

ENDS IN RIOT.

Fist Fights Instead of Votes.

A MOB IN CONTROL.

Disgraceful Scenes at Union Hall.

HEELERS ATTACK THE STAGE

Democratic Delegates Resort to Violence.

DEUPREY ADJOURNS CONVENTION

Weakens Under Threats and Allows the Minority Report to Usurp the Majority's Place.

With all its record for political wrangles and fist fights, perhaps never witnessed a more disorderly and tumultuous scene than that which took place last night during the proceedings of the Democratic convention.

The old-timers, who are wont to talk about the "high times in Union Hall" in the days so long gone that the tales which come down handed by time and uncontradicted because few people can remember to the contrary, will now have nothing to crow about to the present generation in the line of political hubbubs, fights and noise.

The convention came very near breaking up altogether. It did, indeed, in fact, but it in some way came together again and managed to finish up its business after a fashion.

Nothing could surpass in rowdiness the closing incidents of this remarkable assemblage. From beginning to end the session can be likened to nothing more dignified or deliberate than boxing.

The row was not unexpected. Chairman Deuprey went to the hall accompanied by a bodyguard, and the delegates went there bent on creating a row.

Before the body had been in session fifteen minutes the riot was on, and for half an hour it looked as if the chairman would have need of all the protection he had provided for himself or the police could give.

For four days the committee appointed last week to select a Board of Supervisors and Board of School Directors had been hard at work. They had experienced great difficulty in getting acceptable candidates to run.

It was an anti-Rainey committee, and it wanted Democracy who were free from the Rainey influence, and at the same time sufficiently strong to stand a chance of election. The list was finally completed, and the members of the committee, sore at having had the Rainey scale struck off the back of the convention, went down to Union Hall last night determined that their report should be adopted whether the convention wished to or not.

The convention went down determined that no report should be stuffed down its throat, and the situation at the start presented a committee with the chairman of the convention in league with it, pitted against at least 500 as stubborn Democrats as veritable a throat sore.

The hall was one mass of men and everything auspicious for a turbulent outbreak.

At the beginning some business of minor importance was transacted, and then the chairman announced that the report of the committee on Supervisors and School Directors was in order. James F. Smith advanced to the platform and read the report. He had scarcely ceased reading when the chairman declared that a motion had been made to adopt the report of the committee.

There was a great deal of noise in the hall, and if the motion really had been made, few, if any, people heard it. Deuprey then put the question, and there was a storm of yells, followed by a heavier storm of noise. Down came the tack-hammer on the table-plate, and the presiding officer could be heard announcing, at the top of his voice, that the motion had been carried.

"The roll," "the roll," "call the roll," called 200 delegates. Then the cry was taken up by others, and the spectators leaped upon the benches and craned their necks to see the coming battle.

"The chair decides that the motion has been carried and the roll will not be called," said Deuprey.

This was followed by a deepening of the howl for the roll. It became more general as it proceeded, and at last it seemed that every delegate in the vast body was calling "roll," "roll," "call the roll."

a voice that was lost in the roar. Deuprey paid no attention to him and he finally slunk back to the rear of the stage. Dunne took the report and put it in his pocket. For fully ten minutes nothing was done.

The throats of the delegates seemed made of leather. Nothing could wear them out, while Chairman Deuprey grew hoarse from trying to talk against the deafening din. In the rear of the hall the spectators took to groaning, and sent forward a sound that resembled the roar of wild beasts. The delegates took it up and mingled hisses with it. Deuprey stood his ground, and the situation became more perilous as the moments sped.

"Put Hammond off the stage," yelled the delegates, and Hammond got down for a time.

Deuprey called upon the sergeant-at-arms repeatedly, but without effect. The officers could not manage the entire convention. Jim Bowen, the officer on the stage, got into a row with a man with a crippled hand. The two grappled, but were separated. A moment or two later Bowen was down in front of the stage attempting to quiet Eddy Graney, who struck him a blow in the face for his pains.

This row was quelled with great difficulty and then Graney went upon the platform and a general fight was soon in progress. Graney rushed to the table at which the secretaries were seated and grabbed a handful of papers. He threatened the records down and the secretaries endeavored to hold him in a struggle for his possession. D. Q. Troy got hold of the most important papers and thrust them into his pocket, but Graney afterward boasted that he had made war with the roll.

