

A GREAT TIME

At the Republican State Convention at Martinsburg.

MR. C. B. HART CHOSEN DELEGATE

To Minneapolis by Acclamation on Mr. Hugas' Motion.

DAVIS, HEWITT AND HUTCHINSON

Are the other Three Able Men who go with him.

THE RINGING PLATFORM ADOPTED

Notable for its Courageous Utterances, its Frankness and its Americanism, as for its Republicanism. Only two Contests for the four Positions, and no Ballot Necessary in Either of Them--A Harmonious, Enthusiastic and Beautiful Convention, which Augurs well for the Result in the State in November.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., May 5.—The Republicans of West Virginia have every reason to be gratified with the result of the state convention to-day. It was not only one of the largest and most representative political bodies that ever assembled in the state, but at the same time one of the most enthusiastic and thoroughly businesslike gatherings.

However men differed as to the choice of representatives or leaders, a spirit of unity pervaded the atmosphere, and on one thing all were of one mind, that being that whatever was best for the party was the thing to do and the majority was to decide. So it was that at adjournment to-night there were no sore losers, no kickers to pacify.

A better humored crowd no one ever saw. In but two cases were there contests for Minneapolis honors, and in neither of these was it necessary to take a ballot. In both instances before the nominating speeches were concluded there was a motion to nominate by acclamation made by the defeated candidate, whose graceful submission and generous conduct won him the applause of the convention, and will be remembered in days to come.

THE PLATFORM ADOPTED

speaks for itself. It is Republican from beginning to end. There is no evasion of any question. It is remarkable for its courage and thorough Americanism. The paragraph endorsing the administration leaves no room to doubt where the Republicans of West Virginia stand on the presidential question. It passed without a dissenting voice. It means that the Republican party of West Virginia is for Harrison, as it has heretofore been, and is yet for Blaine. By being for Harrison, it pays the highest compliment it can now pay to the great statesman to whom it has been so true.

The day seemed made for the occasion and the occasion for the day. It was a typical May day and everybody enjoyed it. The great convention hall, a rink transformed into an opera house, was crowded throughout the proceedings, and the best of order prevailed. A platform was erected in the center and the seats were circled about it. The counties were conveniently arranged, and it was a notable fact that the seats were all filled.

The hall was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting, and what everybody voted to be one of the best bands of music in the state inspired the assembled hundreds with patriotic music and contributed to the enthusiasm. It was the Martinsburg city band. About all the delegates left the city to-night, all the first district delegates going to Clarksburg to attend the district convention there to-morrow.

THE RECORD BROKEN. The convention broke the record of political conventions in this country, and in doing so manifested the deep earnestness and intense enthusiasm among the Republicans of West Virginia. Though one of the largest conventions that ever assembled in the state, every delegate was in his seat before the time called for the meeting, and at ten minutes to twelve, the hour fixed, Chairman Meighen, of the state committee, was able to call the convention to order. More than six hundred delegates were in the hall, and the lobbies and galleries were crowded with spectators. Chairman Meighen introduced to the convention, with a few words of encomium, Hon. J. E. Hooten, of Marshall county, as temporary chairman, and C. W. Hall, of Kanawha county, as secretary. Both as they came to the front of the stage were greeted with loud cheers.

MR. HOOTEN SPEAKS.

Mr. Hooten was in a happy mood, and spoke as follows: GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: This is an honor that any citizen might well be proud of, to be called to preside over the intelligent representatives of the Republican party of West Virginia. You belong to the party that represents, as I understand it, all that is good in the politics of this country. [Applause.] You belong to a party of progress, to a party that dares to be aggressive, that always acts from conviction, that has nothing in its past to blush for. In all its history the Republican party challenges the criticism of the world. [Applause.] In the coming election we have a duty to perform. It is to go to the polls at the coming elections and by depositing our ballots in the right direction, rebuke the

GRAND LARCENY of the Democratic party in stealing the governorship of this state [great applause], in putting in office a man who was never elected; and another duty will be to elect a governor who will not try to make "two," with the one a little mutilated, spell twelve. [Laughter and applause.] The next duty will be to elect a legislature which will make it a felony, punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, to steal into a court house at night and mutilate the election returns so that Windy Wilson could give to John Amid Merritt

Pendleton a certificate and open his box of vipers. It only availed for a few days. [Great applause.]

