

LANE WINS DEMOCRATIC BATTLE AND HEARST IS AMONG THE SLAIN

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 3.—My fight for the nomination began six months ago, in the counties out of San Francisco. The country papers were the first to take it up, and the Democrats in the country knew about the fight long before the people in San Francisco knew of it. I owe my victory to the country delegates and my nomination was captured outside of San Francisco. I did not need the San Francisco votes, as the country delegates came in strong. My campaign was an independent one; I had my own forces on the convention floor, as I have friends all over the State. I was nominated without a pledged vote, without a promise, and I was not associated with any combination.

FRANKLIN K. LANE.

Party Leaders Defy the Journalistic Club.

Refuse to Be Driven Into Examiner Camp.

State Convention Asserts Its Independence.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Sept. 3.—The battle of the convention is over. Franklin K. Lane is victor and Hearst is among the slain. As predicted by The Call, Lane was nominated for Governor on the first ballot. Geary did not develop sufficient strength to justify his admission to the contest. To-night there is great rejoicing in the anti-Hearst camp over the victory won by the forces sustaining Lane.

The convention which finished its work to-night was not great in point of oratorical ability or skillful as a platform builder, but it did possess in a high degree an independent and resolute spirit of courage. A majority of the delegates were chosen under implied instructions from their constituents to support the candidacy of Lane. All sorts of bulldozing tactics were adopted to compel them to line up against the man of their choice. They refused to abandon the cause of Lane, and as a result of their refusal got such a clubbing as mortal delegates never before received from the press. If the club in the hands of Budd, Geary and Livernash had not been wielded with a clumsy, arrogant brutality, the weapon might have been more effective. Again, the spectacle of the Hearst newspaper openly proffering the Democratic nomination to this man or that man excited a feeling of resentment in the minds of many delegates.

The convention arose in its dignified courage and administered to the squad of clubbers a rebuke, the like of which was never before given by a deliberate assembly in California.

GAVIN McNAB'S STRATEGY.

Time will tell how much Gavin McNab had to do with the nomination of Lane. This much is known now: He made a concession for harmony when the contest for the chairmanship became bitter. He could have defeated easily Patton and elected Coonan, but he readily sacrificed his personal preference for the sake of good will and peace in the convention. At the time of this concession he knew that Budd, Livernash and Geary would construe his action as a confession of weakness on his side and of forced acquiescence to the demands of Hearst, but his purpose to preserve harmony in the party was not shaken.

In the nominating speeches to-day the orators of the party ran up danger signals. Plain language was used and ugly facts were mentioned. Judge J. F. Sullivan was not adroit, but he was bold and defiant. The convention gave a mighty cheer of commendation when he accepted the challenge of Geary and Budd and flung his gauntlet at the Hearst faction. Sullivan pictured the battles of the past for the restoration of the Democracy, for the emancipation of the party from its servitude to bosses. He spoke of the long battle which culminated in the election of Stephen M. White to the United States Senate and remarked that the Democrats who urged the fight in behalf of the party received no aid or comfort from the Democratic newspaper in San Francisco.

NO CRINGING TO BOSSES.

The convention gave another round of ringing cheers when Sullivan proclaimed that he was an American. The meaning was made plain that the true American never cringes to the lash of bosses. When the opponents of Lane saw that they could not swerve the delegates by force they began to ply the arts of persuasion. They even went to Ed White, brother of the lamented and illustrious Stephen M. White, and implored him to join hands with the Hearst faction to promote the nomination of some one other than Lane. When it was considered that the influences hostile to Lane were conspicuous for hostility to Steve White, the desperate extremity of the anti-Lane forces was comprehended.

The delegates to the convention revere the memory of Senator White. They are proud of his achievements, of the services that he rendered to his country, his State and his party. An eloquent tribute to the worth of this departed statesman was rendered to-day. When the reading of a resolution in respect to his memory was begun the delegates of their own accord arose en masse and listened to the eulogy. This eloquent testimonial of their regard was not suggested by a motion. It came spontaneously from the heart and soul of the assembled Californians, and yet one faction of the warring Democracy sought to use its prestige to destroy the candidacy of Lane.