At this juncture Jim Neal appeared in the melee. He thought it behooved him to help out his friend Graney, and he made a rush for a man who was at that time contending with the Forty-second District boss.

The police rushed on the stage from both sides and made it very interesting for Neal. They hustled and hauled him about, rashed him back from the front to the rear of the stage, knocked over chairs and tables and tore the coat nearly off his back.

Neal protested that it was not he that had been fighting, but the officers hustled him out of the crowd. One big policeman knocked over Chairman Deuprey's double-decked chair and took his stand behind him. Three other officers gathered around on the other sides and stood guard.

The scene-shifter began to fear that the scenes on the stage would be torn to shreds and he hastened to remove them, leaving a clear field for the fighters.

But the presence of a dozen police officers, who were by no means gentle in their struggles for peace, and handled the delegates with much the same vim as they would have managed strikers, had a quieting effect, and the riot finally subsided.

Officer Smith afterward reported that Alex Greggins, prize-fighter, and Mike Nolan were in the row with Neal, and that

the Fire Department through the influence of Buckley and Rainey. He came before our committee two or three times, preferring charges against Mr. Raubinger to the effect that he was connected with McPherson in those criminal actions. We called Mr. Raubinger in and questioned him. He stated that the only dealing he had ever had with McPherson was in the way of loaning him \$20 once. The latter had come to him one day with tears in his eyes, saying he was penniless, his wife and children starving and his landlord threatening to throw him out of the house. He gave him the money and that ended it.

"To-day Walsh and a lot of those people got hold of McPherson and told him that if he would make an affidavit to the effect that he had received \$100 from Raubinger as purchase price for the stolen goods they would give him \$250 cash in hand and provide for him practically."

"How do I know that? Why, McPherson came before our committee and told us this afternoon. He said that after the proposition had been made to him he went home and told it to his wife. She called to his mind the former kindness of Mr.

Raubinger, and said if he accepted she would leave him forever.

"That's the story, and that's why I presented McPherson's affidavit to-night."

KILKENNY NOWHERE. It Can't Compare With the Democratic Convention.

When Chairman Deuprey rapped once for order the metallic ring had a magical effect on the convention. Without more ado there was perfect order. He announced that the roll would not be read, and then introduced Christian Reis, nominee for Treasurer. Reis was applauded warmly as he stepped to the front of the platform. In a very few words he endorsed the Democratic platform and withdrew.

Sixth—Frederick Hess, journalist, 821 California street.

Seventh—W. M. Kane, retired liquor merchant, 505 Howard street.

Eighth—P. Boland, real estate, 1023 Bush street.

Ninth—H. B. Goeken, hay and grain, 551 Fourth street.

Tenth—William M. Hinton, printer, 647 Folsom street.

Eleventh—Frank Lester, foundryman, 632 1/2 Tennessee street.

Twelfth—J. A. Harney, transportation agent, 616 Fell street.

And we submit twelve (12) names for School Directors, as follows:

First—William F. Ambrose, artificial-stone contractor, 668 Walnut avenue.

Second—Charles A. Bantel, baker and confectioner, 505 Turk street.

Third—Thomas R. Carey, undertaker, 326 Fell street.

Fourth—Robert Bragg, capitalist, 215 Castro street.

Fifth—A. Comte Jr., attorney-at-law, 104 Guerrero street.

Sixth—Dr. E. H. Stable, physician, 1027 Mission street.

Seventh—J. W. Duncan, carpenter and builder, 726 Bush street.

Eighth—August Tillman, harness-maker, 313 Ninth street.

Ninth—Dr. Charles A. Clifton, physician, northeast corner of Twenty-first and Grand streets.

Tenth—David S. Norris, bookkeeper, D. Samuels & Co., 1207 California street.

Eleventh—Hugh Lewis, commission merchant, 2900 Jackson street.

Twelfth—A. A. Rottanz, physician, 301 Third street.

Thirteenth—W. P. Sullivan Jr., W. H. Melson, E. J. Crane.

After a great effort P. Dunne, who led the opposition, managed to get a partial hearing.

"Gentlemen of the convention," said he, "I appear as a duly accredited delegate to a Democratic convention, and I appeal from the decision of the chair on the majority report respecting the Supervisors and demand a rollcall."

