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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

### The Great Battle For the Chairmanship Settled.

### MURPHY OF SANTA CLARA CHOSEN TO PRESIDE.

Genry Nominated for Congress in the First District, Caminetti in the Second, Maguire in the Fourth and Ryland in the Fifth—District Delegates and Presidential Electors Chosen—R. D. Stephens Selected for Delegate From the Second.

[From the RECORD-UNION'S Special Correspondent.]

FRESNO, May 17.—The great battle for the chairmanship of the Democratic State Convention was fought at the Barton Opera House this afternoon, and was won by Barney Murphy of Santa Clara. The contest was settled on the first ballot, but that ballot was the occasion for anxiety in many a Democratic breast.

Yesterday, even Murphy's most ardent supporters conceded that Ostrom of Yuba had a good majority in the convention, and that Murphy could not win. But late last night, and to-day, up to the time when the convention met, Murphy and his cohorts went in for a final desperate effort to beat Ostrom, and to-day's roll call showed only too well that they succeeded.

It was a hard fight, and while both sides refrained from bitterness, still the contest was conducted with a dogged determination on both sides that has seldom been witnessed.

This convention is generally admitted to comprise as fine a body of men as has convened for political purposes in the State for many a year. As was the case with the recent Republican Convention, the interior delegates are particularly bright men.

The proceedings started off brisk from the beginning. The convention is a noisy one, and among the delegates are innumerable orators, some of them very good ones.

Baron Ostrom presented a brilliant scene when the roll call was ready for business this afternoon. The delegates were seated by delegations on the lower floor, through the dress circle and parquet, and the names of the respective counties distinguished the various delegations from one another.

The theater's auditorium seats comfortably over 1,500 persons, and about sixty were on the stage. The theater is one of the handsomest in the State. It is lighted by electricity, and has all the latest improvements. The orchestra could be found with it for convention purposes was that delegates occupying rear seats could not be seen easily from the stage or could not be shown on the gallery above. The entire 1,500 occupants in the place were turned on, and the effect was very fine.

As was previously announced in the RECORD-UNION, Chairman Russell J. Wilson of the State Central Committee was not present, his nomination to order, and that duty fell upon General R. P. Hammond.

"Dick," as the General is called by his friends, opened the convention in vigor, and it was apparent from the applause that greeted his patriotic references to Democratic principles that the delegates had brought their hearts and minds to the convention.

When the roll-call was finally reached the excitement among the delegates was intense. It was plain that it would not be long before the roll call would be over, and the delegates would be in a hurry to get to their seats.

There was a rumour at the very start of the roll-call. Alameda's vote was called for, and W. D. English, of that delegation, arose and in stentorian tones shouted, "Alameda casts 32 votes solid for B. D. Murphy of Santa Clara."

Immediately a delegate from Modoc County declared that he held one Alameda proxy. A dozen or more tried to speak at the same time, and confusion reigned for several minutes.

W. W. Foote of Alameda finally got the floor, and de-lared that the will of the delegation was that it should vote 32 votes solid, and would not admit the proxy.

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On assuming the chair, Hon. B. D. Murphy, after complimenting Fresno on its progress, and predicting a glorious future for the State, said: "We are neither more-headed nor more-hearted than our choice, and he is now our choice."

Ostrom was accorded the honor of escorting Murphy to the stage, and both received an ovation from the convention.

The chairmanship of the convention was taken by W. D. English and Judge Jeremiah Sullivan.

The Fresnoites were given quite a scare when a motion was made to hold the convention here, and to make it so that the delegates would get out of town sooner than the scheduled time, and a serious loss to the hotels, restaurants, and other business places.

Everything was amicably settled, however, by taking a short recess, so the Chairman could appoint his committees, after which they adjourned until to-morrow.

On resuming the Chairman announced the Committee on Credentials as follows: Thos. H. Williams, at large, Chairman; P. M. Matthews, at large; Harris, First Congressional District; Fred Cox, A. F. Jones, Second; P. O'Brien, M. Layman, Third; Seiden, S. Wright, James O'Brien, Fourth; A. C. DeBell, Charles F. Hanlon, Fifth; John R. Matthews, Thomas Renison, Sixth; P. H. Griffin, Wm. A. Harris, Seventh.

