as a son of one of the leaders of the party forty years ago.

Mr. Hamlin was received with great applause, and his speech was frequently interrupted by demonstrative signs of approval, particularly when he mentioned the name of Thomas B. Reed.

HAMLIN'S OPENING GUN.

In his introductory remarks, after detailing the purpose of the convention, the presiding officer gave a synopsis of what the Republican party had accomplished since its birth forty years ago. He then dwelt upon the tariff issue and what he was pleased to term the manifold benefits of protection.

He characterized the Wilson-Gorman tariff act of 1894 as "A tariff for deficiency." Harrison's tenure of office was spoken of as a debt-reducing administration. He eulogized the policy of reciprocity as "The wise creation of our never-to-be-forgotten statesman, James G. Blaine." He condemned the unlimited colonge of silver as against honor and integrity.

Coming down to the choice of the Pine Tree State for President, the speaker said: "I will not occupy your time to talk of him you know so well. We name him as our choice for President. We shall go to the National Convention at St. Louis with a solid delegation from New England. Let them throw any thought of failure to the winds, and, standing shoulder to shoulder, with the influence of good New England, feel mightier than ever before in any convention. God grant they may succeed.

"If nominated, so sure as the tide ebbs and flows, Thomas B. Reed will be elected; and if elected, the country and the world need no assurance of ours that he will prove worthy to fill the chair in times past occupied by Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and Harrison."

As soon as the applause at the conclusion of Mr. Hamlin's speech had subsided, the following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

The Republicans of Maine gladly join with their brethren in other States by presenting to the Republicans of the nation for nomination to the Presidency the Speaker of the National House. He needs no platform save the record of his life. Under his administration, his public efforts conspicuously show, would be restored that Republican policy of protection taught by Lincoln, illustrated by the signal prosperity of the country for thirty years, and rounded out by the reciprocity of Blaine, a policy which would be adapted to the business of the country and adjusted with care from time to time to the changing conditions. Then, with confidence and prosperity restored, the revenue will be made adequate to the support of the Government, and the issuing of bonds, ostensibly for the maintenance of the redemption fund, but really to meet the deficiency, will cease.

He is opposed to the free and unlimited colonge of silver except by international agreement, and until such agreement can be obtained he believes the present gold standard should be maintained. He has always been uncompromisingly for the maintenance of the highest national credit by the utmost good faith toward the public creditor, not for the creditor's sake, but for the nation's sake, for the sound reason that the most valuable possession of any nation in time of war or distress, next to courage of its people, is an honorable reputation. Whoever pays with honor borrows with ease. Sound finance and certainty at the Treasury and protection for the producers will mean prosperity and peace.

He favors measures for the restriction of immigration. He favors a just administration of all pension legislation, and is an earnest friend of American shipping and its returning to its former rank in the world. He stands for the

SHE FOUGHT LIKE A TIGRESS AT BAY.

Senora Alvarez's Gallant Attempt to Rescue Her Husband.

Too Weak to Follow Him Through the Line, She Was Surrounded by Soldiers.

She and Two Cubans Who Had Joined Her Were Cut to Pieces by the Spaniards.

FELL SHOUTING "VIVA CUBA LIBRE!"

And Five Thousand Insurgents Answered the Cry While the Enemy Crossed Their Sabres in Recognition of a Woman's Courage.

Key West, Fla., April 16.—Havana via Key West, April 15.—Your correspondent, who is with Maceo, has forwarded me the story of a tragic incident that occurred during the battle on Saturday, in which the Spaniards were so seriously defeated by the insurgents:

"As the Spaniards were retreating," he writes, "one woman was killed while performing an act of courage that has been without parallel among the women of war, and three men lost their lives while trying to save her. She was Senora Paquita Alvarez, one of the female company that Senora Hernandez organized.

"Senora Alvarez's husband was in the battle, and during the retreat he, with two Cubans, saw a chance to capture Lieutenant-Colonel Debois. The Spaniard had moved a little too far from the right flank of his command, and Alvarez and his companions made a dash for him. Debois saw the movement and ran for the shelter of his troops. The Cubans rashly pursued him too far, and in a moment found themselves fighting for their lives with a score of the enemy.

"Senora Alvarez saw her husband's danger and rushed to the rescue, followed by two Cuban soldiers, who were determined that she should not be unprotected. Senora Alvarez fell on the Spaniards surrounding her husband with the ferocity of a tigress. He was fighting alone. The two other men who started to capture the Colonel with Alvarez were both dead. The quarters were too close to permit the use of rifles, so Senora Alvarez and the two Cubans who followed her were fighting with machetes. It was a battle against fearful odds.