BUDD AS A PROPHET.

Ex-Governor Budd made two speeches in the convention. In the first he predicted the nomination of James V. Coleman, and in the second the election of Lane. Ev-



FRANKLIN K. LANE

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR

Geary Withdraws and Coleman's Name Is Presented.

Ruse Fails to Stem the Stampede to Lane.

San Franciscan's Majority Is Overwhelming.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Sept. 3.—The delegates were as usual tardy, so that it was nearly 3 o'clock before Chairman Patton called the afternoon session of the Democratic State Convention to order. The announcement that the first business in order was to be the nomination of a candidate for Governor attracted a large audience, including many ladies.

The declaration of the chairman that nominations for the office of chief executive were in order evoked cheers. The first person to attract the notice of the chairman was J. J. Barrett of San Francisco, who took the platform and in a speech which was virtually an appeal for the recognition of the labor unions of California by the convention placed James V. Coleman in nomination. He said:

When this morning there broke in upon this august body, turbulent with a feeling of apprehension, a feeling of uncertainty and of doubt, a feeling of grave apprehension for the future, a feeling that perhaps the most magnificent opportunity that ever came to the great Democracy of California, might be cast away and forfeited—when upon that scene there seemed to descend with all the magic as if it came from an angelic presence above, the memory of sainted Stephen M. White (cheers and applause); I believed and felt that while that spirit was looking down upon this assemblage, with the same concern that it did in the body, that his benediction would surely descend upon us, that our full opportunities would be realized and over our grave fears and doubts there would descend a spirit that would animate us all to sacrifice everything for the better good of the party that he loved and served so well, and in the cause of which he yielded up his honorable and peerless life. (Applause.)

I draw my text, gentlemen, from plain conditions. At this hour there are gathered in this State labor forces whose might and power cannot be exaggerated, and who are standing off as if in sullen distrust of those who should be their friends and of whom they would be the willing and valuable allies; who wait upon us, look to us, wait with apprehension to see what we shall do by way of recognition of the great cause that is paramount for them, upon which the life and death of them and their cause depends. They are of the rank and file of the Democratic party. They do not interfere on the first score of numbers, because, gentlemen, let us face the fact, they to-day represent in California a majority of the voters of this State. Let it not be said that they are interlopers because their cause does not concern this body. May the day never come, may the hour never descend upon us, gentlemen, in time like this, when we shall refuse to face, to recognize and to interpret correctly, that great, plain, overshadowing proposition of the hour, that to-day in California, on the Pacific Coast, in the United States, there is no cause—there is no interest so great, so valuable, so overshadowing, as the great cause of the future of the laboring man. (Cheers and applause.) And, gentlemen, if there is any place where that cause should receive a listening ear, should receive a response, where is it, except in the party that claims to-day to be—that has made good the claim—that in the past it always has been the party and the exclusive party of the people who toil. (Cheers and applause.)

Gentlemen, it is the hour of peril and of opportunity. The hour of peril, because the man blinds himself to plain facts who does not appreciate that the labor organizations of this State have grown out of the infancy, out of the youth when it would be possible to deceive or mislead or impose upon them. They have grown and developed into the fullness of vigorous manhood, and they stand to-day, not to be deceived; they stand to-day claiming recognition, and if we would consult their good and ours, we must give them recognition in good faith. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, it is an hour of opportunity for this reason: The great Republican party in this State, representing wealth and influence, turned down and repudiated one of the greatest and sincerest friends of labor that this State ever had, and they turned him down because he had been too good and too true a friend of the laboring party, and at this hour, with that situation before us, recognition given to them within due bounds is not only that which is due them but it is that which will operate for the good of the Democratic party.

Gentlemen, I propose to this convention the name of a man glorious in his past, whose Democracy was never questioned, who stands to-day the peer of any Democrat in California, with an unsullied career, and above all, a career stainless from the standpoint of the working man. I nominate that tried and true friend of Democracy, James V. Coleman of San Francisco. (Cheers and applause.)