Table with 3 columns: County, Votes, Total. Lists counties like Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yuba, and their respective vote counts.

### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

Caminetti Unanimously Nominated From the Second for Congress.

FRESNO, May 17.—Several Congressional Conventions were held this evening. The delegates of the Second District, including Sacramento, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alpine, Inyo, Mono, Calaveras, and others, met at the Barton Opera House.

Speeches were made all around and then balloting took place. Stephens received a very large vote and Metcalf the next highest. These two were declared elected.

A. F. Jones of Butte and Dr. P. E. Armstrong of San Joaquin were chosen as alternates by acclamation.

The district then adopted resolutions strongly endorsing Grover Cleveland and the Cleveland ticket.

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They Can't Understand How Their Favorite Was Beaten. Fresno, May 17.—To-night Ostrom's supporters are still wondering what hit them.

A great deal of comment is being made on the fact that in his speech on taking the chair Mr. Murphy never once mentioned the name of Cleveland.

The Cleveland supporters are largely in the majority, even among those who voted for Murphy, and they will no doubt receive the nomination for Cleveland, and instructing the delegates to Chicago to cast the first vote for him.

It is generally conceded that Murphy's Convention in Oakland and Berkeley will recommend sending delegates to Chicago unpledged. This does not mean, though, that such will be the action of the Cleveland supporters.

How They Voted. Poll of the Counties on the Chairmanship Fight. Fresno, May 17.—Following is the vote by counties for Chairman of the Convention:

## NATIONAL CAPITAL.

### Bill Entitling Ocean Steamships to American Registers.

### NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL DISCUSSED IN THE SENATE.

Wordy War in the House, Between Bowers and Other Representatives—Director-General Davis Appears Before the House Committee on the World's Fair Urging an Appropriation by Congress in Aid of the Exposition.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—In the Senate this morning Chandler introduced a bill to authorize the registration of certain steamships as vessels of the United States.

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The bill provides that all vessels owned by such company or not less than 7,000 tons, capable of the speed of not less than nineteen knots an hour, acquired by purchase or otherwise after the passage of this act, shall be entitled to receive American registers in accordance with the conditions of the act of May 10, 1882.

The naval appropriation bill was then taken up, the pending question being a provision for an increased navy.

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his address, McCreey of Kentucky asked how soon a plan of the exposition would be nearly double that of any exposition ever held, and also if Davis and his associates were satisfied with the outlook for the fair.

The Director-General replied in the affirmative, saying all nations in the world were striving for more space than could be allotted them. Never before had artists and manufacturers of the Old World a neutral place in which to exhibit their wares.

McCreey further asked what effect the closing of the gates on Sunday would have upon the exposition.

Davis said there would be no decrease in receipts; that fully 50,000 people would visit the park Sunday, even if there was no attraction there.

Walker of Chicago told the committee that an amendment had been framed in the act by which the local corporation obligated itself to meet and defray all expenses from now until the close of the exposition, and the committee would be furnished with a certified copy of the agreement, signed by the States which Congress granted the act.

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lawyers at Forsythe, Taney County, are in jail here charged with killing Deputy Sheriff Williams and of participation in the lynching of J. W. Bright, the wife of a well-known citizen. There are to be other arrests, and highly sensational disclosures are expected.

Successful Jail Break. LANDER (Wyo.), May 17.—A successful jail break was made here last night by which all the prisoners escaped. A Deputy Sheriff, who attempted to recapture them, was fatally wounded.

Assaults Two Girls on a Railway Train in England. LONDON, May 17.—There appears to be an epidemic of assaults on women traveling alone in railway compartments.

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## KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

### Identification of the Remains Found Near Yuba City.

### LATE DEVELOPMENTS POINT TO HIS BEING MURDERED.

Two Highways Hold Up a Stage in Sonoma County, Relieving the Passengers of Their Surplus Cash, But Neglected to Ask for the Express Box or Mail Pouch—An Italian Laborer Succides With a Shotgun.

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