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LEAGUE AT WORK.

Chairman Clarkson Opens the Club Convention

AND PROPOSES A LINE OF POLICY.

Woman Suffrage and Co-operation Suggested as Subjects to Bring Forward—Salient Points of His Address—Denver to Get the Next Meeting—Proceedings of the National Committee—The Question of Representation Postponed.

LOUISVILLE, May 11.—In opening the national Republican League convention President Clarkson said: "As we begin here today the march to victory in 1896 we have neither complaints nor explanations for the defeat last year. Indeed, the Republican party feels better today over the situation than the country itself. The Democratic party that saw in the Republican policies only robbery of the American people have now been in power two months and the robbery still goes on by Democratic consent under Democratic auspices. Cleveland and his Democratic secretary of the treasury have allowed the country a plain foretaste of Democratic ideas of finance and business. They have already frightened the business world; made a suspension of discount in all the banks of the country and created uneasiness where prosperity ruled before.

The "Intolerance of Morality."

"A majority of the voters of the United States are Republicans on the real Republican issues. Too many voters have been alienated by what might be called the intolerance of morality. Let us make the platform so broad that any man, native or foreign born, of any church, may find a welcome place in our ranks. Thus we shall gain new votes and elements. We go into this conflict to maintain our old principles with undiminished faith, favoring the rights of men, protection to American workmen and American interests. The Republican League comes to Kentucky to lay the charge that there is a revival of sectionalism, and the "bloody shirt," and to prove that it is false. We come to say that the negro question has merged in the larger one of equal rights of all parties.

The Colored Man in Politics.

"We come to prove that the Democratic party has so far surrendered to the Republican position on the equal rights of all parties as to admit that the negro has the right to vote or hold office if he will act with the Democratic party. When the Democratic party thus accepts the negro as a voter it can no longer challenge the right of the Republican party to do the same. Public opinion as to the negro is rapidly dividing. The Democratic party has ceased the cry that he is an animal and not a man. The cry of ignorance no longer holds against the negro race alone. The negro of slavery days is Republican.

Position of the "New Negro."

"The new negro" like the young white man, will make his own terms with the existing political parties. The south has already injured itself on this line more than it can recover in generations. In teaching its young people dishonesty in politics it has been logically teaching them dishonesty in all things. Of the millions of emigrants who come to America all seem to know that political liberty in some states of the south is for Democrats only. On the laboring men of the northern states begins to fall the greater injury of the injustice toward the southern negro. This comes in the mien of the degraded and cheap labor into which the Democratic party has forced the black man.

ON THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

A Mean Between Eastern and Western Extremes Advocated.

"As to money and banking the country will depend on the Republican minority in congress for defense from threatened harm. Bimetallism will of course be maintained by the Republicans, and the sagacity of the Republican minority in congress will doubtless provide, with the aid of conservative Democrats, some provision in substitution for the Sherman act which will preserve a continued parity in value of coined gold and silver. Neither the extreme eastern view that would force this country to a gold basis, nor the view that would make money cheaper and all other property dearer, will solve the problem or save the country."

Clarkson then stated as the financial policy that laid down in the Minority's platform, and he suggested some means of extending the banking system to small towns, so as to give the farmer the benefit of his credit at as low a rate of interest as the business man. The foregoing, however, he said was given as his personal view, which neither the Republican party nor any faction thereof was responsible for.

Continuing he said: "The League clubs could find no more interesting or profitable question to discuss or investigate than the co-operative system. Factories of all kinds, dairies, farms, railways, and banks are testing it, and find increased profits to themselves as well as larger rewards to their employes. Arbitration and conciliation should be encouraged. Another theme for discussion is the growing question of better roads in America; and still another, the political rights of women."

"Let us make a door so open and so wide that every voter may come in. Let us strike down and repudiate any aristocracy or prejudice of action such as was shown in the course of a social-political club in New York a few weeks ago, in refusing admission to a splendid young American because of race, of religious prejudice. I hope to see this convention, while standing bravely for the spirit of Americanism in all its noble actions and ambitions, disown that act and denounce it as being unworthy of this country and of the Republican party. Make the gate of the Republican wide enough for Republican victory."

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Caucus Programme Carried Out—Mauley Elected Secretary.

When the speaker concluded he was rewarded with enthusiastic cheers, as he had been when he arose, and as soon as he could be heard he announced that the convention was ready for business. The call of the roll showed that thirty-three states were represented. The usual committees were appointed and the convention ad-

ourned for the day. At night there was a concert at Phoenix hall. Between 10 and 12 a reception was given the Rhode Island delegation in the symposium in the southwest corner of the hall.

