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LABOR INDORSES GOV. ALTGELD

The Great Governor of Illinois is Fittingly Complimented by the Convention at Peoria.

North Side Democrats Are Complaining About Their Treatment at the Hands of Bunker.

Comptroller Wetherell Has a Scheme to Reduce the Police Force for Economy's Sake.

A dispatch from Peoria dated Saturday says: The thirteenth annual convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor adjourned this afternoon and tonight a ball was tendered the visiting delegates by the local labor unions at Turner Hall.

Today's sessions did not lack in interest, the same spirit which has characterized the meetings prevailing. The Debs matter came up again and Altgeld's administration was indorsed.

"The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock. The first business was fixing the date of the next convention at East St. Louis for Nov. 4, then the Debs matter came up. The resolution presented at the preceding session expressing sympathy with Eugene V. Debs was reported by the committee without recommendations.

Mr. Groves, of Chicago, spoke in support of the resolution. Speeches were made by Delegates Schilling, Hotramel, Faith, McCarthy, Schilling, Hart, Arnold, Ferris and others. The sensation of this debate was when Secretary Groves accused Secretary Schilling, of the Labor Bureau, with being the mouthpiece of the railroad corporations of the State at Springfield when the arbitration bill was before the Legislature.

Mr. Schilling answered Mr. Groves and then ensued a war of words, Delegate Schilling detailing at length his work at Springfield.

Delegate McCarthy, of East St. Louis, presented the following resolution, indorsing Gov. Altgeld's administration:

Resolved, That the State Federation of Labor most heartily indorses the splendid and businesslike administration of Gov. John P. Altgeld, and that we appreciate the many words and deeds of encouragement he has given us, both in private and public.

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent him, properly signed by the officers of this federation."

It was unanimously adopted.

The committee on convict labor presented a report denouncing it as unfair to commerce the products of our State prisons, for it displaced mechanics. Co-operation with the Wheelman's Association was pledged to secure the employment of convicts in the preparation of material for the construction of good roads.

Resolutions condemning the garnishment law were adopted.

The question of child labor was referred to the executive committee.

The committee on platform gave its report, which was adopted. An abstract of the report follows:

We assert as our fundamental law the self-evident truth enunciated in the declaration of independence. No one should be permitted to hold natural opportunities without a fair return to all for any special privilege thus accorded to him. The spectacle of thousands of men unable to find employment is a most unnatural condition. Therefore, we demand the abolition of the land monopoly and recommend as a measure of government on the land, irrespective of developments, in lieu of all other taxes. We demand of the General Assembly of this State enabling legislation to provide for a constitutional convention to the end that we may have a fundamental law which will discriminate fairly and equitably between all classes of our people. We demand that the General Assembly shall provide such revenue as may be needed by levying a tax by valuation, so that every person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property subject to taxation, such value to be ascertained by some person or persons to be elected or appointed in such manner as the General Assembly shall direct and not otherwise.

The address of Judge N. E. Worthington, of Peoria, delivered last night, was ordered printed in the minutes. The first business of the afternoon

session was the consideration of the rate of assessment of the local and central organizations. It was adopted that all central bodies shall be entitled to five delegates. All local organizations shall pay a per capita tax of 5¢ cent per month, payable in advance.

Mr. Stanton, of Bartonville, presented the report of the work of W. I. Howard, of Chicago, who raised funds for the miners who are confined in the Tazewell County jail for participating in the 17th mine riot. The total receipts were \$1,072.35.

The report of the secretary and treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, \$585.56; total expenditures, \$483.01; cash on hand, \$102.55.

A resolution was unanimously adopted calling upon Gov. Altgeld to pardon J. L. Gisher, John Heathcote, Dan Cadell and Charles Jones, who are in Joliet penitentiary for participating in the Little mine riot.

The new officers then took the oath of office.

Tonight a banquet and ball was held at Turner Hall attended by several hundred.

Complaint is made by North Side Democrats of the treatment they receive at the hands of the Grain Inspection office. No North-Siders are employed there, and the chief of the bureau, who is practically unknown in the political world, has evidently imbibed a dislike to North Side statesmen, which has resulted in a large amount of ill feeling and resentment in every ward in the north division of the city.

