DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLE IN LOCAL CONVENTION

Gavin McNab's Programme Is Accepted by Delegates.

Jasper McDonald, Chairman, Is Clothed With Authority to Appoint Forty Members of the County Committee.

DELEGATES to the local convention of the Democratic party, chosen at the primary election August 8, assembled for their first session at Native Sons' Hall last night and made a creditable display. Members congratulated each other on the excellence of the convention, and several allusions were made to the fact that Republicans took part in the election of the delegates.

The programme prepared in advance by Gavin McNab was carried out to the letter. There was a show of resistance to the plan of selecting the County Committee, which gave to the chairman of the convention authority to appoint forty at large to reinforce four from each district selected by the respective district delegations. No doubt Mr. McNab and Jasper McDonald will find forty men to serve on the committee who cannot be used by the Rainey-Examiner combine. The district delegations named their seventy-two county committeemen last night, and the forty required to make up the whole number—112—will be named when McNab and McDonald get ready.

There was a protest against the programme method of selecting candidates for the Board of Supervisors. The programme provided that the recommendations should be made by a committee of seven, appointed by the chair. Efforts were made to increase the number, but the independent delegates could not rally sufficient strength to break the slate.

Chairman McDonald will take some time and care in selecting men to comprise the committee of seven. He will have a long list of names from which he may choose the required number. During a short recess last night more than a dozen delegates expressed a desire to serve on that committee.

The gallery was not crowded with spectators, and there was no crush of visitors in the lobby of the main floor. Aspirants for office were visible on all sides, but were not demonstrative. Some loud talking in angry tones directed the attention of the convention to the Forty-third District's delegation. It appeared that Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Fagan entertained different opinions as to the merits of men proposed for the County Committee. The dispute became so spirited that the convention deemed it prudent to elect a sergeant-at-arms. Before the convention adjourned harmony was restored.

Committees on order of business, resolutions, etc., which the convention authorized the chairman to appoint, will be named after suggestions have been received from Gavin McNab. The delegates will be called together again at the pleasure of the chairman. Mr. McNab will signify the day and hour of the chairman's pleasure.

It was a full hour after the time set for the meeting when the delegates found their seats and Jasper McDonald rapped the assembly into a silence.

The roll was called by Temporary Secretary T. J. Walsh, and then McDonald declared nominations in order for the permanent officers of the convention.

Dr. Beverly Cole with his usual softness and grace of speech led up to the nomination of Jasper McDonald for permanent chairman. What the eloquent medico wanted most particularly was a man who was "fair, square, honest and who would best represent the fine body of men present." The convention was of the same opinion as to the merits and qualifications of Jasper McDonald, and he was unanimously elected to the chair.

The next business was the election of a permanent secretary. Mr. Schweigert, of much pyrotechnic oratorical fame, named Tom Hickey, to whom he referred as the prince of entertainers "south of the slot," the stronghold and bulwark of municipal Democracy. Hickey was as popular with the delegates as McDonald himself, and the secretaryship went to him without a dissenting voice.

The first business to be transacted after organization came before the convention on a motion of M. C. Hassett for the chair to appoint a committee on order of business. A second was readily found and the motion was unanimously carried.

Andrew Maguire moved the appointment of a committee of fifteen on platform and resolutions, but Bert Schlesinger particularly desired a representative from each district on this committee, and his amendment to make it eighteen was carried, one for each district.

The appointment of the committee for the selection of Supervisors indicated the warm fight that was to follow the appointment of representatives to the county committee. The original motion was for the lucky number seven, but a batch of amendments followed in quick succession, some for eighteen members, and one for as many as thirty-six. The original number was finally selected.

The fight of the evening which provoked the true spirit of Democracy and consumed a full hour of time was over the discussion of appointment of representatives to the county committee. P. H. McCarthy introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Democratic County Committee of the City and County of San Francisco shall consist of 112 members, four members thereof to be selected forthwith by the delegates in this convention from every Assembly district and the remainder to be appointed at large by the chairman of this convention. Vacancies occurring in the County Committee after its selection shall be filled by the remaining members thereof.

