

ITS FIRST DAY.

Democratic Convention in Session.

DEL VALLE CHAIRMAN

Candidates Fail to See the Light,

AND ALL IS UNCERTAINTY.

Much Bitterness Engendered in the Party.

POPPER IS IN MORE TROUBLE.

Buckley and Clunie After Him—Budd and Murphy Stand Firm for Governor.

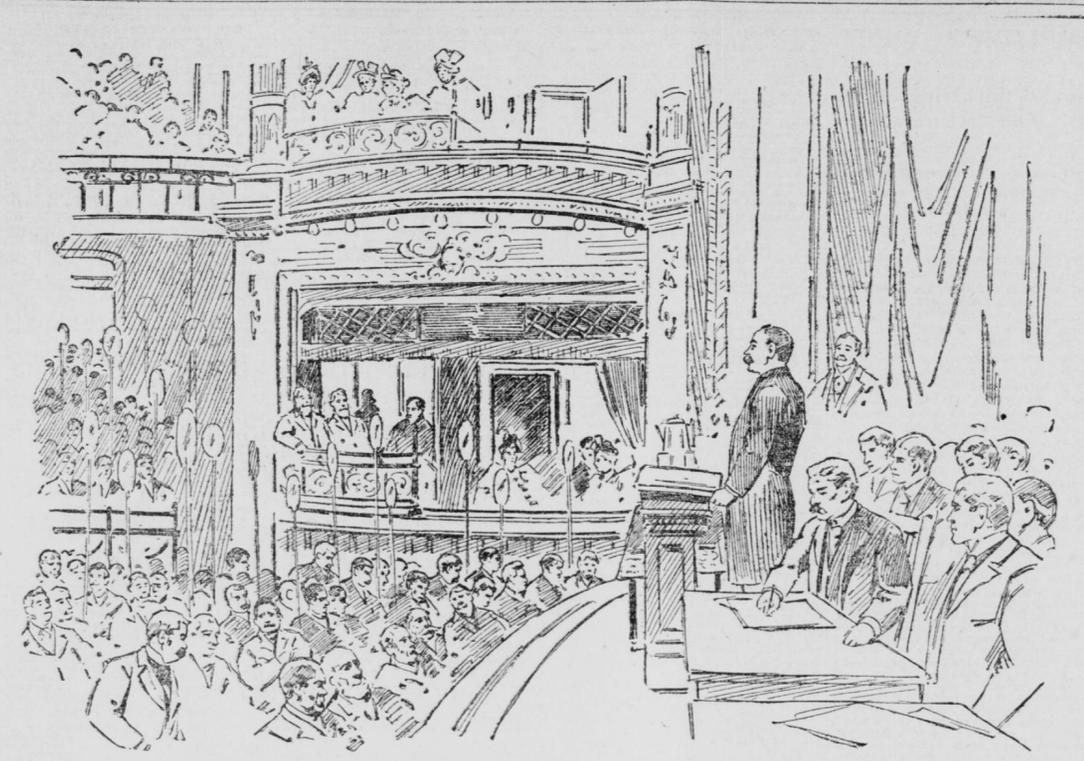
The first day's session of the Democratic State convention left the situation as impenetrably obscure as it was on Monday morning. It eliminated only one of the many problems that have confronted the delegates from the first.

The election of a presiding officer was put out of the way by the choice of Reginaldo F. Del Valle of Los Angeles. That gave the politicians one less topic to deal with, but it was but a slight relief. The perplexing gubernatorial contest remained enshrouded in a mist of uncertainty. All day the delegates grappled with it, and far into this morning they were discussing it, dickering here and pulling and hauling there, and all the while far from clearing away the doubts and fears of the contending factions. There were stories afloat of caucuses, and withdrawals and deep-laid plans of supposedly able leaders, whose strategic movements were fraught with ulterior objects destined to bring them rich prizes in the future. There were other tales of combinations of forces, and the candidates were kept busy denying rumors and reiterating their intention to stay in the fight to the end.

