

DISGRACEFUL SCHEME OF BOSSES TO THWART REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE

NEW GOODS.

Futile Efforts of Kelly and Crimmins to Defeat an Honest Primary Election.

Uproarious Confusion at Shiels Hall Produced by a Gang of Rounders.

FUTILE AND FARCICAL EFFORT OF THE BOSSES.

A DISGRACEFUL but futile effort was made last night by twenty-five committeemen, wearing the brand of Kelly, Crimmins and Herrin, to overthrow the plan regularly adopted by the Republican County Committee for conducting the primary election on lines of decency and honesty. The proceedings from start to finish were uproarious and farcical. Before the twenty-five kickers started in to make a show of their weakness and subservency, Alfred Bouvier, chairman of the County Committee, duly informed every one present that no meeting of the County Committee had been called and that no meeting would be held. The boss-branded committeemen, backed by a hoteling mob of rounders and loafers, decided, however, to remain. After many calls had been made for well-known members to preside, Augustus Tilden, who is supposed to be seeking the favor of Kelly and Crimmins for nomination to the office of Justice of the Peace, was elected to handle the gavel.

James A. Wilson, the regular secretary, refused to participate in the conference, hence another man was chosen to act. The roll call was a howling farce. An old list of names was used. As a name was called twenty rounders in the rear of the hall shouted, "Here." Several well-known and reputable members of the County Committee, who remained to see the circus, enlivened the proceedings by raising points of order. They made a monkey of the chairman to such a degree that he lost his temper and used profane and insulting language.

He was told that he was hanging his head with shame for the part that he was acting and was asked to state frankly if he was not performing the service assigned to him in consideration of a promise from Kelly and Crimmins that they would give him the nomination for Justice of the Peace.

Practically nothing was done at the conference. A resolution to appeal to the State Central Committee was declared adopted, but notice of reconsideration given by A. Ruef leaves the subject pending. When the meeting adjourned the boss sympathizers admitted their defeat and several of them applied for recognition.

It is doubtful if the protest from the kickers will be lodged with the State Central Committee, as the plan provided by the Republican County Committee gives every honest citizen an opportunity to vote once and to have his vote counted. The official call, signed by Alfred Bouvier, chairman, and James A. Wilson, secretary, is published elsewhere in this paper. Delegate tickets to be voted for next Friday must be filed with the County Committee on or before noon to-day. The tickets, uniform in size and color of the paper, must be obtained from the County Committee. Credentials attesting the election of delegates must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the Republican County Committee.

The bosses, Kelly, Crimmins and Herrin, have made a desperate effort to seize the Republican local organization, but owing to the firmness and integrity of a majority of the County Committee, plans to prevent as far as possible stuffing and repeating have been adopted. It remains now for Republican citizens to go to the polls and vote the anti-boss ticket.

THE proceedings of the gathering last night at Shiels Hall resulting from a circular issued by twenty-eight Kelly-Crimmins members of the Republican County Central Committee began by a declaration by Chairman Alfred Bouvier of the meeting's irregularity. The uproar began at once, and Tilden said as notification to the members. Therefore there is no meeting to-night. There can't be a meeting and anything you do here cannot bear the slightest semblance to legality. I state this as a fact for your information and not as a presiding officer here. Gentlemen, I bid you good-evening.

And Bouvier left the hall. Augustus Tilden at once called for the first vice chairman, but there was no response. He called for the second vice chairman and still there was no response. The uproar began at once, and Tilden said that as a member of the committee he would take the chair till organization could be effected. He called for Secretary Wilson, but that gentleman declined to act, and George Sharp was appointed temporary secretary.

When the attempt was made to elect Tilden and Sharp chairman and secretary for the evening, a stormy scene ensued, and the storm lasted until an adjournment was taken two hours later. A Ruef, J. F. Byrne, Adrian Smith, A. B. Truman and J. J. Truman Jr. began a policy of obstruction that was intended to emphasize the irregularity of the meeting.

Only a Gathering. Adrian Smith made the point of order

Farcical Appeal to State Committee the Last Resort of Kickers.

The Anti-Boss Forces Stand Firm and Hold Possession of the Works.

resolution was taken and the resolution was declared adopted. Ruef changed his vote and gave notice that he would move to reconsider at the next regular meeting of the committee. In order to forestall such action, Leon Samuels moved a reconsideration at once. The motion was voted down, and Ruef gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the motion for a reconsideration. Samuels then offered another resolution, the purport of which was that provided the names of the primary were of a certain width and of a proper length, they should not be declared illegal because they had not been furnished by the chairman of the County Central Committee or by a subcommittee. The resolutions were so plainly out of order even at this disorderly meeting that the motion was forced so to rule when the point was pressed by I. J. Truman Jr.