The first act of that legislature should be to repeal the villainous gerrymander of the districts of this state by which the Democratic party expects to retain control of the legislative branch, and perhaps steal another governorship. [Applause.] Gentlemen, this is

A REPUBLICAN YEAR in West Virginia. Our Democratic friends are all at sea. They are hunting in vain for an issue and an argument. The itinerant tin plate peddlers with their two tin cups for a quarter can't work their game on the people this year. The cry that the tariff is a tax has been effectually answered. [Applause.]

My friend Hart, of the INTELLIGENCER, by the evidence of the best Democratic merchants in Wheeling, has succeeded in convincing even Democrats that that cry is exploded, and has made the Register hunt its hole, and you will soon witness the spectacle of the Register trying to cover itself with the hole that it has crawled into. [Great applause.]

The Fifty-first Congress gave to the country legislation that we as citizens rejoice in. As a result of that legislation I say without fear of contradiction that the laboring man of West Virginia may now go to any store in the state and there purchase with the produce of

ONE DAY'S LABOR more of the necessities of life than ever before in the history of the country, and this is the condition that stares the Democratic party in the face to-day. [Applause.] As a consequence, the Democratic party is afraid to face the issues of this campaign. It must remain what it has always been, a party of opposition, and that is all.

We point with pride to the administration of the chief executive of this country. [Great applause.] Courageous, able, conservative—and we congratulate the country that there is by his side that ablest of American statesmen and diplomats. [Continued applause.] We have no apologies to make for either of them. [Applause.]

Now, gentlemen, we are here for work, and we will go to work in earnest. This year our war cry is, "Up, boys, and at them!" [Great applause.]

WANTED TO OPEN THE DOORS. At the conclusion of Chairman Hooten's remarks, Hon. Alex. Campbell, of Ohio county, obtained the floor and introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That all resolutions offered be submitted to the committee on resolutions, when appointed, without being read."

The resolution was adopted without debate. Mr. Ruple, of Jefferson county, then arose and made a motion which created a sensation and met with vigorous opposition. It was that all Republicans present from any county and occupying seats with their delegations shall be considered delegates to the convention and participate as such.

Senator Alex. Campbell, of Ohio county, was on his feet in an instant with the point that counties had held primaries and conventions in good faith and that this proposition was manifestly unfair.

Mr. Ruple insisted on his motion, and after some debate, Mr. Atkinson suggested that while he believed Mr. Ruple meant well he must see that if his resolution were adopted it would give every Republican in Berkeley county, in which the convention is held, and who could get into the hall, a seat in the convention, and in that way Berkeley county could control the convention, which is intended to represent the Republicans of the entire state.

MR. HART NAMED. The roll of counties was then called for nominations for delegate at large. When Barbour was called James H. Fenton named Mr. C. B. Hart, of Wheeling, in a neat speech. Mr. Hart's name was received with great applause all over the hall.

Hon. Josiah Sinclair, of Benwood, on behalf of the good Republicans of Marshall county, seconded the nomination of Mr. Hart, as that of a man who was fighting the battle of protection through the columns of the leading newspaper in West Virginia.

Mr. McCleary, of Brooke county, also seconded the nomination with a brief speech bristling with good points eulogistic of the candidate.

Harrison county being reached in the call, S. F. Reed, of the Clarksburg Telegram, in one of the best speeches of the day, and one which was continually interrupted with applause, seconded Mr. Hart's nomination.

Then Mr. C. N. Hart, of the same county, moved to make Mr. Hart's ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION.

There were cries of "no," "no," and Mr. C. B. Hart's voice was heard above the rest; "I object."

Mineral county was called, and Editor Thompson, of the Keyser Echo, on behalf of that county, urged that West Virginia should send her heart to Minneapolis to help nominate the next President of the United States.

