

AWAIT A DECISION

Court Expected to Determine on the Merits of the Democratic Contest Tomorrow.

AN ADJOURNMENT IS TAKEN

County Clerk Hubbard Having Business Engagement Out of the City—Closing Arguments.

A decision in the democratic contest for place for its county ticket on the ballot for the November election will be rendered tomorrow probably. The court, composed of County Judge E. E. Parmenter, County Clerk H. B. Hubbard and State's Attorney H. A. Weld, held a session last evening, after the conclusion of the final arguments, and partially reviewed the evidence submitted.

Mr. Hubbard, having an engagement that necessitated his absence from the city today, an adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. County Judge Parmenter stated today that it was hoped to be able to dispose of the matter after another day's review of the questions at issue between the contending parties. The interest that is felt in the outcome of the contest was made manifest in the many inquiries as to the result that have been made today, not only throughout the city, but in telephone messages from the county outside.

In the final arguments yesterday afternoon the Looney side was presented first, Attorney Adair Pleasants having the opening. His statement begun in the morning was devoted chiefly to an attack on the method of procedure adopted by the regular democrats at the committee meetings and convention, charging that the whole was "tainted with fraud," and making other imputations on those identified with them. Tracing the history of the part Looney and his cohorts played during the various stages he contended that the law was entirely on their side. The committee meetings and convention of the regular democrats were "packed," he charged. S. R. Kenworthy, C. B. Marshall and C. J. Scarle followed for the regular democracy. Mr. Kenworthy, at the beginning, said that he had failed to understand that gentleman's relation to the case until he heard Mr. Pleasants' statement to the court just concluded, pointedly referring to the fact that the men who employed him manifestly did not have sufficient confidence in him to permit him to conduct the examination of witnesses. The reflections that had been cast by Mr. Pleasants upon the character of the committee meetings and conventions of the democratic party of the county were refuted by displaying the roster of the committeemen that had attended the meeting at the Rock Island house on the morning of May 26, and that of those who attended as delegates to the county convention of the afternoon of the same day at the Turner hall, and the second convention at the court house June 30, in support of Mr. Kenworthy's representation that they were the substantial men of the county, men who loved their party and were demanding just recognition for it over the claims that had been put forth by a bandit that were attempting to gain control of the machinery of both parties to attain selfish aims.

Does Not Produce Names.

Where were the names of the men that were said to have sat as delegates in the convention that nominated the Looney ticket? They were not in evidence before the court. He reiterated that the other side dared not produce their names. There was no factional strife in the democratic party in Rock Island county. The democratic party was united. There was a so-called faction that was responsible for the present contest, and the body, soul and breeches of that faction was J. P. Looney. The democratic party to rid itself of this control was forced to resort to the methods that were employed, the calling of primaries in the city of Rock Island in order to secure a fair expression of the party, and the ratification of this action by the second meeting of the county committee. The disgraceful scenes enacted at the township convention of last spring by Looney and his followers at Turner hall united the democrats as they had probably never been cemented before to the end that their affairs might be placed in the hands of trustworthy leaders—men who were guided by the will of the party and who were not constantly employing trickery to promote their personal ambitions. Mr. Kenworthy concluded with a logical argument from a legal point, showing that there was no law in the land that would sustain the opposition.

Where Real Fraud Lies.

Mr. Marshall in his speech resented the reflections of Mr. Pleasants on the personnel of the democratic convention as one of the men who composed that body. He denied that there was fraud at any stage of the proceedings of the county democracy. However, he was content to have the reflections emanate from one who stood alone on the high moral plane that had been constructed for him for this particular occasion. It should not take long for one who had heard the testimony that had been offered to the court to determine where the real fraud was. The evidence was there for the court to peruse. The democracy had nothing to conceal, either in documentary proof or in the names of the men who spoke for it in committee

or convention. It was willing that the facts be brought forth in the fullest extent. In ridiculous contrast was the evidence adduced by Looney and his alleged faction. There was absolutely nothing that was entitled to serious consideration. It was easy to make claims, but to prove them up by records and the testimony of competent witnesses was another story. Looney had failed utterly at every point in the proceedings before the court to establish wherein he was entitled to be recognized as the democratic party of Rock Island county.

Right of Good Citizenship.

Mr. Scarle in his address said he felt a deeper interest in the contest than one who had been retained as an attorney to appear for one of the contending sides. He was more deeply concerned as a citizen. It was a question the import of which the court should not lose sight of. Not alone the welfare and future of the democracy of the county, but of the republican party as well, was at stake. When a county is confronted with the remarkable phenomena, as Rock Island had been during the past few months, of one man seeking the control of both political parties, it was high time that the good citizenship of the county assert the right.