In offering that name, gentlemen, let the proposition not be mistaken—that it will be received with approbation; it will be received with favor; it will be received with all the recognition and all the promise that we have hoped for and prayed for through the days of turbulent deliberation that have preceded this hour. And I assure you that that gentleman, as you all know him, is of the same brand of Democracy as the great man to whose

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DEMOCRACY'S STATE TICKET.

- GOVERNOR..... FRANKLIN K. LANE of San Francisco
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR..... ISIDORE B. DOCKWEILER of Los Angeles
Chief Justice..... J. K. Law of Merced
Associate Justices..... Eldred C. Farnsworth of Tulare and H. K. Trask of Los Angeles
Secretary of State..... Alexander Rosborough of Alameda
State Controller..... Fred W. Harkness of Santa Barbara
State Treasurer..... Samuel H. Brooks of Contra Costa
Attorney General..... W. A. Gett of Sacramento
Surveyor General..... Charles H. Holcomb of San Francisco
State Printer..... Edward I. Woodman of Sacramento
Superintendent of Public Instruction..... E. W. Lindsay of Fresno
Clerk of the Supreme Court..... Lawrence H. Wilson of Sonoma

SAN FRANCISCAN WHO HEADS THE DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

the report came that Wilkins was in communication with Gavin McNab. Livernash called Wilkins to account for his treachery. The latter at first denied the impeachment, but when the proof was presented, claimed that he acted on the advice of Geary. When Geary heard this he promptly denounced Wilkins as a liar. Livernash applied the epithet "traitor" freely and openly to the exposed Wilkins and the latter sought safety in retreat. It transpires that the name of James V. Coleman as a candidate for Governor was used without his knowledge or consent. The leaders of the anti-Lane faction devised a scheme to stampede the conven-

GEARY WILL SUPPORT THE TICKET

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 3.—I am not at all disturbed over the defeat. It was represented to me before going to the convention this afternoon that the votes that Coleman and I could poll would defeat Lane. I see now that I was misinformed. I withdrew politely from the fight because I thought that Lane also would withdraw in the interest of harmony. The votes that were to have come to me failed to materialize; that is all there is to it. I will support the ticket and do all in my power to elect Lane. I have no ill-feeling over the result. T. J. GEARY.

tion. They expected that Coleman and Toland would cast sufficient strength to prevent the nomination of Lane. How old stagers like Budd and Geary were misled as to Lane's actual strength is a topic of comment, but they were confident that Lane could not win on the first ballot.

JUDGE SHIELDS WAS SHY.

Efforts were made early in the day to induce Judge Peter Shields of Sacramento to get into the fray as an opponent of Lane, but the Judge would not listen to the proposition.

Gavin McNab never exhibited the slightest apprehension that the Hearst faction could put a winning candidate into the field. He did not boast of Lane's prestige or proclaim that other candidates had no show, but he was apprised of the true situation.

It is said that the next chairman of the Democratic State Committee, to succeed Senator Sims, will be J. W. Cochran of San Rafael or Judge J. F. Sullivan of San Francisco.

the Fourth District Congressional nomination presents some features of popular interest. E. J. Livernash of the Examiner is an aspirant for the honor of representing the district. It was reported to-day that Livernash went to J. C. Sims and asked the Senator, who has been roasted time and time again by the Hearst press, to nominate the Examiner's candidate in the Democratic convention.

Sonoma Republicans Name Ticket.

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 3.—The Republican County Convention here to-day made the following nominations: State Senator, E. F. Woodward; Assemblyman, Thirteenth District, F. A. Cromwell; Assemblyman, Fourteenth District, Victor Piezzi; Sheriff, John K. Smith; County Clerk, Will S. Adams; District Attorney, Charles H. Ford; Auditor, W. C. Nolan; Recorder, F. G. Nagle; Coroner and Public Administrator, Frank L. Blackburn; Superior Judge, A. C. Burnett and S. K. Dougherty; Supervisor, First District, G. J. Armstrong; Supervisor, Fourth District, J. B. Cooley; Superintendent of Schools, Miss Louise Gaultier; Surveyor, Newton V. Smythe, and Treasurer, Glen Murdock.