Col. R. E. East, of Monongalia county, seconded Mr. Hart's nomination on behalf of his county, and Hon. G. W. Atkinson asked and secured recognition as a spokesman for Nicholas county. In an eloquent speech he seconded Mr. Hart's nomination and called attention to the work the INTELLIGENCER was doing for Republicanism in West Virginia. His points were greeted with great applause.

Everything was for Mr. Hart up to this time, and it seemed that he would be nominated by acclamation, when Marshall county was reached, and the opposition, whatever it was, to Mr. Hart's election manifested itself for the first time. Mr. Parsons, of that county, placed

HOS. T. J. HUGUS, of Ohio county, in nomination, and he was followed by Mr. Parkinson, of the same delegation, who made a violent attack on Mr. Hart, his only point seeming to be that there were other Republicans worthy of recognition before Mr. Hart was heard of. These were followed by a speech by Dr. Caddle, of Ohio county, who declared that the Republican party owed it to Mr. Hart to elect him, that he, who had fought him before, was here to-day to say that he was heartily for him now.

S. G. Smith, of Ohio county, seconded the nomination of Mr. Hugas in a brief speech in eulogy of him, and at its close he was warmly applauded. Finally, after Mr. Peck, of Wood county, Mr. George Boss, of Pleasants, the Wetzel, Randolph and several other county delegations had seconded Mr. Hart's nomination, Mr. Hugas arose and withdrew his name.

HART IS ELECTED. In doing so he made a short speech, in which he thanked his friends for

their cordial support, expressed his cheerful obedience to the will of the majority, and he moved that Mr. Hart be elected by acclamation.

Mr. Hugas' action came at a most opportune time, and the convention, which had become greatly interested in the contest, appreciated the fact. At the conclusion of his remarks there was an outburst of applause, followed by cries of "Hart!" "Hart!" "Hugas!" "Hugas!"

Mr. Hart mounted the stage and after the cheering had subsided, thanked the convention for the honor that had been conferred upon him and said he knew of no better way of showing his appreciation of it than by refusing to fulfill a speech on the assembly.

The laughter and applause that followed this sally proved that the episode which had just transpired had in no wise disturbed

THE HARMONY OF THE OCCASION. In response to repeated calls Mr. Hugas made a few remarks in a happy vein. He was loudly cheered, and the convention once more settled down to business. The next thing in order was the election of an alternate-at-large from the first district. It did not take long to decide the question. S. F. Reid, of the Clarksburg Telegram, was placed in nomination by Hon. C. M. Shinn, of Marion county, and after several enthusiastic seconds from various counties, Mr. Reid was declared the choice by acclamation.

Up to this time the nominating speeches had been made under a call of the counties in alphabetical order. This was found to be a time killing arrangement, since by common consent each congressional district was to have the naming of a delegate-at-large, and on motion of P. W. Morris, it was decided to nominate the other three delegates by simply calling the counties by districts.

THE SECOND DISTRICT was called, and Edward S. Elliott, of Preston county, obtained the floor. In an eloquent speech he presented the name of Hon. Thomas E. Davis, of Taylor county, who had been recommended by the Second district convention for the honor.

Mr. Atkinson arose to move that Mr. Davis be elected by acclamation, but was interrupted by Mr. U. S. G. Pitzer, of Berkeley county, who, on behalf of the Berkeley county delegation, placed in nomination Hon. J. Nelson Wisner, of Martinsburg. Mr. Wisner's name was greeted with applause, and his nomination was warmly seconded from two or three counties.

Mr. Wisner, however, before a ballot could be taken, withdrew his name. He made a happy speech, in which he thanked his friends for their testimonial of esteem, and said that he believed in the principle laid down by that great Republican, James G. Blaine, that the valleys should yield to the mountains. Berkeley county, he said, had already been honored by the election of Mr. Bowers to Minneapolis, and he now moved that Mr. Davis, of Taylor county, be elected by acclamation. This was done.

For alternate-at-large, Prof. Hamilton Hatter, of Harper's Ferry, was unanimously elected in accordance with the resolution adopted in the Second district convention.