That started the ball rolling. William E. White objected to this system of apportionment and he proposed a representation based upon the primary vote at the last election. Columns of numbers were presented and the discussion waxed hot over the distinct claims of each district for representation. When the convention worked its spirit out on this amendment P. J. Haggerty felt in duty bound to suggest another, and he was for the appointment of five members from each district and eighteen others to be selected by the chair. The amendment to the amendment died a quick death when a vote was called, and the amendment met the same fate as the first. McCarthy's original motion was carried.

A recess was suggested by Chairman McDonald, but before this could be peaceably allowed the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Democratic local convention appoint a committee consisting of one man from each of the eighteen Assembly districts to act in conjunction with the Red Cross and employment committee to aid in securing employment for the San Francisco boys, and also aid in having soldiers from other cities returned to their homes.

The following are the committee, in the order of districts, from the Twenty-eighth to the Forty-fifth:

William A. Peake, James J. Farrell, Robert Gough, John F. Rennault, E. J. Brandon, P. J. Hagerty, A. W. Thompson, John H. Grady, R. S. Shepston, A. G. Maguire, Leo Kaufman, R. V. Whiting, M. C. Hassett, Livingston Jenks, Curtis Hillyer, P. H. McCarthy, G. Caglieri, T. B. W. Leland.

A fifteen minutes' recess gave the chairmen of districts an opportunity to enter the names of the four appointees to the County Committee. Everything progressed smoothly upon the reassemblage of the convention until the Forty-third District was reached. The Forty-third had not filed the names of the four committeemen, and when the district was called in regular order a war of words was introduced upon the scene. William E. McCarthy, chairman of the Forty-third, arose and attempted to tell the convention that the delegates had not had an opportunity to reach an understanding. This was martial food for J. J. Fagan of the same district, and he claimed long and vociferously that an agreement had been reached. For a time it looked as if a fight was about to break out, but Chairman McDonald passed the district after a motion to investigate the contention had been lost.

In the reading of the committeemen an objection was taken to the name of Thomas O'Neill. This matter as well as the tangle in the Forty-third was put over. All names entered were declared members of the County Committee, and it was suggested that the other districts decide and send in their names. The Forty-third finally worked its way out of the tangle and agreed on the four members. The Thirty-fifth fell in line and the four names originally read were agreed upon.

The convention then adjourned to be reconvened at the call of the chair.

The choice of the districts for their representatives to the County Committee is as follows:

Twenty-eighth—J. J. Allen, M. J. Brown, T. J. Cleary, Patrick Hayes.

Twenty-ninth—George Cullen, Thomas Dempsey, Thomas F. Eagan, James F. Walsh.

Thirtieth—P. J. Tomalty, J. Farrell, Charles McMurray, George W. McLaughlin.

Thirty-first—Daniel Donovan, Thomas Hickey, Charles J. Gallagher, J. F. Renault.

Thirty-second—J. F. Twigg, J. T. Monoghan, Edward Lawton, James T. Mooney.

Thirty-third—J. J. Donovan, John Behan, P. J. Finnigan, James O. Flynn.

Thirty-fourth—A. B. Maguire, John H. Hanson, P. H. Flinn, J. E. O'Brien.

Thirty-fifth—Thomas Kerby, Thomas E. Curran, Joseph B. Vizzard, Thomas O'Neil.

Thirty-sixth—W. J. Nixon, P. J. McCormick, Ed Ring, E. J. Coffey.

Thirty-seventh—John Connor, T. J. Walsh, J. H. Bloom, J. F. Tyler.

Thirty-eighth—W. Green, — Cassassa, J. Lynch, J. Finn.

Thirty-ninth—R. V. Whitney, Charles W. Meehan, James F. Ford, T. J. Fitzsimmons.

Fortieth—Jasper McDonald, S. W. Van Wyck, Bernard Bienfield, T. P. Riordan.

Forty-first—E. Pohli, Daniel T. Haley, C. W. Hayden, John N. Mueh.

Forty-second—George McGillvary, W. S. Bonta, Curtis Hillyer, J. J. Sullivan.