Chairman Deuprey played the avvil chorus with his hammer. "The chair refuses to entertain an appeal," he declared. "Rollcall is out of order and the roll will not be called."

The clamor grew worse than before. "The roll will not be called," repeated the chairman. "You don't accomplish anything by the rollcall."

A score of delegates tried to speak at once. Then Chairman Deuprey declared the convention adjourned sine die.

"The chair has just declared this convention adjourned sine die. Are you going to stand this?" asked P. Dunne.

"No," "no," came from all parts of the hall.

"Then we'll elect a new chairman," said Mr. Dunne.

There was a rush for the platform and a fist fight took place on the stage. Chairman Deuprey held his hammer in an attitude of self-protection. His bodyguard gathered about him. The fight began near the secretaries' tables, and an attempt was made to steal the documents. The melee continued for several minutes and the contestants struggled pretty much over the stage before the police could get them separated.

"The chair has not been fair to-night," said P. F. Dunne speaking from the stage. "I move that we reconsider the action of the convention by which the vote for Supervisors was had. The minority report must be considered."

"If all you ask is a fair vote," said Chairman Deuprey, "have these people leave the stage, and the remainder can be attended to afterward."

In spite of the fact that he had declared the convention adjourned sine die, Mr. Deuprey continued to preside and the proceedings of the convention went on.

"I ask for order," said Mr. Deuprey. "And I hope you will keep order," said P. F. Dunne. "The minority report differs from the majority in three or four names only. There are no scandals about this convention; no buying of places, as in the Republican convention. I ask you to keep quiet. I think the chairman will give us the right to vote. It not, exercise your rights as American citizens and do so."

"Unless you keep quiet the proceedings can't go on," said Chairman Deuprey. "I am not afraid of threats. This is not the first time I have been in a Democratic convention, and I have never been overawed by howlers. I have declared the majority report adopted. It will be necessary to close your proceedings to-night. The minority report has not been presented to the convention. Before it can be presented a vote must be taken, but there is no appeal from my decision."

A. J. Clunie made the point of order that under all parliamentary rules the minority report should have been considered. This was ruled against.

"I have ascertained that there is a minority report. The same had not been declared, and the chair had no knowledge of it until after this hubbub," said Mr. Deuprey.

"You didn't want to know it," came the response from one of the delegates.

"No, sir," replied the chair. "I have appointed a committee on permanent organization, with power to act."

The members of these delegations stood up leading the disorder.

"And I nominate A. J. Clunie for Superintendent of Public Instruction," were the closing words which Dick Hammond managed to say.

The chair put the nomination in the height of the confusion and declared it carried.

The chair announced the following committee on reorganization of the Democratic party in San Francisco, according to Assembly districts, with full power to act:

Twenty-eighth District, F. McGowan; Twenty-ninth, Samuel Braunhart; Thirtieth, Edward Sharkey; Thirty-first, C. Hilliard; Thirty-second, William Larkin; Thirty-third, Frank C. Cleary; Thirty-fourth, George E. Gallagher; Thirty-fifth, J. F. Smith; Thirty-sixth, Ed Ring; Thirty-seventh, S. C. Tobin; Thirty-eighth, James McKenna; Thirty-ninth, Thomas F. Fenton; Fortieth, Marcus Rosenthal; Forty-first, R. C. Mattingly; Forty-second, John A. Lynch; Forty-third, George T. Marge Jr.; Forty-fourth, J. D. Deandrea; Forty-fifth, John Gates.

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"May my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth and my right arm wither in death if I ever had adhesion with or sympathy for any organization whose object is the limitation of human conscience (wild apostasy) or the restriction of civil or religious faith. I say, as I am a Protestant, that we should not under this Government strive for the accomplishment of ends by secret means. Gentlemen, I am a Democrat, and I do not look to the Republican camp to assist me in this convention; and now, in the name of the Democratic party, I promise you I will support your nominee, and I respectfully withdraw from this candidacy."

The whole house went wild, and before the cheers ceased cries of "Hip! hip!" and three cheers rang out again repeatedly from the galleries and lobbies.