Heart-burnings, and what appeared to be bitter antagonisms, were engendered by the proceedings of the day. The country delegates growled over the accommodations provided by the State Central Committee, and Chairman Popper, who had doubtless done the best he could, according to the light that he had, was made very, very sure at the ingratitude of interior politicians. The Sacramento quarrel was given a good airing, and the recital of the tales of wrong-doing attributed by each side to the other wrought the warring divisions of the capital city to a high pitch of indignation against each other, from which it will not be easy for them to recover.

The Stanton-Hinton fight for the nomination for Railroad Commissioner increased in bitterness, and Chairman Max Popper of the local committee found he had raised another hornet's nest about his ears. This row went so far as to threaten Popper's withdrawal from the field as a leader altogether. But he is bent on defeating Stanton, and he has his adherents who are doing some vigorous work to bring about that end.

A woeful lack of tact and the ability to lead men was apparent in the ranks of the Democracy. It is true that William D. English was on the field, but he was so mysterious that it could not be discovered that he was leading anybody or accomplishing anything. If the "offensive-partisan" bugbear has not long since been utterly routed from the party ethics it is



OPENING OF THE CONVENTION.

that he was assured of nomination, as nothing could keep him out. There is not even the shadow of a doubt about his certainty of winning the fight, they said. Budd himself stated after midnight in his headquarters at the Baldwin that he was in the fight to stay, no matter what comes or what combinations are made one way or another.

"I will be nominated by Mr. W. W. Foote," said he pointing to the attorney who sat beside Dan Hinton in Budd's rooms among several old friends. "I am a personal friend of Jim Maguire's, and I suppose that is why they spread a story about me giving up in his favor. He is one of the best men in the country, a sterling anti-monopolist, but I am in the fight all the same."

"I expect to be chosen on the first ballot, and am certain of getting the nomination on the second ballot. Outside of San Francisco I have 250 votes at present and expect to have more when the time for nomination comes."

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law was not violated. In consequence of official interference, several candidates were compelled to stand during the brief afternoon session, and a strong feeling in favor of a more commodious place of meeting became apparent toward the close. For decorations two large American flags were draped from the curtain across the stage and hung down at each side. Between them was a large portrait of Cleveland framed in the national colors. The theater was covered with canvas from entrance to stage as a protection for the costly carpets. Smoking was strictly prohibited, so the theater suffered none, though many a delegate scrubbed at being deprived of this one comfort. The stage was arranged for a press gallery, with tables and chairs and telegraph instruments, while in front were the secretaries' desks beside the chairman's stand.

Admission to the balcony and gallery was free to all—a privilege that was eagerly taken advantage of, for every seat was occupied by an enthusiastic Democrat. Although admittance to the floor was granted by card only, a crowd of outsiders succeeded in getting into delegates' seats and caused considerable confusion.

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with suitable places to conduct their proceedings, and I will require from time to time, the aid of the district convention, Congressional railroad or otherwise, will present in the time which will be convenient for them to assemble, and will provide them with facilities for the same. It is intended that the district conventions may conduct their labors that this convention may confirm their action. That was neglected at the last convention, and caused the State committee a great deal of unnecessary labor.

In addition to the local committee is desirable to extend to you the thanks for many hospitalities extended in the past by Los Angeles, Fresno, Stockton and their citizens. The committee has arranged arrangements to this extent: They will provide a ratification meeting after the conclusion of your labors and, under the auspices of the League Club, there has been provided a free excursion on the bay to take place next Saturday, and I hope you will all remain long enough in the city to partake of it.

With these few preliminary remarks the chair is prepared to receive nominations for temporary chairman.

Popper's address was received with applause. George S. Patton of Los Angeles rose to nominate Del Valle for temporary chairman. He was invited to the stage and made a striking point in his address particularly against the Southern Pacific Company, monopolies and legislation that did not spare the Democratic party.

Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the Democratic convention, ladies and gentlemen: This great day is a day of great importance to Democrats that did not spare the Democratic party. It is a day of great importance to Democrats that did not spare the Democratic party.