Forty-third—J. J. Fagan, P. H. McCarthy, A. F. Vogelsang, W. Finnegan.

Forty-fourth—John Feeny, John O'Connell, V. Demartin, William Ortelli.

Forty-fifth—Thomas Murray, George Dahlbender, M. J. Herran, T. B. W. Leland.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Independents Protest Against the Action of the Central League.

A number of independent delegates to the Republican municipal convention met in executive session in Concord Hall, A. O. F. building, 102 O'Farrell street, last night. The meeting was called to order by A. Ruef, who represented the delegates of the Forty-fourth Assembly District who had won out at the late primary against the combined ticket of Crimmins and Kelly and the Citizens' Republican faction.

The object of the meeting was to express indignation and take action on the result of the caucus held by the Citizens' Republican League at the Grand Hotel, where, it is claimed by the independents who voted with the caucus, that their votes were obtained by fraudulent misrepresentation of clever politicians, who took advantage of the inexperience of the independents. The selecting of the County Committee by the Citizens' League from the districts where the independents have won is also objected to, as it shuts them out entirely so far as representation in the County Committee is concerned. The meeting last night represented, it is claimed, eleven Assembly Districts and was addressed by John F. English, A. Ruef, F. P. Haynes, M. Cerf, Robert C. Kelly, E. D. Feusier, A. W. Liechti, J. F. Newford, A. Lewald, G. J. Raychester and others. It was finally decided that a committee be appointed from each district represented as an advisory committee to consider the best course to pursue to act in concert with the other delegates. The independents claim that they represent enough votes to prevent any faction from "owning" the convention.

The delegates of the Thirty-sixth Assembly District who "walked out" of the Grand Hotel caucus last Saturday night reported to their district club at Hartford Hall, on Hartford street near Eighteenth, last night. After hearing their report the district club commended the action taken by their delegates and tendered them a vote of confidence. An invitation was received from L. L. Solomon of the Citizens' Republican League by the delegates to return to the fold, where their opinion would be received.

The meeting adjourned without taking action on the invitation.

OLD COMMANDER OF THE COLORADO BOYS HERE

BRIGADIER GENERAL HALE ARRIVES ON THE DORIC.

Says He Had No Trouble With Otis and Absolutely Refuses to Criticize the Campaign in the Philippines.

Brigadier General Irving Hale, formerly colonel of the Colorado Regiment, is at the Occidental with his wife. He arrived yesterday on the Doric from Yokohama. General Hale left Manila on July 18 on the transport Warren, which ship conveyed his old regiment back to this city. The general left the transport at Nagasaki, and after spending a few days sightseeing in Japan took the regular steamer for home.

General Hale, who is a graduate from West Point, went to the front as colonel of the Colorado Regiment. He was promoted to his present rank for distinguished gallantry at the storming of Manila. At the time of the Filipino outbreak his brigade consisted of the Nebraska, Colorado and South Dakota regiments. It was in front of the Nebraska position that the trouble first commenced, and from that time until the brigade was mustered out it was continually at the front.

Much has been said of the criticisms that are reported to have been passed on General Otis by General Hale. When seen yesterday General Hale positively repudiated all such articles and said that he had not made any remarks uncomplimentary to the commanding general, nor would he discuss the conduct of the campaign in any way whatever.

He is not sure how long he will remain in this city, but in all probability he will not depart until his old regiment leaves. General Hale comes out of the war with a record that is unsurpassed by any commanding officer in the Philippines.

Reunion of Sons of the Emerald Isle.

The Tyrone, Fermanagh and Donegal Benevolent Society will give its ninth annual reunion and picnic next Sunday at Shell Mound Park. Athletic games will be a feature of the day's sport. Music will be furnished by the Home Rule and the Hibernian bands. For the jig and reel dancing the music will be played by Tim McCarthy, the Irish piper, and Professor McMahon, the celebrated Irish fiddler from the Curragh of Kildare, Ireland. The committee of arrangements consists of John Deveny, John P. Daley, Bernard Gormon, John Quinlan, Hugh McGlaughan, James McLafferty, Patrick Hurley, Peter Garrey, Hugh O'Farrall, James McCarthy, John Collins and Edward Golding.