Comptroller Wetherell is preparing a statement of the city's expenditures and receipts, which will show that Chicago is running in debt at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a year. The statement will point out that while the 2 per cent. tax levy brings the city but \$4,800,000 \$4,000,000 is needed to sustain the police and fire departments alone.

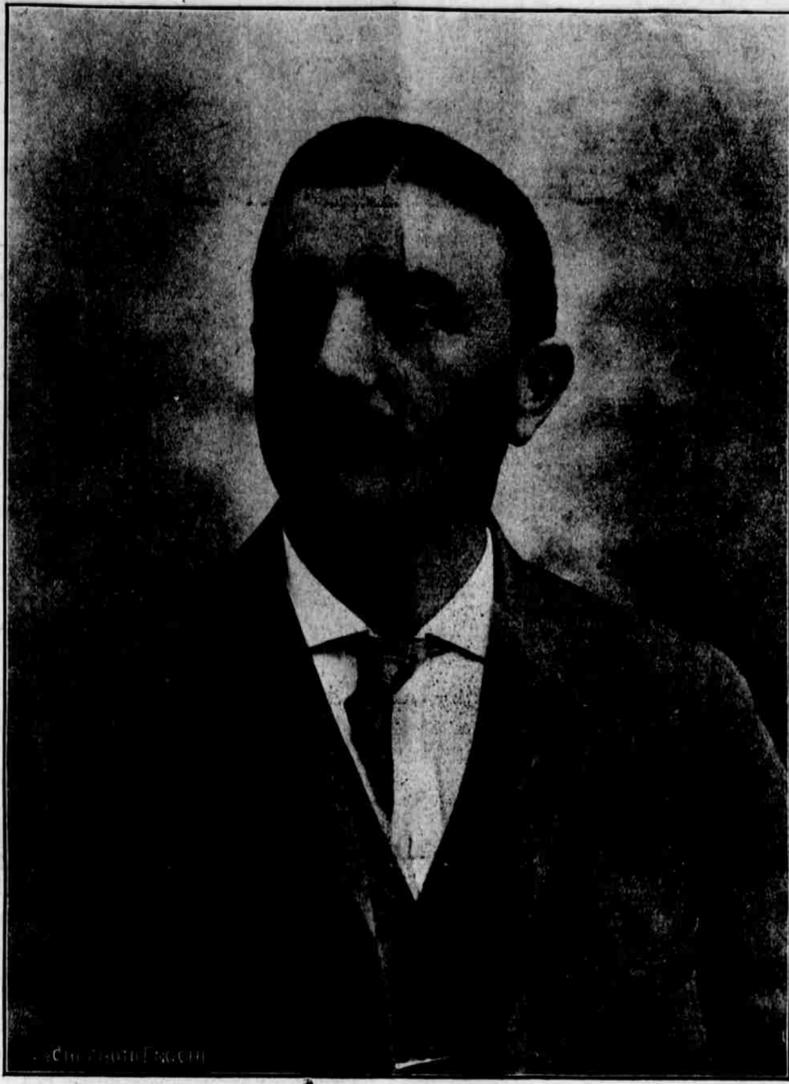
Wednesday in discussing the suit which William Hughes tried to bring against Ald. Madden, before Judge Hutchinson, he told how he would prevent the ultimate financial disgrace of the city. Mr. Wetherell said he would start out by reducing the police and fire departments by one-half. A number of the bureau he would wipe out altogether, while many others he would cheapen by limiting the number of employees. His chief saying, however, he would make in the police and fire departments. The comptroller said he was going to suggest this to the Mayor immediately upon the latter's return from Milwaukee.

Corporation Counsel Beale advocated the same method of cutting down expenses, but neither Chief Badenoch nor Fire Chief Swenke was worried over the threat to diminish their forces.

Voters who registered last year will not be required to register again this year, unless they have changed their residence. The registration next Tuesday is for the benefit of citizens who have become qualified voters or have changed their residence since the last election.