There was considerable applause and some cheering as Del Valle walked to the stage and took up the gavel. When quiet was restored he said: Ladies and gentlemen and members of the Democratic State convention: I have no words in which to express my gratitude to this convention for the honor that you have bestowed upon me. The words of praise which the gentlemen have given me and the service which they say I have rendered to the Democratic party were very kind. But I believe that every citizen within this commonwealth who has done twice what I have has only done part of his duty to the people of California. [Applause.] This convention that you bestow upon me now is a great honor. I have no words in which to express my gratitude to this convention for the honor that you have bestowed upon me. The words of praise which the gentlemen have given me and the service which they say I have rendered to the Democratic party were very kind. But I believe that every citizen within this commonwealth who has done twice what I have has only done part of his duty to the people of California. [Applause.]

The questions of the day before us are national, State and local. These questions I will leave to the discretion of the committee on platform and resolutions, so that they may handle them in the proper manner. I concur in every sentiment which has been expressed by the gentleman who placed me in nomination, and I am now ready, gentlemen, to proceed to the further business of this convention. I await your pleasure, gentlemen of the convention.

Samuel Braunhart of San Francisco arose to nominate a temporary secretary. "I propose a young man," he said, "well known in this convention, whose abilities fit him for the office. He is supported by the large delegation from south of Market street. Braunhart abruptly took his seat without naming his man, and Del Valle inquired: "What's the name of the gentleman?"

"He has a good Democratic name," replied Braunhart. "Robert J. O'Leary." Charles F. Montgomery of Contra Costa was also named in nomination, but withdrew, and O'Leary was elected. Montgomery's withdrawal was not accepted.

Mordecai Madera moved that a committee of twenty-one, three from each Congressional District, be appointed on credentials. Spencer of Napa made a motion that a committee of twenty-one similarly chosen be appointed on permanent organization. But neither was taken up.

Health of Santa Barbara interrupted the proceedings by claiming that the conven-

tion should first learn who were delegates, and he thought that an adjournment ought to be taken until the committee on credentials submit its report. The chairman announced that he had no delegates in his mind and it would take longer for him to reach a decision on the other committees.

Barney Murphy remained at the Palace Hotel during the day, but in the evening he went to the Baldwin, and he now has headquarters there. He dispenses hospitalities with a free hand, and many delegates donned Murphy badges to offset the bright ribbons worn by the Budd men.

Considerable excitement was caused last night by a statement that a caucus was being held at the Lick House by representatives of Budd and Murphy. Budd was absent from his room for two hours, and it was said that he was at the meeting, the object of which was to induce Murphy to withdraw by promising him the support of Budd in lifting him to the

Warren English Chosen. Immediately after the adjournment of the convention the district convention of the Third Congressional District assembled on the stage of the Baldwin Theater. The business before the convention was transacted with dispatch, as there was no contest in the district over the Congressional nomination. Frank Moffitt of Oakland called the meeting to order and Judge J. J. Scribner was chosen chairman. W. H. Thompson of Contra Costa was nominated for secretary. He was elected without opposition, and John O'Brien then nominated, without comment, Warren B. English for Congress from the Third District.

Frank Moffitt seconded the nomination. He said: "I take it that there is no other candidate in the Third District, and therefore second the nomination of Mr. English. He is the incumbent and I have personal assurance from him that if nominated he will accept." A motion was made that English be nominated by acclamation and he was chosen without a dissenting voice. The chairman was instructed to report the action of the body to the general convention, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Immediately afterward the San Francisco delegation met and proceeded, with some misgivings, to effect an organization. George T. Mayne called the San Francisco delegation to order, stating that it was time something should be done toward organizing. He also said that a chairman and secretary ought to be elected at once, as questions of vital importance were certain to come before the delegation.

He was called in nomination for chairman by Colin M. Boyd. Andy Clunie nominated Garret McEnerney, whose name was well received, and after the applause subsided Mayne declined with thanks, withdrawing in favor of Mr. McEnerney.

Jeremiah Lynch spoke against what he thought was unseemly haste. It could not be determined at that early hour who was entitled to vote, as the committee on credentials had not made its report. He held that the proceedings were out of order in consequence.

Frank Conklin moved that the delegation adjourn until after the committee on credentials had submitted a report. The motion was carried without dissent, and an adjournment in accordance with it was taken.

The committee on hall elected Garret McEnerney a committee of one to investigate the Orpheum and Odd Fellows' Hall as meeting places. It was stated that either would seat 1000 men or more on the main floor and could be had for \$25 a day. McEnerney will report this morning, and his judgment will be accepted by the committee.