The lack of a primary election law was at the bottom of all the trouble politically into which both parties in Rock Island county had been plunged of late. It would be well for the court, in its deliberation on a verdict, to take cognizance of public sentiment in the community during the past year with reference to political history. Right never failed to triumph. A man or men who were right did not have to exert physical force to gain a hearing before a political convention, yet the city had been presented the spectacle of a desperate band forcing delegates representing the seven wards of Rock Island who had assembled peacefully in a hall to carry out the wishes of their party to withdraw that they might transact their business undisturbed.

Would Have Had Hearing.

Mr. Scarle said that if there were Looney delegates appointed to a democratic convention, as it was claimed there had been, they should have presented their credentials at Turner hall on the afternoon of May 26. True, it was necessary to have a ticket of admission until the delegations had been seated. This plan had been adopted to prevent the crowding by spectators of the seats assigned for the delegates. This was no unusual proceeding. Other conventions had done it. Other parties had done it. The place for Looney to have brought his contest, if he had one, was before the credentials committee. That was what this committee was appointed for. He pointed to the actions of the state and national committees of both political parties in the settlement of contests by the preparation of temporary roll calls, bringing the case down to where it applied to the Rock Island county convention.

Looney could have had a hearing, but he knew he had been fairly defeated. He had lost in the committee meeting of the morning of the day of the convention. He was able to muster only 13 out of a total of 49 votes in the committee meeting. The democracy of the county had made the discovery that his methods were not such as would be beneficial to the party welfare. Looney dared not come before the convention in a test of strength for the reason that he knew that he was overwhelmingly outnumbered. Reviewing briefly the evidence that had been submitted by both sides, Mr. Scarle failed to see where Looney had a leg to stand upon.

Once More the Story of His Life.

The last argument was by Looney himself. With slight variations, it was the story of his life that he has delivered no less than a half dozen times in the past year. He had been pursued and vilified, but never had a chance to tell his story. It was a long one, extending over a period of 12 years of his residence in Rock Island. He would like to tell it to the court, but it would occupy too much time. He had been honest and never had knowingly wronged a person in his life. He had been making an honorable fight against a deep-laid conspiracy of certain persons to maintain the control of the affairs of the democratic party in Rock Island county.

A Contrast in Argument.

The attack made by Looney's counsel, Adair Pleasants, on the representative body of democrats in the city and county of Rock Island was a subject of comment in the court room during the course of the arguments, for it proved a source of surprise to those who know Mr. Pleasants, that even under the stress and strain of strenuous conditions and circumstances surrounding him, he should have been guilty of such language. None should be so narrow as to harbor ill toward an attorney for the part he plays in a suit or proceeding in behalf of his client, and while the earnestness and sincerity of the attorneys for representative democracy — and beyond that, clean politics — was in notable contrast with the part Looney's attorney was taking, even at that it was not supposed that the latter would travel outside the records to assail the good faith of the other side. It would naturally be supposed that Mr. Pleasants' appearance in the case was to represent a client and see that his case was properly conducted within the requirements of law and the rules governing the sitting court. Instead, the client ran the case, and to Mr. Pleasants was simply left the duty of speech-making. The client having failed to build a case on his own part, all that his attorney could do was to "throw it into the other side."

When Mr. Pleasants declared that there was no law in the land that would sustain the opposition.

The \$15 suit sale at the London is a hummer. Better get in on it. Greatest line of \$15 suits you ever saw. The London.

Your new suit is right if it comes from Ullemeyer & Sterling.

Fresh dressed old and young chickens at Schroeder's tomorrow.

Last day of the souvenir sale at Young & McCombs' tomorrow.

Ice cream and ice cream soda at Peterson's, 1314 Third avenue.

Hurricane coal is sold in Rock Isl-

OBITUARY RECORD.

The funeral of Michael Brennan was held this morning at 9 o'clock from Sacred Heart church. The services at the church were conducted by Rev. Father J. F. Lockney, and a large number of the friends of the deceased were present to pay their last respects. The members of St. Joseph's council of the Western Catholic Union, and of the Knights of Father Matthew attended in a body. Mr. Brennan having been one of the prominent members of these organizations. The following acted as pallbearers: John Daly, J. W. Cavanaugh, T. F. LaVelle, J. A. Murkin, John Ainsworth and John Kinney. Interment was made at Calvary cemetery.

and by the Port Byron Lime association, sole agents.

Last day of the souvenir sale at Young & McCombs' tomorrow.

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Child's fine kid shoes, sizes 5 to 8, only 59 cents at Lage-Waters'.

New line of soft and stiff bosom shirts at Sommers & LaVelle's.

Manhattan shirts, fall styles ready for your inspection. The London.

Fine soft bleached muslin, 10 yards for 35 cents Saturday at McCabe's.

A fresh supply of fine Milwaukee sausages at Passig Bros' tomorrow.

Walline & Hamilton, express and travel. Old phone 1070, new 5884.

W. H. Slemmon will do your tin work; 1427 Sixth avenue. New phone 5746.

A nice display of fresh fruits and crisp vegetables at Harris' tomorrow.