The Democratic Country Central Committee has adopted a new system for the government of ward clubs. Books will be kept at the central headquarters containing the names and addresses of all members of each club. When a meeting is to be called the president will notify the secretary of the Central Committee of the time and place of such meeting and the secretary will mail notices to each member of the club. In this way the expense of postage, stationery and clerical service will be borne by the Central Committee. It is believed that by having the notices sent from the central headquarters better attendance at the meetings can be secured.

Following is the list of the names and



HON. JOSEPH J. DUFFY, Candidate for Drainage Commissioner.

The subject of our sketch, Mr. Joseph J. Duffy, was born on the West Side thirty-six years ago. He attended the public schools, and, after graduating therefrom, entered the contracting business with his father, who was one of the oldest contractors of the city. He commenced business for himself in 1885 and as a business man has proved a decided success, having built some of the largest sewers in the city, as well as having been awarded contracts for

other important public works, and has won a \$300,000 contract with the city for the building of the new water tunnel, which work is to be commenced at once. His honesty and reliability in business and his affable and congenial manner have made for him many friends, irrespective of party. For years Mr. Duffy has taken an active interest in Democratic politics of the city, and being a tireless worker and doing yeoman service for the success

of the party, in appreciation of which he has been nominated by the Democratic party for Drainage Trustee. His vast experience as a successful contractor for himself makes him doubly valuable as a practical man to represent the people on this great work. Mr. Duffy is a man of pleasing address and socially belongs to that class of genial and agreeable men, whose earnest nature seems to overflow with that spirit of good-fellowship which inspires the same disposition among his associates.

- addresses of the presidents of the various ward clubs:
- WARD PRESIDENTS.**
- First—John J. Coughlin, 107 Madison street.
- Second—Stephen D. May, 79 Dearborn street.
- Third—A. A. Goodrich, Rookery Building.
- Fourth—John H. Ludden, First National Bank Building.
- Fifth—Thomas Keough, Barge office, 81st street.
- Sixth—Abel Begley, 3400 South Halsted street.
- Seventh—William Roach, Secretary of State's office.
- Eighth—Morgan Murphy, 423 West 13th street.
- Ninth—Edward Rohrig, 282 W. 13th street.
- Tenth—W. C. Thompson, 208 South Water street.
- Eleventh—John J. Hayes, 72 W. Monroe street.
- Twelfth—Robert E. Cantwell, 911 W. Adams street.
- Thirteenth—E. S. Cummings, 343 Park avenue.
- Fourteenth—J. P. Croak, 677 Scholier street.
- Fifteenth—James Burke, 1247 Milwaukee avenue.
- Sixteenth—L. M. Custy, 313 Easton avenue.
- Seventeenth—Frank H. Naas, 100 N. Carpenter street.
- Eighteenth—A. Hoffman, 43 8 Green street.
- Nineteenth—James O'Brien, 452 W. Harrison street.
- Twentieth—John E. Fitzgerald, 23 Cooper street.
- Twenty-first—T. J. Webb, Pueli & Webb, Kinzie and LaSalle.
- Twenty-second—M. Wallenborn, 474 Wells street.
- Twenty-third—John F. O'Malley, 84 Superior street.
- Twenty-fourth—Jerry McCarthy, 100 LaSalle avenue.
- Twenty-fifth—E. J. Walsh, Oxford Building.
- Twenty-sixth—William Stapleton, 604 School street.
- Twenty-seventh—Thomas Edgar, care F. E. Eldred, Times Building.
- Twenty-eighth—C. S. Eantis, 3022 W. 44th place.
- Twenty-ninth—Edward Thiden, 4012 Emerald avenue.
- Thirtieth—M. J. Butler, 5728 State street.
- Thirty-first—A. J. Murray, 6550 Sherman street.
- Thirty-second—George Lapsley, Circuit Court clerk's office.
- Thirty-third—Thomas A. Foley, 9183 South Chicago avenue.
- Thirty-fourth—John P. McGorty, 1142 Ashland Block.
- The opinion is credited to one of the Rothschilds that within five years the prosperity of the United States will surpass that of any other country in the world. There is ground for the belief, not only because of the general revival of industry now in progress, but in the prospect for a marked increase in railway building. Perhaps the country may be approaching its maximum of steam railroad tracks. That is not probable indeed, but even if it were true, it is certainly true on the other hand that electric development is just beginning, that it promises to be extraordinary, and that as a result of it the marketing of all commodities produced or used in the United States is likely to be greatly facilitated by the use of electric roads as "feeders" for larger lines. The activity now existing in the iron market is an indication of what promises to be an era of great prosperity.
- The people of the rest of the United States owe Gov. Culberson and the Texas State Legislature a vote of thanks for the salutary object lesson in the matter of dealing with prize-fights and prize-fighters. It is, of course, not an entirely reasonable proposition that a call for a special session should have been necessary to prevent so open-lawless a performance. The task of prohibiting Corbett and Fitzsimmons from punching each other would seem to be properly one covered by the ordinary police laws and ordinances. It became evident to Gov. Culberson, however, some days ago, that without a specific statute against slugging the State of Texas must expect to harbor the projected fight. He took action promptly, convened the Legislature in special session and presented the case to that body. Contrary to expectation, the Legislature passed the bill making prize-fighting a felony, with an emergency clause, the vote being overwhelming and the entire transaction being completed in less than two days. Good for Texas! She has put herself on record as among the States which are law-abiding and determined to preserve their reputations as such. The fact that out of the entire 143 votes cast in both houses only six were opposed to the prize-fight law speaks volumes for the good name of the Texas Legislature. There was no delay, no quibbling and no suggestion of a desire to hold off and wait for "propositions" from the prize-fighting fraternity. The whole affair is a signal victory for law and order, not only in Texas, but elsewhere. It sets an example which other States cannot afford to break without running the risk of damning comparisons. The public now looks to Gov. Culberson to see that this statute is enforced to the letter.
- An Alabama girl has brought suit against a railway company for \$10,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of her being forcibly kissed by a train conductor. In case the company loses the suit every railway corporation in the country will feel moved to equip its conductors and other agents with automatic air brakes for their osculators.
- Peary got along all right during dog days. But when the dogs gave out he found boot leather and walrus skins a rather slim diet.