Professor Hatter is a colored man, and a professor in Stoner college, at Harper's Ferry. He received an ovation when he appeared on the stage and in a brief speech thanked the convention for the honor.

THE THIRD DISTRICT was next called, and Chairman Rucker, calling State Chairman Meighen to the chair, with a ringing speech presented the name of J. D. Hewitt, of Mercer county. There was no opposition and Mr. Hewitt was elected by acclamation, with uproarious applause.

Major J. W. Weaver, of Upshuro county, was elected alternate without opposition, the mention of his name being greeted with enthusiasm.

When the Fourth district was called, Hon. P. W. Morris presented the name of Hon. John A. Hutchinson with a speech full of wit and eloquence. There was no other nomination, and Mr. Hutchinson was elected by acclamation. Then the convention rose on its feet and elected Mr. Morris as Mr. Hutchinson's alternate, before Mr. Morris had recovered his breath from his forensic effort. This completed the business, but before the big convention adjourned the following resolution was adopted, being offered by Hon. B. M. Jones, of Monongalia county.

"We highly appreciate the honors conferred on the state of West Virginia by the President in the appointment of John W. Mason, Nathan Gott and Stephen B. Elkins, our fellow citizens, to the high positions respectively of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Judge of the United States circuit court of the Fourth judicial district and secretary of war, and pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to justify the confidence expressed by the administration in the Republicanism of the state by removing the state from the doubtful column and giving such a majority as cannot be counted out by the thimble rigging tactics of a conscienceless Democracy."

The convention then amid great enthusiasm adjourned sine die. G. A. D.

THE SECOND DISTRICT

Good Delegates Chosen at Martinsburg Yesterday—A Little Contest.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., May 5.—The second district convention to select delegates to Minneapolis met at 10 o'clock promptly and was called to order by Chairman G. W. Z. Black, of the congressional committee. He appointed Hon. T. W. Fleming, of Marion county, temporary chairman. Col. R. E. East, of Monongalia county, was made secretary.

Chairman Fleming on coming forward to take the gavel was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The temporary organization was made permanent. The usual committees were appointed, but a motion made doing away with the committee on resolutions in view of the fact that the state convention in the afternoon would elect a platform which all good Republicans would endorse.

Chairman Fleming then announced that the business before the convention was the election of delegates to the Minneapolis convention.

Hon. Edward S. Elliott, of Preston county, here introduced a resolution which called forth a somewhat lengthy, not to say

WARM DEBATE, in which the Berkeley and Jefferson county men made a vigorous protest against it. The resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That the Republicans of the Second congressional district conven-

tion assembled do most cordially and earnestly recommend to the state Republican convention Thomas E. Davis, of Taylor county, for one of the delegates-at-large from West Virginia to the coming national convention.

No sooner had the resolution been read than there was a protest from Berkeley county. Mr. Alex. Olohan, of that county, made a speech declaring that it was not in the province of the district convention to name a delegate-at-large, and U. S. G. Pitzer, in a rattling speech, sustained the point.

A colored delegate from Jefferson made an eloquent plea for colored representation among the delegates at large and moved to substitute the name of Prof. Hamilton Hatter, president of Stoner college, for that of Senator Davis.

This motion, by an overwhelming vote, was laid on the table, and the resolution of Mr. Elliott was finally adopted. Sheriff Jones, of Monongalia county, then moved that Mr. Hatter be recommended as Mr. Davis's alternate, and the motion was unanimously carried. The roll of the counties was then

called for nominations for district delegate. Mr. U. S. G. Pitzer, of Berkeley county, in an eloquent speech presented the name of Hon. George M. Bowers. Mr. Bowers' name was vociferously applauded.

The nomination was seconded by nearly every county in the district. Col. R. E. East, of Monongalia county, placed in nomination that county's distinguished citizen, Prof. I. C. White, the geologist of the state university, whose name was also greeted enthusiastically.