The afternoon was largely devoted to the delegates to discussion of the probable action of the national committee. There were two or three questions of importance before that body, one being the confirmation of a chairman and the other the question of representation in the next national convention. At the meeting of the committee De Young, who is credited with a desire to hold the chairmanship, had the pleasure of presiding until the resolution decided upon at the previous caucus, confirming Carter in the chair and accepting the resignation of Campbell, had been acted upon. It was adopted, and the national committee continued as at present organized.

The committee then put a temporary quietus on the proposition to change the basis of representation in the next national convention; that proposition was that each state have four delegates-at-large and one for each 7,000 votes cast for the Republican presidential candidate. Scott of West Virginia was the mover of the resolution changing the basis, which would largely decrease the representation from the south. Payne of Wisconsin offered an amendment which did not alter the sense of the resolution and Scott accepted it, and a long debate ensued, Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, and Bradley of Kentucky strongly opposing the resolution.

The southern members insisted that the proposal was a gross outrage upon the rights of the south and upon those of the party who were fighting its battles in that region and meant the supremacy of the Republicans of the east, north and west at the expense of their southern brethren. A motion was made to table the resolution, but finally it was decided to indefinitely postpone final action in order that the sentiments of representative Republicans throughout the country might be ascertained.

Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, was selected as permanent secretary. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, was permitted to occupy some fifty minutes in telling of the work of the Woman's Republican club in the last campaign. Four years from now, she said, it would be a permanent factor in the politics of the nation, reaching the votes through homes and firesides. When she concluded it was within an hour of Derby time, and the committee adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

The special committee on the place and date for the next meeting of the league has selected Denver. The convention will be called for the second Tuesday in May, 1894. Milwaukee and Omaha were other contestants for the honor.

REPORT FROM THE WHEAT FIELDS.

Declines in Condition Compared to Last Month and Last Year.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The May returns of the department of agriculture on the condition of winter wheat show a reduction of 2.1 points from the April average, being 75.3 against 77.4 last month and 84.0 in May, 1892. The averages of the principal winter wheat states are: Ohio, 88; Michigan, 71; Indiana, 79; Illinois, 62; Missouri, 72; Kansas, 51. The average of these six states is 68.3 against 74.2 in April, being a decline of 5.9 points since the first of last month.

In Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska where planting was backward and germination slow, owing to continued drought, and much of that planted for winter-killed, large areas have been plowed under and devoted to other crops. The same has been done in Missouri, Indiana and Illinois, where the plant was badly winter-killed and greatly damaged since by the continued wet weather. Damage by the Hessian fly in some of the counties of Indiana and Ohio is reported.

Winter rye, like wheat, has suffered a decline in condition since last month, its average for May last being 82.7, against 85.7 for same date in April. The percentage of New York is 87; Pennsylvania, 92; Illinois, 72. The average condition of barley is 85.6, against 92.8 last year. The lowest conditions are in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. The condition of spring pasture is 87.2; of mowing lands, 89.2. The proportion of spring plowing done May 1 is reported as 73.4 per cent., against an average of 77 per cent. for a series of years.

LOOKOUT WINS THE DERBY.

Nineteenth in the Line of Winners on an Ideal Racing Day.

LOUISVILLE, May 11.—The Louisville Derby Day opened the races as usual at Churchill Downs and the day was an ideal day for racing. There was a tremendous crowd present, the usual large throng being made greater by the crowds here attending the Republican League convention. The nineteenth Derby prize was contested for by Lookout, Boundless, Buck McCann, Plutus, Linger and Mirage.

The start was made on equal terms, and Lookout was in the lead in a dozen strides. As they passed the stand he led two lengths, Plutus being second, and Linger third. The rest were bunched, and Lookout was under a hard pull. It was really no race for Lookout. Before the mile was completed he was five lengths in the lead and without a blow, under a strong pull—while the others were being urged to the utmost—he went under the wire two lengths in front; Plutus, second; Boundless, third. The time was 2:30 1/4—fast for the state of the track.

Mrs. Lease Stands by a Vet.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 11.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease has created a sensation here. She is president of the state board of charities. There are five members, three Populists and two Republicans. A vote was taken for superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' home. The two Republicans voted for Faulkner, the present incumbent, and the Populists for a new man. Mrs. Lease, having the casting vote, arose and declared that Faulkner would never be put out by her vote. "He was a member of the famous Buck-tail regiment," she said, "and stood beside and cared for my two brothers who died on the battle field." Populists roundly abuse Mrs. Lease for the act.

Fat Place for an Illinoisan.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president has appointed Frank H. Jones, of Springfield, Ill., first assistant postmaster general, vice H. Clay Evans, resigned.

