

THE CHARTER DEBATE

Passage of the New York City Charter in the State Assembly by a Vote of 116 to 5.

Unconditional Surrender of the Tascaras to the Tammany Chieftains.

The Field, the Contestants, the Struggle and the Victory.

The Coup de Grace to the Revolving Democrats.

The Genius of Harmony Triumphs Over the "Angel of Destruction."

"Half a Loaf Better Than No Bread."

Scenes and Incidents of the Debate.

The Brooklyn Police Bill Passed in the House.

ALBANY, March 30, 1870.

This day's work in the Assembly will long be remembered by the people of New York and Kings counties and, in fact, of the entire State. The adherents of the IRVING HALL DEMOCRACY have been completely routed, and the reign of ward kings has ended. At least such may now be regarded as the inevitable result of the action to-day in the Assembly.

Of course the youngsters possessed the majority, but they could not possibly avert it, and when it was evaded beyond a doubt that the bill would pass they did the next best thing—accepted the situation and, as good Democrats, voted for the bill to give the government of the city into the hands of the direct representatives of the people of the city.

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When the hour for opening arrived the Speaker called upon the Sergeant-at-Arms for the EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT, and announced that all passes for to-day were revoked. This course compelled all persons not entitled to the privileges of the floor to retire, and there was accordingly much dozing by many to escape the observation of the Sergeant-at-Arms and the doorkeepers, but it was of no avail, they had to go.

THE MEMBERS were almost all in their places and apparently ready for the day's work, which they expected would be heavy. Jim Irving gazed on during the preliminary proceedings, and eyed one of his intimate cigars—such as he presents only to Cassius—smoothed down his amaranth locks, and his quiet side partner, Mr. Flanagan, and admonished him to "hold out; just see if what I tell you or not." Richard did not seem to appreciate the advice, and was looking for something to "hold out" to, but did not find it. He, however, assured the front Eighteenth warder with the corrugated front, "That's all right, Jim." Near by sat Larry Kiernan, the bewailer of the night of the "Destroying Angel," evidently brooding some dire mischief. The member from Sligo tugged at the flowing locks on his Shakespearean cranium in a frantic effort to make them shine like those of his next mate.

THE PHILOSOPHER'S NEXT mate, who must have worn a hair brush half-out in getting his venerable caput hirsute adorns into such good shape.

GARRYOWN MURPHY, on the other side of the Silignton Cicero, stroked his firm goatee or arranged the diamond trefon on his shirt front and gazed at the eagle over the Speaker's desk. Colonel Murphy vainly endeavored to get his chin under his shirt collar and surveyed the enemy's forces, which were all prepared for action. The natty little Peter Mitchell combed his glossy mustache with a tortoise shell comb, and clasped to the blooming Johnny O'Brien, who sat near him, hoping, perhaps, to get a word in.

CULLEN, OF KINGS, one of the best natured boys in the House, sat in his seat, had a pleasant smile for everybody, moved his Prince Arthur scarf the eighteenth part of an inch so as to show his pretty combed breastplate to better effect and announced himself in readiness to conquer or die. His colleague, Jacobs, looked rather wearied and somewhat worried, but had withal the appearance of a yeoman firm in his adherence to democratic principles.

MIDLAND LITTLETON, who can sink pitifully for statesmanship when it is needed, sat solidly in his seat and carefully coned the new charter. The sage of Onondaga pinched his venerable nose with his venerable eyeglasses, gazed with his redoubtable eyes on the tribune of the Metropolitan chamberlain, and, looking at the municipal proctor, would shake his venerable head when he came across some message which his venerable wisdom did not comprehend.

LITTLE ALBION would only raise his head further in at the side of his mouth and look as if he would say in reply— "Shake not thy horny locks at me, then cannot say I was wrong."

HUGGESS looked as happy as a lark, and had, no doubt, a fellow feeling for the fathers of the young bobby for the city of New York. All the members had some peculiar characteristics about them, and, notwithstanding the diversity of opinions existing, seemed remarkably good humored. To a casual observer, even, it was evident that

THE THING WAS FIXED; that this charter was to pass by an overwhelming vote, and that as a result it would be of no avail, except as an evidence of adherence to pledges and to the principle of consistency. This was shown by a count on the floor, and the members were to have the consideration of the special order postponed. The young Democratism was in deep earnest good naturedly, however, and his delivery forcible and his face red as a boiled lobster.

THE GAUL LAW was the question of the previous question was forced, and the efforts of Kiernan and others to get a word in edgewise were fruitless. Talk about roundabout—why grieved lightning even wasn't a circumstance to the rapid passage was being taken Kiernan, Mitchell, Irving and others of the young democracy acknowledged.

THE SUPERIOR SKILL OF THE OLD LEADERS, named the ropes and helped pull along the machine in good style. The question of being excused from the floor was raised by several, for the purpose of enabling them to get off some pettish eloquence and ideas on the bill. They were all carried off by the young democracy, and the bill was passed unanimously. By pointed remarks in response to the action of certain democratic members of the House on the tax commission and school commissioners bills last year, necessitated in drawing a laugh from

of order that this line of discussion was entirely irrelevant, and being voted against. The speaker then dropped the proceedings. During the proceedings Senators Tweed and Genet were in the House watching the progress of the bill. When the bill was passed they were given a look at the bill, and it was quite refreshing to see

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