Hon. C. M. Shinn, of Marion county, moved the nominations close and that Bowers and White be nominated by acclamation. This was done with

A RUSH AND A HURRAH, and in response to calls both gentlemen thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon them.

Then without a jar G. T. Goshorn, editor of the South Branch Gazette, of Grant county, and Capt. E. A. Billingslea, of Marion county, were elected alternates.

Chairman Fleming, who, by the way, proved the right man in the right place and handled the big convention with the skill of a trained parliamentarian, thanked the delegates for the good work done, and declared the meeting adjourned, since it was time for the meeting of the state convention.

The district convention was composed of over three hundred delegates, and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of Second District Republicans ever held. G. A. D.

A SHREWD TRICK

By which Ex-Gov. Campbell loses—The 1892 Vote as the Basis.

COLUMBUS, O., May 5.—A startling discovery was made by ex-Governor Campbell's friends to-night; that causes quite a flurry in the camp. The call for the state convention—announces that the basis of representation for delegates shall be according to the vote for Campbell in 1880, instead of 1891. This basis gives Hamilton county twenty more delegates, the ringsters knifing Campbell, the lower Cuyahoga delegation ten.

The total improper gain over the state would be sixty-one delegates, mostly Campbell fighters. It is a precedent unheard of in politics to assume the basis by skipping back to the second gubernatorial election, and a great hub-bub is created in Campbell's forces. They are working now to block the game.

McKinley's Appointments.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. COLUMBUS, May 5.—Governor McKinley to-day appointed Hon. George L. Converse as one of the Democrat delegates to represent Ohio at the Nicaragua canal convention in St. Louis June 2. B. L. McElroy and George W. Caulfield were appointed chief oil inspectors for the state.

A Stranger Murdered and Robbed.

DAVENTRY, IA., May 5.—Evidence of the commission of a most foul murder was discovered here yesterday. The body of a well-dressed man, with the letters "H. N. H." sewed upon his clothing was found lodged against a raft in the Mississippi river. An investigation showed that the man had been shot through the head, beaten with some blunt instrument until his skull was fractured, his neck and nose being broken, and then cast into the river. The man was well dressed, but no money was found in his clothing, the pockets of which had been probably rifled by his murderers. No clue exists as to the identity of the victim or his destroyers.

A Captured Thief Cuts His Throat.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 5.—Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock Joe Frost, a notorious crook, cut his throat from ear to ear at the police station in this city. He was under arrest on a warrant from Memphis, where he is wanted for obtaining money under false pretenses. He is a native of Louisville, Ky., is thirty-eight years old, well known in police circles throughout the Middle and Western states, has served terms in state prisons in Illinois and Missouri, and has been a known thief since childhood. His windpipe is severed and he will die.

Succeeded in Killing Himself.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 5.—Thomas Hopkins, a teamster, came home drunk last night and tried to kill his wife with a hatchet. He struck her three times on the head, and then her daughter came to the rescue. Hopkins then went to a neighboring doorstep, where he drew a razor and cut his throat from ear to ear, dying almost instantly. It is not known whether the wife will recover or not.

Sullivan's Treasurer Arrested.

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 5.—Frank E. Moran, treasurer of the Duncan B. Harrison and John L. Sullivan combination now playing at the Bijou theatre in this city, was arrested this afternoon on an information before Alderman McMaster on a charge of embezzlement.

The prostration after the grip is entirely overcome by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It really does make the weak strong. 8

ALL FOR HARRISON. A Number of Republican Conventions held Yesterday.

THEIR SENTIMENT IS ALL ONE WAY

And those who do not instruct Endorse Harrison—Unanimity on other Leading Issues—Gov. Fifer Renominated in Illinois—A Day of Conventions.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 5.—The Republican state convention reassembled at 9 o'clock this morning. Chairman Hopkins, immediately after calling the convention to order, declared the reports of committees to be in order. The committee on permanent organization reported in favor of the following permanent offices: Chairman, A. J. Hopkins; secretary, Charles A. Partridge. The report was adopted.