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The chair decided that inasmuch as there was no prospect of fairness in getting a vote the roll should be called. Then the rules were suspended, so that the man obtaining the greater number of votes be declared the nominee.

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"We will have a vote on this if we stay all night," said Mr. Dunne.

"We can't listen to the minority report, as the majority report has already been adopted," cried Sam Braunhart.

After a little more skirmishing the minority report was read as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2, 1894. The Hon. Eugene Deuprey, Chairman of the Democratic Municipal Convention: A minority of your committee appointed to select and report to the convention the names of suitable members of the Board of Supervisors and School Directors here leave to report that disagree with the selection made by the majority for nomination as members of the Board of Supervisors and respectfully recommend the following for nomination as members of the said board, to wit:

First Ward—John M. Klein. Second Ward—Peter A. Scully. Third Ward—C. W. Nye. Fourth Ward—Alphonse Hirsch. Fifth Ward—Joseph Diamond. Sixth Ward—Frederick Hess. Seventh Ward—Michael Kane. Eighth Ward—Patrick Boland. Ninth Ward—Herman H. Golden. Tenth Ward—William M. Hinton. Eleventh Ward—Frank Lester. Twelfth Ward—Edward L. Wagner. Respectfully submitted, JOHN C. DEGAN.

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Clunie asked that the report of the committee be read, as he did not like to see "snap judgment taken."

"The gentleman is out of order," holly retorted the Chair. "There was no snap judgment taken, and I shall see there shall be none."

"Oh! oh! oh!" came from various directions, and rap went the chairman's hammer, which settled it.

A plank in the platform setting forth that eight hours shall be considered a day's work and \$2 a day the minimum wage on all public works under a penalty of \$500 was adopted.

Dunne again asked for information about the report on "country committee" as he called it.

"That's all done and over," said the chair, while his hammer came down again with a sharp ring.

Senatorial nominations as follows were made: Eighteenth District, Hugh Toner; Twentieth District, P. T. Ward; Twenty-second, Percy L. Henderson; Twenty-fourth, J. T. Burke.

Assemblies as follows were nominated: Twenty-eighth District, Henry Healy; Twenty-ninth, John D. Coughlin; Thirtieth, John O'Day; Thirty-first, T. E. Tracy; Thirty-second, J. F. Dwyer; Thirty-third, L. J. Devere; Thirty-fourth, Mark A. Devine; Thirty-fifth, J. M. Doulan; Thirty-sixth, John McCarthy; Thirty-seventh, John P. Dalton; Thirty-eighth, Thomas F. Clark; Thirty-ninth, A. T. Vogelsang; Fortieth, Daniel W. Saylor; Forty-first, James P. Sweeney; Forty-second, Edward J. Reynolds; Forty-third, Joseph M. Marks; Forty-fourth, James J. Degan; Forty-fifth, J. T. Carey.

A resolution providing that the chairman and secretaries of the Assembly and Senatorial districts meet at 310 Pine street 1-day and file certificates of nomination was adopted.

Delegate Clunie grew angry and he tried to claim the attention of the chair while Braunhart had the floor. He said he had received a promise from the chair at whose request he gave way to allow business to proceed earlier in the evening. "You won't listen to me while you will recognize that little runt, Sammy Braunhart," he yelled.

This gave rise to another outburst of yells and laughter, which threw the convention into temporary disorder. The chair got the house to order, and told Clunie he should apologize for such language, which was disrespectful to the chair. Clunie did the amenable honorable. But he insisted that the report of the committee on organization be read and acted on by the convention.

Peter Dunne said he wanted a rollcall in the matter and did not intend to have snap judgment taken. The delegates all jumped to their feet yelling, "Rollcall!" and if anything the noise was more boisterous than it had been during the "hubbub."

Chairman Deuprey stated his position—that he had already put the motion regarding the committee and he declared it adopted. The delegates shouted, "No! no! no!"

Clunie called to the chair that the rules had it that when seventy-five men stand and ask for a rollcall it should be granted by the chair. Dunne declared he had asked the secretary about the matter, and was informed the report had not been adopted. Then he leaped on the stage and demanded a rollcall, asking for all delegates to rise who wanted a rollcall. At least half the convention arose, when Delegate Tebbin said there were at least seventy-five delegates and stuffers in the convention, and as for the secretaries they were not attending to their duties; Secretary Gavigan had been doing nothing but "hopping around like a hen on a hot gridiron." He asked that the chair see that the secretaries attend to their duties.