The Fight for Governor. Budd and Murphy Continue to Make the Running. During the afternoon the rooms of James H. Budd at the Baldwin Hotel were jammed. His manager, Frank Gould, claimed everything in sight and accorded to Barney Murphy but a noisy show in the impending contest. With the exception of six votes from Madera he said that Budd had the entire San Joaquin Valley at his back. This had been asserted all along, but reality was lent to the claim by a caucus of delegates from the valley, held early yesterday morning at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, at Fifth and Mission streets.

The counties represented were: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Fresno, Tulare and Kings. The Kern delegation was reported to attend. It was a Budd crowd throughout, and during the informal proceedings it was decided to inform him in his own hour the committee on credentials could be ready with its report.

Garret McEnerney made a motion that the convention adjourn until 3 p. m., which hour the committee on credentials could be ready with its report. The chairman announced that he had no delegates in his mind and it would take longer for him to reach a decision on the other committees.

Jackson of San Francisco moved that a committee of five be appointed to secure a more suitable hall for meetings of the convention. He declared that many delegates could not get seats, and those under the balcony could not hear the chairman's voice distinctly.

McEnerney offered an amendment that this matter be laid on the table, but it was voted down.

McMurray said that as an inducement to bring the convention here it had been promised a suitable hall, and now the San Francisco delegation sought to let the convention look out for a hall for itself.

Jeremiah Lynch endeavored to throw oil on

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisement for Raphael's Tailored Clothing. The ad features a large illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress. Text includes: 'PNEUMONAL!!', 'IS THE WORD THAT EXPRESSES THE SUCCESS OF OUR LATEST BOMBARDMENT OF HIGH PRICES...', 'THE BIGGEST KIND OF CROWDS, EXTRA SALESMEN, AND AN EXTRA HUSTLE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS... NOBODY EVER BEFORE OFFERED \$22, \$25, AND \$30 SUITS AT.', '85', 'WE HAVE! WHEN YOU LOOK IN OUR BIG WINDOW AND SEE "EM YOU'LL NOT BE A BIT SURPRISED AT OUR SUCCESS... THEY'RE ALL THE LATEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE FABRICS TAILORED PERFECTLY AND CUT IN THIS SEASONS MOST APPROVED STYLES... STOP IN AND SEE!', 'RAPHAEL'S', 'NOS 9-11-13 & 15 KEARNY ST.'

United States senatorship. When Budd returned to the hotel he denied that there had been any such caucus and asserted that the senatorial meeting at the Lick was only another caucus of the San Joaquin Valley delegates. Mr. Murphy said that nothing could induce him to withdraw, and that his inclination to relinquish his claims to the prize as he himself had.

Maguire men still declare that the Congressman would remain in the field, and they were equally as confident of success as the others. There was comparatively little Maguire talk though, as delegates seemed to have determined to nominate him for Congress.

There was some talk of combining the Maguire forces with those of Budd, but this, like many other reports, could not be verified. Last night Murphy appeared to be in the lead, notwithstanding the fact that his San Joaquin opponent thinks he has only his great valley, but all the counties south of it, counting 268 assured votes.

The following dis-patched in relation to Judge Maguire was received last night: WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Judge Maguire said to a representative of THE CALL to-night that he had received no positive information concerning his nomination for Governor. "The interest of the party," he said, "and not my personal wishes nor the personal ambition of any candidate, should control the convention."

Being shown the statement published in a San Francisco paper to the effect that certain of his friends were making promises and threats to induce delegates to vote for him as Governor he said: "Do not believe that anything of the kind has been done. Nobody in California is authorized to make any promise or threat on my behalf. I do not want the nomination unless it is unqualified judgment of a majority of the delegates. My nomination will best serve the interests of the party in California. No matter who may be nominated I stand ready to give him my loyal and constant support to the end of the campaign, and being assured of his election in taxation would become an issue in the campaign he said: "Only in so far as the enforcement of certain provisions of the present constitution is concerned, it is well known throughout the entire State that I have constantly favored the taxation of unimproved land with improved land of the same kind similarly located. This was established by the constitution of California fourteen years ago, but it has never been carried into effect. Unimproved land held for speculative purposes has been assessed for taxes in nearly every section of the State at a much lower rate than improved land of the same quality and similarly located, which is owned by actual settlers.