The committee on delegates and alternates at large to the national convention and electors at large reported the following names: Delegates at Large—Shelby M. Cullom, Richard J. Oglesby, Joseph T. Cannon, Dr. Joseph Robbins, James H. Gilbert, Miles Kehoo, George B. Swift and Samuel B. Raymond. Electors at Large—Gen. W. C. Kullner, William Garrett, John W. E. Thomas and Maddison R. Harris.

After a brief discussion the report as read was adopted. The committee on resolutions, which had spent most of the night and part of the early morning in preparing the platform, presented its report. The platform arraigns the Democratic party for its position on the silver question; endorses the administration of President Harrison and instructs the delegates to vote for him at Minneapolis; endorses the state administration; eulogizes the record of Senator Cullom and the Illinois congressmen; declares against the truck store system, child labor and every form of convict labor; favors the passage of a law by the legislature providing for the investment of public funds, the interest on which shall be covered into the public treasury; favors postal telegraph and stringent immigration laws; commends pension legislation; demands the protection of the colored voters in the South, and favors the adoption of a uniform system of appraisal of personal property, thereby securing equal taxation, and the modified compulsory education plank mentioned above.

After the platform had been adopted nominations were declared in order, and the names of the candidates for governor were presented.

Governor Joseph W. Fifer was nominated for governor on the first ballot. Lieutenant Governor Lyman B. Ray, of Grundy, was nominated for lieutenant governor on the first ballot, and I. N. Pearson was nominated for secretary of state.

Gen. C. W. Favey, of Mount Vernon, was renominated for auditor on the first ballot.

Kansas Endorses Harrison. HUTCHINSON, KAN., May 5.—The Republican state convention to-day adopted a platform which urges the passage of such laws as will increase the coinage of silver, look to the coinage of the production in our own mines, as soon as it can be done without injury to the business interests of the country; approves the efforts of the present administration in seeking the co-operation of the principal commercial nations of the world in bringing silver to a parity with gold as the currency of the world. The platform heartily endorses President Harrison's administration, but does not place the Minneapolis delegation under orders to vote for his renomination. The platform further commends the McKinley tariff and reciprocity and praises Secretary Blaine's administration of the state department.

Delaware Republicans. DOVER, DEL., May 5.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 12:30 p. m. by Chairman John Pilling, of the state central committee. Dr. Hiram L. Burton, was elected temporary chairman, and Hugh C. Browne temporary secretary. Chairman Burton took the chair without making a speech.

Senator Anthony Higgins and Gen. James H. Wilson, of New Castle county, George V. Massey and Dr. Frank W. Marshall, of Kent, and J. Frank Bacon and George F. Pierce, of Sussex, were elected in caucus as the national delegates, and the nominations ratified by the convention in the afternoon.

Virginia Cheers Harrison.

ROANOKE, VA., May 5.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 12:30 in the Opera House, by Gen. William Mahone. When General Mahone ascended the stage he was greeted with prolonged cheers. About 600 delegates were present. John M. Langston was also greeted with cheers when he appeared on the platform.

John J. Dryer, of Southampton, proposed "three cheers for Harrison, the next President," and the audience went wild. Men jumped to their feet and yelled until hoarse. General Mahone's address was received with great applause.

Minnesota Republicans.

ST. PAUL, May 5.—The platform adopted by the Republican convention to-day declares that the Republicans of Minnesota renew their declaration of belief in the principles of the party, in protection to American labor and industries, reciprocity, an honest dollar worth 100 cents, a free ballot and a fair count, and recognition of the soldier, and it endorses the administration of President Harrison.

The Rhode Island Convention.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 5.—The Republican state convention met to-day. The names of President Harrison and Secretary Blaine were applauded. The following were elected delegates-at-large: W. G. Roelker, Samuel P. Colt, Wm. Gregory and Frank G. Harris.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia and Ohio, generally fair, except light showers in northern Ohio; slightly warmer on the lake; cooler in the interior by Friday night. For Western Pennsylvania, showers; slightly warmer; variable winds.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

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9 a. m. 55 7 p. m. 62
12 m. 52 10 p. m. 52
11 p. m. 52 Weather—Fair.