GOOD-BY TO THE SQUAW CLUB.

The Iroquois Nuisance Shows Signs at Last of Passing in Its Faded Scalp.

The Campaign Has Finally Opened Up in Earnest and All Parties Are Active.

General News from the Political Camps and from the Municipal and Other Headquarters.

There is now hardly any doubt that the public and the Democratic party is on the point of seeing the last of the Iroquois Club, and the public and the Democratic party are both to be congratulated upon the fact.

For years this aggregation of patent political stiffs has been palming itself off as the only real and true exponent of the Democratic party in Chicago. The undertaking should receive considerable merit and encouragement. This club has, on many occasions, left Chicago and taken part in the grand rallies of the Democratic party throughout Illinois, visited Washington, D. C., on two occasions—at the inauguration of President Cleveland; also at the funeral of Vice President Hendricks at Indianapolis, and at the St. Louis national convention. They also participated in Des Moines, Iowa, at the inauguration of Gov. Hoies, when the thermometer stood below zero. The club will be supplied with sleeping-cars, which they will occupy during their stay in Atlanta. They will return via Cincinnati, just one week from the day of starting.

They have been given the fatted plums in the shape of Federal offices in recognition of the services of the sturdy Western Democracy which they do not now and never did represent. They have never been party workers, never lifted a finger in the cause of Democracy in Cook County in the many hard fought battles it has waged and won here, but they have always been careful to be in at the death and claim their share of whatever spoils were going.

The true Democracy of Cook County has never had any use for the "brains" of the Iroquois Club. It is a misnomer to call them "brains." It is an organization of old women, and should be remembered in history as the "squaw club."

will, in regulation order, be under the command of Marshal James H. Farrell and President John S. Cooper, two strong, fifty pieces of music, and with banner and flags flying, march to Atlanta as the first Northern political club to visit the stinky South and the Cotton Exposition. Many distinguished Democrats expect to accompany the club. The undertaking should receive considerable merit and encouragement. This club has, on many occasions, left Chicago and taken part in the grand rallies of the Democratic party throughout Illinois, visited Washington, D. C., on two occasions—at the inauguration of President Cleveland; also at the funeral of Vice President Hendricks at Indianapolis, and at the St. Louis national convention. They also participated in Des Moines, Iowa, at the inauguration of Gov. Hoies, when the thermometer stood below zero. The club will be supplied with sleeping-cars, which they will occupy during their stay in Atlanta. They will return via Cincinnati, just one week from the day of starting.