DEMOCRATS FIRE OPENING GUN OF FALL CAMPAIGN

The Hon. M. F. Taylor Scores Administration's Foreign Policy, Roasts the Trusts and Denounces the Boer War.

Bryan was eulogized, McKinley was roasted, imperialism was deplored, trusts were condemned and the Republican party and its principles generally were glorified. At a Bryan and Stevenson rally in Metropolitan Temple on Fifth street last evening, Democrats and a generous sprinkling of curious Republicans filled the big auditorium to its seating capacity. The speaker of the evening was the Hon. M. F. Taylor, who stamped the principal cities of the United States in 1896 for Bryan and "Sixteen to one."

A couple of big bands on Fifth street and the bare of a brass band attracted a crowd and as early as 8 o'clock the temple was pretty well filled. Red, white and blue bunting was festooned around the gallery railing and back of the stage were American flags, tastefully draped around a silver shield, which was surmounted by the head of an eagle. Although 200 invitations were sent to prominent Democrats to occupy seats on the platform only about fifty responded, and they marched in at 8:30 o'clock to the strains of "There'll Be a Hot Time." Among those on the platform were Captain C. H. Maddox, J. J. Valentine, County Attorney F. C. Lane, Assessor Lewis F. Byington, W. B. Croux, J. J. Dwyer, Seth Mann, C. W. Reed, Judge Sullivan, Judge Evans, Charles Gilkey, J. A. Jones, Charles H. Swelgert and J. Foster. In the absence of ex-Governor James B. Hild, who was detained by illness, Senator J. C. Kings presided. He said he would simply ring up the curtain and announce the prologue of the play. He paid Mr. Bryan a flattering tribute, which elicited applause. Bryan, he said, should be supported with enthusiasm, not because of his staidness, integrity and purity in life or of his conspicuous fitness to discharge the duties of President, but because he is the standard bearer of the principles calculated to perpetuate and preserve the nation and its great institutions.

Taylor's Speech.

Hon. M. F. Taylor was then introduced, and he spoke for an hour and a half, touching upon all the main issues in the campaign, besides giving his views on the China situation and the Boer war, the latter being made at the request of an uncertain individual in the audience. "I shall never forget my first introduction to a California audience," he began. "I came here four years ago, broken down in health and almost on the verge of my grave. Judge Lawlor brought me around here one night, and told me to talk to you twenty minutes and not say anything. I had been used to talking an hour and not saying anything, so it was a treat for me that night. I had a big audience and that occasion began one of the pleasantest experiences I ever had. I brought you then the name of William J. Bryan and I am back again to-night with the same name, and if God gives him life we will be back with him again as he deals with you. In the last campaign the issues were mainly national. There was practically no difference in the positions of the two parties, excepting on the money question. The controversy has now passed beyond mere national lines—

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that the meeting was not a county committee meeting, but simply a gathering of members of the committee, and insisted on a ruling, but Tilden refused to decide the point.

"If this is a meeting of the committee," shouted J. G. Byrne, "I insist on a roll-call. But it is not a meeting. We are only talking among ourselves."

George Sharp began a roll call and Ruef went right on with the roll call, but the confusion was so great that no one could hear the names called, and the lobby generously shouted "Here," in chorus each time Sharp's mouth framed the sounds that were not heard.

"I insist on my point of order," Ruef shouted, "and no Mr. Sharp can keep me from making it. That is no official roll. It is full of errors, omissions, mistakes and dead men's names."

Tilden ruled that the roll was the regular county committee roll. Adrian Smith and A. B. Truman were both on their feet with points of order and Byrne's voice topped all the confusion with demands that they be recognized.

Dr. R. C. Myer wanted a sergeant-at-arms appointed, and for a moment it looked as if he and Byrne might have a personal encounter. Sharp kept right on calling the roll, the lobby doing the answering "Here," in chorus each time.

"Don't be a fool, Byrne," Tilden said from the chair.

"I'm only trying to keep you from making a fool of yourself," Byrne retorted.

William Metzner made the point of order that the circular call for the meeting had not reached many of the members of the committee forty-eight hours prior to the meeting, as provided in the by-laws. The chair gave no ruling.

Needed Sergeants at Arms.

George Sharp, from the Secretary's desk, reported that the members of the committee were present. He moved that three sergeants at arms be appointed to preserve order. Adrian Smith moved an amendment that ninety be appointed, each a member of the County Central Committee, since they were all there, but Tilden tried to put Sharp's motion, which had no second.

