

The Biggest

AND THE BEST DEMONSTRATION

Given by Any Party in the Present Campaign

Held at the Opera House Last Evening.

Goff and Hubbard Receive an Ovation

WORTHY THEIR TALENT AND FAME.

Thousands of People Turned Away From the Hall.

Three Hours of Eloquence and Solid Fact.

CAPT. DOVERER AIDS THE CAUSE.

A Memorable Assemblage Which was Significant of the Views of the People.

Unanswerable Logic Greeted With Approving Cheers—A Brilliant and Effective Assault on the Free Trade Forces.

The greatest political demonstration the Wheeling Opera House ever held was that of last night for Hubbard and Protection, and the Republican ticket.

It was inspiring to witness the reception two of the leading Republicans of West Virginia got from that vast crowd. Nobody who was there will ever forget the enthusiasm, the earnestness, the eloquence, the force, the impressiveness of the orators.

Gen. Goff arrived in the city in the forenoon from the East. He was over-land, fairly, with callers, and after dining at the McLaughlin house, he and Hon. W. P. Hubbard were taken in charge by L. B. Farber, member for Marshall county, and the Republican Congressional Committee, and driven to Benwood.

There the two big guns of Republicanism received a perfect ovation. All the windows in town were blown in, and the people came out and made the other din seen through their welcome.

They were seen through the various industries, and got a practical lesson in protection, in the prosperity and happiness of America, which they will remember long.

THE DEMONSTRATION.

Last night when the Opera House doors were opened there was such a crowd of people in front they could scarcely squeeze in. The street was packed, fully 4,000 people being at one time or another in the vicinity, eager to get into the Opera House.

The South Side club came in in force, headed by Mayor's hand, and making the streets a sea of red fire. They were cheered everywhere. The Island and North Wheeling came down strong, with East Wheeling Republicans and the Black Eagle drum corps as an escort, and also brilliant with the blazing torches.

The house by this time was packed and jammed, and all ladies stood through the meeting. It was simply a mass of people, and many were in the house who could possibly get in, there were still more people outside than in. There the crowd stood, waiting for speakers to come out and address the throng.

The Opera House band played in Market street while, and then in the gallery. Many of the people waited outside on a bench to get in, and to hope of having an overflow meeting there, but this was not accomplished, and reluctantly they dispersed.

Take all and all, the meeting was a success to those who organized it—to those who expected most of it. It was a glorious compliment to two great men.

A GLORIOUS MEETING.

The People cheer themselves hoarse and then cheer their Solid Hours of Mastery.

Hubbard and Goff!

No wonder the Opera House last night held the largest audience ever seen in its history.

No wonder that by packing them in even in that way only about half of those who attempted to get in could do so.

It was the grandest, the most inspired, the best demonstration of this campaign; it would have been larger and louder, had the limits of the hall allowed. It had never been more impressive, more significant of the hearty feeling of the people in favor of Hubbard and protection, if the hall had permitted 10,000 people to have assembled instead of only about 3,000.

It knocked the Democracy's prize off its feet, and it was not necessary to go to New York to do it.

At 7 o'clock the meeting was packed. At 7:15 the first speaker was called.

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It was a few minutes past 8 o'clock when Gen. Goff and the next Goff, Mr. McNabb, G. W. Kennedy, Dr. John H. Pines.

Then what a scene of enthusiasm! Cheers after cheers rent the air; men stood up and waved their hats, and ladies, who then were goodly numbers, clapped their hands, and their handkerchiefs or clapped their hands.

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