Husbands Deserted Them.

Suits for divorce on the ground of desertion have been filed by Alice K. Gavin against Edward M. Gavin, and Catherine M. Keating against John P. Keating. Fannie E. Ott has been granted a divorce from Frederick W. Ott on the ground of desertion.

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CRISIS NOW REACHED IN THE QUARANTINE WAR

This Will Force the State to Appeal to the Courts for an Amicable Settlement of the Matter.

THE war between the Federal and the State quarantine departments which has been going on for several months, to the injury of the city, received a check yesterday by the dedided action of Customs Surveyor Spear, who instructed his inspectors on board the Doric to prevent Dr. Carl Cohn, the State Quarantine Officer, from boarding the vessel. Mr. Spear held that the Federal statutes and customs regulations do not recognize the State quarantine officials and that they should be treated as private persons. In pursuance of this order, the customs inspectors in charge of the Doric informed Dr. Cohn that he would not be allowed to come on board until after the steamer had been allowed free pratique by the Federal Quarantine Officer.

Dr. Cohn protested, but in a mild way, and contented himself with taking down the names of the customs inspectors with a view to legal proceedings. Hereafter, if no order of court intervenes to the contrary, no State quarantine officer will be allowed to board an incoming vessel before she has been granted free pratique by the Federal Quarantine Officer.

It is probable that the State authorities will appeal to the courts and that the unseemly wrangling will be brought to a speedy end.

Customs Surveyor Spear relies upon the following sections in the Revised Statutes of the United States:

No person, except pilots, customs and health officers, Consuls and agents of the vessel, shall be permitted to come on board or leave a vessel without permission of the customs officer in charge until all the passengers and their baggage shall have been duly landed.

No pilot or other person will be allowed to leave a vessel until the vessel shall have been inspected by the quarantine officer, and any person violating this requirement shall be reported to the nearest United States Attorney for prosecution. No person will be allowed to leave the quarantine reservation or a vessel placed in quarantine without permission of the quarantine officer.

Mr. Spear contends that as the foregoing provisions of the United States statutes were made for the government of Federal matters, the health officers mentioned are the Federal health officers and that no other health officials are recognized.

FINIGAN'S FACE WAS NOT GOOD FOR HIS BOARD

Asked to Leave the Hotel Rafael.

Colonel Peter A. Finigan, the legal pauper of the Hotel Rafael, is out in the cold world. He and his three daughters have been "fired" out of the hostelry because no more money was forthcoming and General Warfield cannot run his house on promises.

Finigan, up to his involuntary exit on Monday, held a most peculiar position in the world of hotel people. He was living at the swellest place in the suburb and at the same time he managed to prove in court that he had not a cent. He was not ejected from the house, either, or at least not as early as that, and there was nothing money could buy that Finigan denied himself. He came to the hotel from a cell in prison, which he had been occupying because he would not pay his ex-wife the alimony a court had allowed her.

Finigan's plea in extenuation of his failure to pay the alimony was that he had not the money; that he was in every sense a pauper. The court sized up the evidences of wealth with which Finigan was surrounding himself and thought otherwise, so Finigan was sent to jail until such time as he was willing to put up the money allowed his wife. He was stubborn and remained in jail, and while he dined upon the fat of the land he still declared he was penniless and finally he convinced the court.

He was allowed to leave the jail as a pauper and he went from the jail to the Hotel Rafael, where he lived for three years with his daughters. He has paid money to General Warfield at times, but never very much—never enough to lay him liable to the charge of perjury for swearing he was a pauper. His daughters had some property in Berkeley and this they mortgaged to General Warfield, and upon that they lived at the hotel in the best of style. But the value of the mortgage had been used up, and no other funds or mortgages were forthcoming. General Warfield wanted the Finigan bills kept straight, but Finigan could not put up any money, for as soon as he did the the falsity of his paupership plea would become evident and the jail would yawn for him again, and perhaps after all he would be compelled to put up the alimony. It was a delicate position for a sensitive gentleman to be placed in, but Finigan stood it as long as he could. In fact, it was Warfield who made the first move. Finigan and his daughters made the second. It was one to Berkeley, where Finigan is going to try to live up to his means again without belying the oath that let him out of jail. It is a problem in finances that might be made profitable if he can find some unsuspecting hotel man to help him work it out.