"Whose motion is that?" asked A. B. Truman. "Have Kelly and Crimmins promised you a nomination as Justice of the Peace if you put a motion that has not been made? If you get a nomination through Kelly and Crimmins you will never be elected. The Republican ticket is a winner, but not a nomination from those people."

Smith insisted on his amendment for ninety sergeants at arms.

"It would take twice that many to suppress you," Tilden responded.

"Your remark is unpatriotic and ungentlemanly," Smith shouted. "Any man who will be on one side on Monday night and on the other on Tuesday night has no right to make such a remark. I insist on an apology."

Tilden refused to make an apology and tried to drown Smith's voice by ringing with his gavel. Smith said Tilden lacked the first item of self-respect. Tilden said something that was not heard by many, but A. B. Truman said that the chairman had called Smith a "d—d liar." More confusion followed, and the body gave three cheers for Tilden.

Mr. Metzner insisted on a ruling on his point of order that members had not been notified forty-eight hours before the meeting. J. F. Kelly came to the front as a parliamentarian by moving that the point of order be laid on the table, and then moved that the privileges of the floor be denied to Byrne, Smith and Truman. Byrne said he was then by the rules and they would have to put him out if they wanted to get rid of him.

"In this general or a special meeting," asked Ruef.

"A special meeting," replied Tilden.

"That is its purpose," said Byrne. "I will say to you and your abettors," began Tilden.

"You can't apply criminal terms to me," Ruef interjected, and Tilden withdrew the expression, but said that the meeting was called in good faith to determine the powers of the regular chairman in appointing committees under the call for a primary election.

"In the call for this meeting sent to members," Ruef said, "the purpose is omitted. There is nothing in it that gives the slightest clue to the purpose of this meeting."

The Bosses' Resolution.

Tilden ruled Ruef's point of order not well taken, and Leon Samuels brought things to a crisis by offering a resolution on the purpose of which was the purpose of the Kelly-Crimmins men in calling the meeting. The resolution stated that certain powers which were named were conferred on the chairman and secretary of the County Central Committee by the resolution providing for the primary election, and that all others purporting to be exercised under that resolution were in violation of it and "are hereby declared to be null and void and of no effect."

The powers named did not include that of appointing a returning board.

I. J. Truman Jr. reinforced the band of obstructionists by declaring that the resolution went beyond the purpose stated in the call for the meeting. Ruef made the point of order also that a resolution regularly adopted could not be changed subsequently by the adoption of another resolution. He applied to Tilden "as an attorney of standing and ability."

Tilden ruled against him, and said he was not acting in his capacity of attorney.

"We can see that by your rulings," Ruef retorted. "But as chairman of a special meeting without a purpose I appeal to you. Can a resolution be changed and emasculated in this manner?"

The point was ruled not well taken, and amid great confusion a vote on Samuels'



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Cannot Hold Philippines.

"The United States Government is a government under a written constitution. I'll go one step further. Under that constitution this nation has no power to hold the Philippine Islands."

Mr. Taylor then took up the trust question and said if Rockefeller, who is giving money to institutions and establishing new hospitals, desired to pose as a philanthropist he could use the remainder of his fortune in a manner a thousand times more acceptable by bringing about conditions where so many hospitals would not be necessary. This love of money and greed for wealth has cursed and destroyed mankind since the beginning of the world. The speaker then paid California a tribute and incidentally boomed the candidacy of W. P. Lawlor to succeed himself as Superior Judge of this city. Mr. Taylor was on the point of retiring when a voice from the audience wanted to know how about the Boers, to which query the orator replied:

"The heart of this nation is in sympathy with the man who fights for his country and all England. The progress of human civilization is oftentimes unutterably cruel. The Indian held this country, he roamed the land, he hunted the game, he was here, he treated the white man with kindness and welcome, but where is he to-day? And so it has been. As the sun rises and sets, so it is the destiny of a people to either sink or rise."

In regard to the Chinese struggle Mr. Taylor said that the attempt to hold on to our Eastern possessions has opened the door to the entanglement of politics of Asia and all England. The present policy of this administration, he said, is injurious at home and absolutely destructive of this nation abroad.

In reply to a question, "Would it be right to give up what we have got in the hands?" the speaker replied:

"We said at the beginning that this war was not to be for acquisition. Who holds title to this land in the Philippines? If there be anything in the spirit that said man was capable of self-government this country ought to be ashamed to reverse this doctrine anywhere on this earth. I am opposed to holding anybody in subjection, be he black or yellow."



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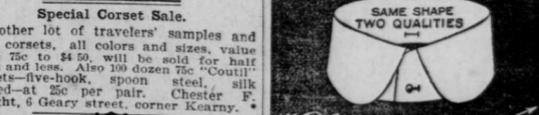
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