James F. Smith explained that the convention had been delayed for two weeks by just such scenes and moved that it adjourn sine die.

All through the convention was a howling mob and now it went beyond control. Clunie declared that he arose to a question of privilege, that he was subjected to a most disgraceful dishonourment of his rights. He again asked if the chair would give a rollcall on the appeal of seventy-five delegates.

If the chair was satisfied that seventy-five duly accredited delegates asked for a rollcall he certainly would grant it, but he could not determine if that number did actually demand a call. There was howling on one side and disorder on the other, and he couldn't ascertain. Neither would he be bulldozed into doing anything, and these remarks were intended for Mr. Clunie, to whom they were pertinent.

He would stay there all night, but no howling nor boisterous could frighten him into anything he did not believe was fair or just.

He held still that he had appointed the committee under the report of the committee on permanent organization and order of business. If his action was not right it could be changed by the County Committee and State Central Committee. Clunie moved that the convention adjourn until to-night, but it was ruled that no amendment could be made to Smith's motion to adjourn sine die.

The convention finally got into a tangle worse than a Chinese puzzle when a motion was made to adjourn until to-night. At seventy-five delegates demanded a rollcall on a motion to lay on the table Smith's motion to adjourn sine die. While the vote was proceeding several delegates interrupted the proceedings. The chair said if it occurred again he would find means to adjourn the convention without a day.

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James M. Block, nominee for Tax Collector, thanked the convention for the honor of a re-nomination, and promised to conduct his office in a manner satisfactory to the public.

Representatives of the candidates to report on the campaign finances were announced by Chairman Deuprey as follows: For Sheriff, Charles J. Hegertz; for County Clerk, J. H. Barry; for County Recorder, Martin Fleming; for Public Administrator, W. A. Tahlmann; candidates at-large, A. J. Clunie. As Clunie withdrew his name, Charles Weller was substituted.

The following committee was appointed to fill vacancies: Eugene Garber, E. P. Cole, Barclay Henley, George Shadburne and Joseph Noman.

It was announced that Samuel Haskins had resigned the Assembly nomination in the Thirty-ninth District.

Delegate Weller reported for the committee on credentials that John Deveney had resigned and J. Wren was appointed in his place. Thomas McGowan, M. Kane and A. J. Bouts resigned. Frank Casey was appointed in the place of Bouts.

Above the din, which partially subsided, the chair announced that the following

We assure the convention that we have performed the onerous duties intrusted to us with a due sense of responsibility, and we submit the report of our labors with the confident hope and expectation that it will receive your approval and support.

In the deliberations of the committee every consideration of personal preference and feeling was laid aside and disregarded; every name suggested and discarded from the standpoint of fitness alone. And now that we are about to submit to the convention the business which has engrossed our attention since the last adjournment, we allow ourselves to make an urgent appeal that it be treated by you as it has been treated by us, with an eye single to the strength of the ticket, the good of the party and the satisfaction of the people.

(Signed)—John F. McGowan, Samuel Braunhart, T. O'Leary, Chris Hilliard, William Larkin, Frank C. Cleary, George E. Gallagher, James F. Smith, Thomas F. Casey, V. C. Tobin, Joseph F. Noman, Edward E. Hill, C. A. Adams, J. M. Burnett, J. A. Lynch, G. T. Marge Jr., Dr. George Schel, J. J. Suterley, G. A. Proctor, E. B. Young, E. P. Cole.

In the most rapid tones Chairman Deuprey said: "Delegates in favor of the adoption of the report will vote 'aye,' contrary-minded 'no,' and with no stopping added: 'The ayes' have it, and the gentlemen named in the majority report I declare as the candidates of this convention for members of the Board of Supervisors and members of the Board of Education."

Then there went up from the convention a prolonged Democratic howl. According to the rearranged plan R. P. Hammond leaped to the platform and began to talk. For fifteen minutes the wildest confusion and disorder reigned.

Delegates shook their fists at the chairman and denounced him. R. P. Hammond continued his talk from the platform. He was making a speech nominating A. J. Clunie for Superintendent of Schools, but not a word which he uttered could be heard.