"Suddenly Alvarez thought he saw a chance of flight through the line to safety. He called to his wife to follow and started off toward the rebel column through a living wall, but Senora Alvarez was too weak to cope with so many soldiers and the two men who formed her volunteer escort were not equal to the task of overcoming the numbers who closed in behind Alvarez.

"Senora Alvarez and her escorts were cut to pieces in sight of their friends. As they fell shouting 'Viva Cuba Libre' the 5,000 rebel soldiers answered the cry. Even the Spaniards crossed themselves in recognition of such fanatical courage.

"Senora Alvarez did not know that his wife was not with him until he arrived inside the Cuban lines. When he learned what had happened, he put the muzzle of his pistol to his breast and fired.

"Why did you do that?" asked General Maceo when the battle was over.

"So that it could not be said that I was a coward and deserted my wife to save myself," replied the soldier.

"Pray for death to come then, for if you live I shall hang you. We need men to be shot by the Spaniards. We cannot waste bullets on ourselves," said Maceo.

"Alvarez joined his wife in eternity before dawn next day."

FREDERICK L. LAWRENCE.

CONLIN'S POWER IS SAFE.

Bill to Divest the Chief of Police of Authority is Reported Adversely in the Senate.

Albany, April 16.—The Page bill, divesting Chief Conlin, of the New York City police force, of the authority to make assignments and transfers of members of the force and transferring such power to the Police Commissioners, who may exercise it by a majority vote, was taken up in executive session by the Senate Cities Committee this afternoon.

Senator Page moved that the bill be reported adversely. After some discussion Senator Adams moved to table the motion, which was done by a vote of 7 to 5. This probably means that the bill is to quietly die in committee unless another change comes over the spirit of the machine ring.

THROWN FROM HER CARRIAGE.

Mrs. Kingsbury's Vehicle Was Run Down While She Was Driving in the Park.

Mrs. E. M. Kingsbury, of No. 41 West Ninety-seventh street, was injured while driving in Central Park yesterday. A heavy carriage collided with her light vehicle, knocking her horse down and throwing Mrs. Kingsbury to the ground. She was severely bruised. The heavy carriage which caused the accident was hastily driven away.



THOMAS BRACKETT REED, MAINE'S FAVORITE SON.

CAN SEE IN THE THROAT.

Photography Now Used to Discover the Whereabouts of Foreign Bodies Lodged in Air Passages.

By Julian Ralph. London, April 16.—The British Medical Journal publishes this week that some important advances have been made in the application of the new photographic process, to diseases of the throat. It appears that a cryptoscope is likely to afford much assistance to laryngology in discovering the whereabouts of foreign bodies lodged in the air passages.

It is now possible to see right through the throat and at the same time watch the passage of an instrument intended to seize an offending particle.

WILL PUNISH DUELLISTS.

German Legislators Anxious to Introduce a Radical Bill in the Reichstag to Root Out the Evil.

Berlin, April 16.—The Reichstag resumed its sittings to-day after the Easter recess. There was a very small attendance of deputies, and an almost empty house discussed the Trades Amendment bill, designed to prohibit dishonest transactions on boreses and exchanges.

In the meantime the crowds in the lobbies discussed with absorbing interest the duels which had recently taken place in Germany with fatal results, and there was a unanimity of feeling that a bill should be introduced in the Reichstag providing for the infliction of punishment of the utmost severity upon all persons henceforth engaging in duels.

The Emperor arrived at Carlsruhe at noon to-day in excellent health and spirits. He was received by the Grand Duke of Baden, with whom he entered an open carriage and was driven to the castle. In the afternoon his Majesty went shooting in the Kaltenborn woods.

The sailors belonging to the German warships lying at Venice landed last evening and were feted by the inhabitants in St. Mark's square, where bands of music played German national airs and the crowds cheered the sailors repeatedly. The warships sailed for Germany this morning.

DEATH FOLLOWED GOOD LUCK.

George Maxwell Got a Job and Was Drowned on the Same Day.

George Waxeell, twenty-three years old, who lived with his wife and two young children at No. 686 Flushing avenue, Brooklyn, had been out of work for some time, but early yesterday morning he got a job driving a truck. He began hauling baby carriages from the Lehigh Valley Railroad flats at Pier 3, North River.