Ald. Coughlin's order introduced in the Council Monday night, directing Health Commissioner Kerr to investigate the sanitary condition of the county buildings, comes a little too late to answer the purposes for which he intended it. Contractors are now completing the putting in of an extensive and thorough system of ventilation and plumbing, so that the building from top to bottom is comparatively free of foul air and in healthier condition, according to judges, officials, clerks and everybody else, than ever before.

June 10 a contract was awarded by the Commissioners to Pose & Noble, at \$11,237, for ventilating the court house, and by Saturday night the firm expects to complete the job. At the same time W. R. Thompson was given the contract, at \$10,986, to put in new plumbing. This includes the substitution of modern improved siphon closets.

Four powerful fans, four in the basement and two at the top of the building, have been put in. These will be used to pump the foul air out of and fresh air into every room all the time. The Alderman admits that his order was intended as a retaliation upon the county crowd for its recently manifest anxiety to throw the city out of its hall.

Only routine business was transacted by the Drainage Board Wednesday. The petition of the General Electric Street Railway for the board's signature to the application of the company for a franchise on Kedzie avenue from 22d to 31st street was refused on the ground that the sanitary district, being a municipal corporation, could not join in a petition to the City Council for the use of the streets. The financial report of the board for September was presented. The total expenditures were \$339,578, of which almost \$207,595 was for construction. The board declined to lease the ice-cutting privilege on the Allen pond because the water was impure.

The death of Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen in the prime of his powers, must awaken regret among all who are truly interested in the development of American literature. A native of Norway, Prof. Boyesen had done the greater part of his work and won his fame in this country, and his successes are a matter of pride to both countries alike. A man of broad sympathies and keen insight, he united in an unusual degree the faculties of critic and creator, essayist and romancer. It was a sign of the symmetry of his development that he was a student of books as well as of men, and that in both occupations he found occasion to furnish the world with thoughtful and suggestive matter. His loss will be felt abroad no less than at home, for there he had countless friends and a remarkably wide acquaintance with the great group of modern writers, one of the foremost among whom is that other great Norwegian, Bjornstjerne Bjornson. It was partly from his associations, perhaps, that he imbibed the taste which marks his valuable and interesting work. He will be regretted and remembered as one of the few strong forces working in a distinctly commercial age toward the culture of his fellow-men.

The trip to Atlanta, Ga., as contemplated by the County Democracy of Cook, will be the most eventful in the history of the club. There is some talk of stopping at Indianapolis, Ind., for the purpose of paying our respects as a Democratic club to Mayor-elect H. G. Hart, and after a serenade and a tiger, proceed on our way to the Cotton Exposition. The club, after participating in the county election, will be in grand trim for the excursion. It is the intention, if the club can so arrange, to stop at Louisville, Ky., and be received by the Louisville club, who were the guests of the County Democracy during their visit at the last national convention in Chicago. They will then proceed to Nashville, Tenn., and be received by the local Democracy. The next stop will be at Chattanooga, Tenn., passing through a portion of the country that Gen. Sherman made famous when he marched his army from Atlanta to the sea; viewing the national cemetery at Chattanooga and the many battle-fields on which the gallant Western army fought during their years of campaign. Onward to Atlanta! Lookout Mountain is the next point of interest, where Gen. Joe Hooker and his command took possession, after fighting the greatest battle of the war in the clouds. The club

The announcement that some college-foot-ball players have been retired because they were not up in their studies seems truly incomprehensible. There is nothing to indicate that the young men did not stand very high in their foot-ball practice.

Hall Calne's hair, they say, is red. That makes no difference; his books are read, just the same.