HARVARD CLUB HONORS PROFESSOR A. AGASSIZ

WISHES HIM BON VOYAGE AT A MAGNIFICENT BANQUET.

He Goes to Explore the Depths of the South Pacific in the Interests of Scientific Education.

Professor Agassiz, the distinguished scientist, was the guest of honor at a dinner of the Harvard Club of California, held Monday night in the banquet-room of Delmonico's. Over sixty members sat down to an excellent menu that had been prepared for their entertainment, and not a thing was lacking either in the composition of the dinner, the service or the conviviality of the men who ate it, which would help to make it a perfect success.

When the physical man had been sufficiently pacified to listen patiently President Sam Biglow arose and in a bright, well delivered speech introduced the guest of the evening to those of the members to whom he was not already known. Professor Agassiz in his reply outlined the object of his visit to the coast, which is as follows: He will sail this morning on the Fish Commission's vessel Albatross for an extended tour of the waters surrounding the islands of the South Pacific and those washing the coasts of China and Japan. He will make the most exhaustive researches of the ocean's depths where they have not already been overhauled by the famous Challenger expedition, which was sent out some years ago by the English Government. Professor Agassiz thinks that, owing to the limited facilities enjoyed by the directors of that expedition, there will be found by him much that is new and which will be of great interest to the scientific world. There is one spot alone, off the Japanese coast, over 6700 fathoms in depth, which has never been sounded and which the professor, with the instruments which he will take with him, will be able to thoroughly explore. The voyage is expected to last over six months at least, and at its conclusion Professor Agassiz will give to the world the result of his explorations in a volume which should be widely sought after by those interested in such matters. Professor Agassiz is staying at the Palace, where he arrived Sunday evening.

Following Professor Agassiz, Horace Davis, J. W. Taylor and a number of others spoke, after which an election was held, at which T. W. Hunfington of this city, W. D. M. Howard of San Mateo and C. C. Bull of Belmont and a Rough Rider of fame, were admitted to membership.

In regard to the Agassiz expedition it is said that much of the expense attendant thereon will be born by the gentleman himself, who is well possessed of this world's goods, as the $800,000 he has already donated to Harvard at various times and in various ways bear testimony.

DEATH OF MRS. HITCHCOCK.

One of California's Best-Known Women Passes Away at the Palace Hotel.

Mrs. Martha Hitchcock died at the Palace Hotel last evening after a very short illness. Mrs. Hitchcock was one of the best known of the pioneer women of the State. She was the widow of Dr. H. C. Hitchcock, who was formerly head of the Army Medical Department on this coast and who died here in 1885. The family of the Hitchcocks come from Georgia, where the deceased was born and where she was married to Dr. Hitchcock, who was at that time a young army surgeon. Some time after their marriage Dr. Hitchcock was ordered out to this city to assume charge of the Medical Department of California. He remained here in that position for several years, when he resigned and entered upon a private practice, at which he amassed an immense fortune, which he left to his widow when he died.

Mrs. Hitchcock was eighty-two years of age at the time of her death. Some time ago she took a trip to Paris, and ever since her return she had been ailing, though not in a state of health that gave any apparent cause for alarm; consequently her death was a great shock to her relatives and friends.

The deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. Lillian Coit, the widow of Howard Coit, who was for many years caller of the San Francisco Stock Exchange when that institution was seeing its palmiest days. He died in 1885, the same year that witnessed the demise of his father-in-law.

Mrs. Coit is known to every old-timer in the city as Lillie Hitchcock, who was a member of Volunteer Fire Company No. 5 and who used to run with the old "machin'" whenever the boys were called out.

As yet no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral.