About two o'clock in the afternoon he fell backward, striking his head against the boat, and then tumbled unconsolous into the river. The body did not rise, but at seven o'clock it was recovered and sent to the Morgue. His wife was notified.

GREAT STRIKES ARE NOW IMPENDING.

Fully Sixty Thousand Men May Go Out in Boston on May 1.

Lock-outs Likely to Occur in Many Other Cities at the Same Time.

NEW YORK ALSO TO BE INVOLVED.

The American Federation of Labor is Fully Prepared to Enforce Its Eight-hour Regulation and Has Plenty of Money.

Boston, Mass., April 16.—May 1 is the time fixed on by the American Federation of Labor for a general strike to enforce their eight-hour law. It is estimated that in Boston there are 85,000 wage-earners who are affiliated with organized labor. There are one hundred organized bodies affiliated with the Central Labor Union and between twenty and thirty attached to the Building Trades Council, while many are allied with the Knights of Labor.

The impetus to the movement given by the American Federation has stimulated this vast number of wage-earners to further action in demanding the eight-hour work day. The demand has received the assent of organized labor, with few exceptions, and so strong is the desire for the shorter work-day that if the employers fail to concede the present popular demand the month of May will see one of the most gigantic strikes ever seen.

Boston is only one of the many cities that look anxiously for May 1. Hundreds of smaller towns having organizations have also entered into the spirit of the movement, and will join the majority in possibly the greatest strike that the world has ever seen. The unions are financially well prepared for a strike, and those unions which are not in the condition desired will have all the financial assistance necessary.

The carpenters have been selected by the American Federation to make the test in the demand for a shorter day, but whether they succeed or not, it will in no way deter the leaders of the movement from successfully carrying out the wishes and hopes of the wage-earners of this country.

Should it be necessary to order a strike in Boston it can be safely predicted that at the least computation 60,000 men will be involved, and if once started, local labor leaders say, it will tax the resources of the police and military to prevent violent scenes.

President Gompers and Vice-President Maguire, of the Federation, will be here Sunday in conference with the trades council. They have been visiting the prominent cities in the United States ascertaining the condition of the unions.

The trades which will strike in this city for the eight-hour demand on May 1, if it is not granted by the employers, are the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Horseshoers' Union. Both are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and strikes of these trades will also take place in all the other cities where their international unions are represented. In this city there are about 2,000 members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and 1,000 members of the Horseshoers' Union.

SCALED A BUILDING TO SAVE A LIFE.

Heroic Fireman Kinchner Carried an Old Man From a Burning Building.

Fireman Higgins Climbed a Ladder and Brought Down Two Birds, a Dog and a Cat.

BRAVE WILLIAMS WAS BADLY HURT.

A Woman Had Turned Over an Oil Stove, Which Exploded and Destroyed Her Home—The Damage Was Small, but the Incidents Thrilling.

A woman living in the second-story front of the tenement house, No. 251 Water street, upset an oil stove yesterday evening. The oil stove exploded. When the firemen arrived smoke and flames were pouring out of the second-story window.

On the fourth floor lived D'Berlo Gronop. He is sixty-nine years old, and when the fire started he was lying in the bed, sound asleep. At the foot of the bed crouched his dog and in a cage at the front window were two green parrots. The barking of the dog and the chatter of the parrots roused the old man. The black smoke was thick in the little room. The man sprang to the open window and screamed.

William Kinchner, of No. 5 Engine company, adjusted his scaling ladder and climbed up the grimy front of the tenement. The old man in the window saw him coming and stretched out his arms with a dramatic gesture. Kinchner made that nerve-straining climb with the agility of a circus man. When he reached that fourth story window the crowd below applauded and No. 6 truck rattled up.

Just as the pair swung clear of the window the men of No. 6 truck raised their forty-foot extension ladder. John Higgins was the first man up and he met the rescuer and the rescued at the third story.

Kinchner passed the limp body of the Italian to Higgins, who took him to the ground in safety.

With the cheers of the crowd and the pleadings of D'Berlo Gronop for his dog, his cat and his parrots ringing in his ears, Higgins again ascended the ladder. The old man had asked him to save the dog, the cat and the two parrots. Higgins said he would try. When he reached the fourth story window Group's pets gave him a noisy welcome. The green-eyed cat jumped on his shoulder. The dog whimpered as the fireman picked him up. Higgins secured the cage containing the parrots and with this assorted load descended in safety.