Cleaning, pressing, repairing. New Panitorium Club, 1909 Second avenue.

McKown has a high grade coal for grates which is second to none. Try it.

Girls—we have a new line of the latest tourist caps. Ullemeyer & Sterling.

All the latest fads in flannel shirts, all colors from \$1 to \$3.50. The London.

Special low prices on boys' and children's overcoats at Ullemeyer & Sterling's.

Fall weight underwear at 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 at Sommers & LaVelle's.

There are still some good bargains left of the Jacobs bankrupt stock at Lloyd's.

Tomorrow, Saturday, Lage-Waters' Shoe company will sell Regent shoes for \$2.75.

The Regent advertised \$3.50 shoe for men will sell for \$2.75 at Lage-Waters' Saturday.

Satin stripe black and white \$1 grenades 49 cents a yard Saturday at McCabe's.

Get ready for winter by wearing one of our best made overcoats. Ullemeyer & Sterling.

Milton McLaren is confined to his home with a severe attack of typhoid malarial fever.

Campaign caps, democrat and republican, only 5 cents for Saturday at the London.

Try a pair of paragon pants and you will wear no others. Sold by Gustafson & Hayes.

Correct fall styles in Stetson and other high grade makes of hats at Gustafson & Hayes'.

For Saturday choice of any 25 cent suspenders in our large window for 18 cents. The London.

\$1.25 cotton bed blankets, with some slight imperfections, 69 cents a pair Saturday at McCabe's.

Now is the time to buy your fall and winter underwear and this is the place to buy it. The London.

Dunlap hats, Dunlap hats. The London.

See Lage-Waters' windows for fine shoes.

For real estate and insurance, E. J. Burns.

Trunks, suit cases and valises at the London.

Football sweaters at Ullemeyer & Sterling's.

Hat caps, new ones at Ullemeyer & Sterling's.

Spring dressed turkeys at Harris' tomorrow.

Nicely dressed chickens at Harris' tomorrow.

Michigan peaches by the basket at Hess Bros'.

Full line of winter caps at Sommers & LaVelle's.

Choicest fruits and vegetables at Kuschmann's.

Great bargains in shoes at Lage-Waters' Saturday.

Dressed spring and old chickens at H. Tremann's Sons'.

Cream fruit candy, 10 cents a pound Saturday at McCabe's.

Bulk and canned oysters and celery at H. Tremann's Sons'.

Nice oysters and fresh celery at Lloyd's. Bargains galore.

Fancy cauliflower and head lettuce at Hess Bros' tomorrow.

Attend the Jacobs bankrupt sale at Lloyd's. Bargains galore.

Dressed spring chickens, turkeys, and ducks at Hess Bros'.

Women's \$1 fur trimmed slippers 69 cents Saturday at McCabe's.

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he feels and knows that every detail of the cut, make and finish is correct. This make sold only by Gustafson & Hayes.

Now is the time to fit your boy with his suit, overcoat or furnishings. Complete lines for the little fellows. Sommers & LaVelle.

Eastern Gem is the coal for open grates and furnace use. Shippers claim it equal to anthracite. Port Byron Mine association.

The secretary of state has issued a certificate to the Moline Flow company increasing its capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

Free. Get a free ticket on hot blast stove to be given away Oct. 24. No purchase required. Tickets given for the asking. David Don.

E. B. McKown solicits your order for hard wood and best grades of coal for stoves, stoves and furnaces. Both phones; 1491 Second avenue.

Am receiving potatoes daily—No. 1 Rural New Yorkers, best cookers, can supply them to you in any quantity. F. R. Kuschmann, the grocer.

Get a free ticket tomorrow on the hot blast stove to be given away Oct. 24 at David Don's. No purchase required.

Our candy department is now in full swing. Pure, wholesome candies at the smallest kind of prices. Young & Combs.

Passig Bros' will have their usual fine display of fresh fruits and vegetables tomorrow. Order your Sunday dinner there.

The \$15 suit sale at the London is a hummer. Better get in on it. Greatest line of \$15 suits you ever saw. The London.

Just think of it, a new confectionery store, the finest line of bakery goods in town: 324 Twentieth street. Open.

Ready for business at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Your last chance. Two hundred bushel fancy canning pears at \$1.

Fancy New York grapes at 18 cents per basket at Rachman's, 700 Twelfth street.

See our windows if you don't know who's making the stylish tailor-made suits. New ones every day, \$15 to \$30.

THE BIG BOSTON STORE
DAVENPORT, IOWA

IF ITS
BOUGHT AT
THE BIG
BOSTON
IT'S RIGHT.

Shoes For the Girls, Boys and Youths.

At no time of the year are children so hard on shoes as this season. We are prepared for them. We have the foot-wear that will stand the hard knocks—no better shoes for real service can we buy than the lines quoted below:

	BOYS' SHOES	MISSES' SHOES.	YOUTHS' SHOES.
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