Have known of land held for speculative purposes being taxed at from \$2 to \$10 per acre, while little homesteads carved out of the same body of land have been assessed at from \$25 to \$100 per acre, simply because the occupant, by his labor and expenditure of money, had cleared it and brought it under cultivation. My election as Governor would mean that the whole power of the executive department of the State government would be brought to bear upon this evil for the enforcement of this constitutional provision and for the punishment of public officers, charged with enforcing it who neglect their duties in favor of large land-owners and speculators. The accomplishment of that purpose would be quite enough in the way of return for any one admission to the Governor. To the extent my views on question of taxation would certainly be involved."

SACRAMENTO'S MUDDLE. The Reorganized Democracy Scores a Victory. There was war in the rooms of the committee on credentials in the Baldwin last night and when the clouds cleared away, the regular Democracy of Sacramento was among the slain. Their nineteen representatives who aspired to seats in the convention were completely knocked out and the "Reorganized," which says it doesn't train with heels, was triumphant. This morning the majority of the committee on credentials will report, recommending the seating of the nineteen men of the "reorganized." That will end the fight as far as this convention is concerned, but it leaves the Democracy of Sacramento County in a more irreparably divided state than ever. The committee got to work on the Sacramento case about 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and after listening to W. D. Lawton,

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"WHAT IS THE PLEASURE OF THE CONVENTION?"—DEL VALLE TAKES THE CHAIR.

now quite certain that it will never be heard of again. Mr. English was, perhaps, the busiest man who hung about the Baldwin corridors yesterday.

Another it was a busy day. The wire-pullers worked hard and left things at midnight very much as they were in the morning so far as practical results are concerned.

An effort was made late at night to draw Budd out of the gubernatorial fight in favor of Congressman Maguire. It was not long before the news spread along the corridors, and gaining in importance as it passed along, delegates were admonished to hear that Budd had actually withdrawn from the contest and thrown his strength to Maguire. This created a nine minutes' wonder and finally was positively announced for a fact. Maguire's friends went around boasting

that the comfortable auditorium was inadequate to their numbers in point of accommodation. Still they managed to worry through two sessions. Temporary organization was effected and a committee on credentials appointed to report at 10 o'clock this morning on the delegates.

Del Valle was elected temporary chairman with some enthusiasm; in fact, by acclamation, which, of course, was equivalent to his election as president of the convention.

The local committee on arrangements had strung rows of chairs around the outer aisles, leaving an open space of three feet between the walls and chairs. Still more chairs were scattered throughout the aisles so that delegates might be provided with seats. These arrangements did not meet with the approval of the Fire Department engineers, who saw that the

together, consisting, as it does, of the representative Democrats of the State of California. [Loud applause.] I desire to say my province to dwell upon any of the issues pending before the people of this country at the present time, but simply to present to you the arrangements in detail as made by the committee representing the local Democracy of San Francisco. But before doing the deliberations of Democratic conventions in San Francisco before may also be realized succeeding the conclusion of the deliberation of this convention.

I desire to remind the gentlemen here present that in the year 1867, soon after the close of the Civil War, the Hon. H. H. Haight was nominated for Governor in San Francisco; and again, in 1876, the Hon. William Irwin was nominated in San Francisco; and again, in 1886, Washington Bartlett was nominated. And let me hope that the result of your deliberations will be to present a name to the people of California that will again receive their endorsement.

The local committee has made all necessary arrangements to provide the district conven-

tion with greater credit, or would give greater expression of the confidence of the people than the position of the committee knows throughout the State of California to be an honorable gentleman, and his history as a Senator of this State was a credit to the duties which he carried out faithfully. If he was elected chairman it would be a token of the success of the Democratic party. It is not a challenge to the people and to the Republican party that the convention would not and should not be dominated by railroad tyran-

The nominating speech and its support from Spencer settled the question as to who would be temporary chairman. Evidently the convention was in no condition to listen to another candidate. There followed a brief lull, and then Phillip of Monterey moved that Del Valle be elected temporary chairman. The motion was carried without a dissenting voice, which met the approval of lobbies and floor alike.

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