William P. Williams, of No. 9 engine company, was ordered by his captain to run back to the engine and tell the engineer to turn on the water. As he dashed through the crowd he collided with a group of men who were carrying a ladder from No. 1 truck. Williams' face struck one of the poles of the ladder. The shock knocked him down. When they picked him up he was unconscious and the blood was gushing from an ugly gash under his right eye. He was taken to No. 9 engine house, at No. 55 East Broadway.

VERDICT FOR \$330,275.

Dissatisfied Buyers of a Mine Win in a Suit Against James M. Sigfus.

The suit of Dudley Porter and others against James M. Sigfus, of this city, for a million dollars was concluded yesterday in the United States Circuit Court. A jury awarded a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$330,275.

It was claimed by the plaintiff that the defendant had sold them a gold mine in Riverside County, California, which did not pan out well, and the defendant was accused of leading the plaintiffs to believe that the mine was richer than it really was. The suit has been dragging on in the United States Courts for a long time. Justice Wallace granted a stay of judgment to the defendant, who will probably appeal the case.

PLATT'S REPLY TO MARK HANNA.

He Says the McKinley Managers Are "Full of Wind."

Avers That They Are Carrying on a Campaign Solely with Brag and Bluster.

Governor Morton's Chance for the Nomination as Good as That of Any Candidate.

GREATER NEW YORK SURE TO WIN.

Predicts the Passage of the Measure Over the Veto and Announces That the Raines Law Will Prove Popular.

"They are political babies, mere children in politics. Their methods show it. I had been led to believe both Platt and Quay were sagacious politicians. They are nothing of the sort. They have so far conducted their end of this like ten-year-old children.

"Hanna and the entire McKinley outfit are full of wind," was ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt's remark last evening after he had read the above sentences from an interview with Mr. Hanna published in the Journal last Tuesday.

"Yes," continued Mr. Platt, as he glanced over the interview, "there is more wind than anything else in the McKinley boom. The McKinley people seem to have leave to print all they wish, and they are in the fake business. It seems to me that the press is helping them in their campaign of wind and bluster. Then there are prominent Democratic newspapers that are booming McKinley. Perhaps they want the Republican Convention to nominate him because they think he will be the easiest man to defeat."

"Do you continue to believe that McKinley will not be nominated at St. Louis?" Mr. Platt's reply to this question was quick and to the point: "McKinley will lose the nomination."

"Who will be nominated?" "McKinley will not be nominated. I was never more sincere and confident in making this statement."

"Will Governor Morton be nominated?" "He has as good a chance as any other candidate."

DID NOT CONFER WITH QUAY.

"Did you have a conference with Senator Quay in Florida?" "I did not. In fact I did not know he was in Florida until I saw in a Jacksonville newspaper that he was stopping at the same hotel with me. I went into the barber shop and ran across him. We did not discuss politics because we had held a consultation in this very room only a few days previous, when Senator Quay came on to see me by appointment. General Clarkson was also present, and we talked over the situation an entire evening, and had another talk the following morning."

"Is there any truth in the statement that Senator Quay intended to desert the anti-McKinley forces?" "Not the slightest. That yarn was the invention of the McKinley people."

"Did you read the manifesto of the McKinley League of this State, antagonizing the regular Republican organization, the recent State Convention and Governor Morton's administration?" "No," replied Mr. Platt, "I have not. I did not see a New York newspaper while I was in the South."

"You know that Mayors Strong and Wurster vetoed the Greater New York bill?" "So I have been told," said Mr. Platt, "but I have not read their vetoes. I see the Senate has passed the bill over their vetoes."

"Will the Assembly re-pass it?" "Yes," was Mr. Platt's answer, and he said "yes" in a very decided tone of voice.

RAINES LAW WILL BE POPULAR.

"The Raines law will soon go into effect," was suggested.

"And I predict," responded Mr. Platt, "that it will prove to be one of the most popular laws ever enacted in this State. Just wait until it gets in full operation. Why, it will disarm all criticism, and the people of the State will hail it as a blessing. Our Democratic friends are going to be fooled on the political effects of the Raines law."

"Did you enjoy your trip?" "I cannot say that I did. I caught a cold, mashed one of my thumbs, and after travelling 150 miles south of Jacksonville to visit Mrs. Platt's orange grove, we discovered that the orange crop was a very small one."

Chairman Hackett, of the Republican State Committee, had a few minutes' conversation with Mr. Platt shortly after the latter's arrival at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. General James S. Clarkson, the manager of the Allison campaign, and Edward Latschberg also saw Mr. Platt during the evening.

General Clarkson, who has just returned