SHEEPSKINS FOR FORTY NEW DOCTORS

COOPER MEDICAL COLLEGE AT ITS COMMENCEMENT.

Professor Lane and Rabbi Voorsanger Talk to Budding Medicos.

The large auditorium of Cooper Medical College was filled to overflowing last evening with a brilliant audience gathered to assist in sending some forty-four new doctors of medicine out upon an ill-ridden world. The women graduates numbered eleven. The dean of the faculty, Dr. Henry Gibbons Jr., announced the speakers.

Rev. A. J. Wells offered an earnest prayer and the degrees were conferred by the president, Dr. L. C. Lane, who congratulated the graduates upon their successful completion of the prescribed four years' course and said to them that as a reward for their devotion to their professional studies he was empowered to bestow upon each of them the degree of doctor of medicine and a diploma of graduation.

Professor C. N. Ellinwood had been selected by the faculty to deliver to the graduates the valedictory from their Alma Mater. He eulogized the profession of medicine and spoke of the study of its various branches, physiology, pathology, therapeutics, etc., with enthusiasm. He bade them be grateful for the great advantages under which they had studied at Cooper College.

The principal address of the evening was by Rabbi Voorsanger, and was filled with serious thought, bold assertions and pertinent suggestions. In his opening words the speaker was very happy in his complimentary and encouraging sayings to the new doctors, and was full of his characteristic eloquence. He eulogized Cooper College and its faculty, and because these learned professors had pronounced the graduates competent, so, he said, society might fully trust the graduates.

But Rabbi Voorsanger had something more serious to say to both graduates and audience. He warned them that, with the spread of general education, the professions are filling too rapidly and the standards are lowering. He charged that the sin of commercialism had entered the ranks of the learned professions and that the doctor, the lawyer and the professor were in danger of degenerating to mere fee-earners. With solemnity the rabbi adjured his young friends to keep their standards lofty, to protect the sanctity of their professional ideals, to remember that while the practitioner earned and deserved his pay, yet his life must be devoted to the far loftier duty of ameliorating the suffering of humanity.

The rabbi's address created a profound impression and was full of fire to the very close. Following is the list of graduates:

Jacob Lewis Arbogast, Frank James Bailey, Willard Chapin Bailey, Schuyler A. Barber, Joseph Henry Bernard, Mariana Bertola, Edward Martin Cherry, Ph. G.; William Redwood Price Clark, Harold Edgeworth Davis, D.M.D.; William Aloysius Dougherty, Weston Burgess Estes, D.D.S.; Elizabeth Eaton Grotefend, David Hadden, B.S.; Edward Russell Hanlon, Ph.G.; Mary Anne Harriss, Beatrice Moses Kinle, Frank Loraine Hinkly, Gustave Adolph Huebner, William Harriman Jones, A.B.; Elizabeth Florence Emma Keys, Alva Dutton Stearns McCoy, B.S.; George Henry McGeer Jr., May Alma McKinney, William Melville McLaren, Austin Vicente Miller, Pauline A. Moore, Nellie Louisa Morse, Anna Marie Mosgrove, Maurice William O'Connell, B.S.; LaForest Ethelbert Phillips, Grace Honora Sharp, Alfred Manle Sharrocks, A.B.; Martin Ephraim Simon, Arthur Montell Smith, Donald Raymond Smith, Lorenzo Ludlum Stephens, William Edward Tebbe, Frank Pixley Topping, Ernest Albrecht Victors, William Cooper Voorsanger, B.S.; Samuel Jenkins Wells, William Martin Wightman, Ray Lyman Wilbur, A.M.; Adolph Louis William Zillmer.

Accidents to Decorators.

William H. Kelly was decorating the outside of a saloon at Fourth and Minna streets Monday night when the ladder on which he stood slipped and he fell to the ground. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, and died yesterday morning. His body was removed to the Morgue. He lived at 157 Fourth street. Yesterday afternoon George Hayes, a bartender in a saloon at Sixth and Brannan streets, was decorating the outside of the saloon when the ladder slipped and Hayes fell, fracturing his right leg. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital.

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