Three Strains on Anson.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Last year the Cleveland club was the Chicago hoodoo; this year Anson has the old hoodoo all right, and feeling that it takes two to make a pair has added St. Louis. After losing right along to Cleveland, as usual, and three straight to St. Louis the Windy City muffs should be very near the tail end of the record. Following are League scores: At St. Louis—St. Louis 14, Chicago 2; at Baltimore—Baltimore 7; Philadelphia 9; at Brooklyn—Brooklyn 7, New York 6; at Cincinnati—Cincinnati 3, Pittsburg 5; at Washington—Washington 10, Boston 9; at Louisville—No game; wet grounds.

The Chemical to Resume.

CHICAGO, May 11.—At a meeting of the directors of the Chemical National bank it was resolved to reorganize the bank and resume business at the earliest possible moment.

Asked a Blessing of the Pope.

CHICAGO, May 11.—At the second day's session of the supreme council of the Catholic Knights of America a telegraphic greeting was read from St. Louis Knights and a response ordered. The supreme president was also instructed to send a message to the pope, acquainting him with the fact that the present meeting was being held, and asking for his approval and blessing.

Booth Will Never Get Well.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Dr. St. Clair Smith called in Drs. Star and Fremont in consultation over the condition of Edwin Booth, and later the three doctors joined in a bulletin that says in brief that while there is no prospect of danger of death there is little probability that Booth will ever completely recover.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 10.

Following were the quotations on the board of trade today: Wheat—May, opened 75c; closed 75c; July, opened 75c; closed 75c; September, opened 75c; closed 75c. Corn—May, opened 47c; closed 47c; July, opened 47c; closed 47c; September, opened 47c; closed 47c. Oats—May, opened 35c; closed 35c; July, opened 35c; closed 35c; September, opened 35c; closed 35c. Pork—May, opened 24.75; closed 24.75; July, opened 24.75; closed 24.75; September, opened 24.75; closed 24.75. Lard—May, opened 22.00; closed 22.00; July, opened 22.00; closed 22.00; September, opened 22.00; closed 22.00.

Live stock: The prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day 23,000; quality better; left over, market fairly active opening steady and later sold off 50.15; light grades show the least decline; Boston shippers not buying; few lots sold early at 48.50; sales ranged at 48.50 to 50.00; packing, 47.50 to 48.50 mixed, and 47.50 to 48.50 heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day 15,000; quality fair; market opened rather slow on local and shipping account; prices steady; quotations ranged at \$4.00 to \$5.00 shipping steers, \$4.40 to \$4.80 fair to good, \$4.10 to \$4.40 common to medium do, \$3.80 to \$4.15 butchers steers, \$2.00 to \$4.00 stockers, \$4.00 to \$4.70 feeders, \$2.00 to \$3.80 cows, \$3.00 to \$4.00 heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.75 bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50 Texas steers, and \$3.00 to \$3.75 veal calves.

Sheep—Estimated receipts for the day 12,000; quality fair; market rather slow and prices lower; quotations ranged at 25.00 to 27.00 per 100 lbs westerns, \$3.50 to \$3.75 natives, and \$3.00 to \$3.25 lambs, and spring lambs at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per head.

Produce: Butter—Fancy separator, 22c per lb; fancy dairy, 20c per lb; packing stock, 16c per lb. Eggs—Fresh stock, 14c per doz. Live poultry—Chickens, 12c per lb; turkeys, choice hens, 14c; young toms, 12c per lb; ducks, 12c per lb; geese, 10c per lb. Potatoes—Barabanks, 6c per lb; Hebrons, 6c per lb; Peerless, 6c; Ross, 6c per lb for seed. Apples—Poor to common stock, 10c per bbl; fair to good, 12c to 15c; fancy, \$3. Honey—White clover in 1-lb sections, 17c per lb; broken comb, 16c; dark comb, good condition, 16c; extracted, 63c.

New York, May 10.

Wheat—June, 81c; July, 82c; August, 84c; September, 85c; October, 85c; November, 85c; December, 85c; Rye—Firm; light supply; western, 61c to 62c. Barley—Out of season. Corn—May, 47c; June, 47c; July, 47c; August, 47c; September, 47c; October, 47c; November, 47c; December, 47c; Rye—No. 2, 50c; No. 3, 48c; No. 4, 46c; No. 5, 44c; No. 6, 42c; No. 7, 40c; No. 8, 38c; No. 9, 36c; No. 10, 34c; No. 11, 32c; No. 12, 30c. Pork—Firm and quiet; old mess, 23c; new mess, 22c to 23c. Lard—Weak and dull.

The Local Markets.

GRAIN, ETC.

Wheat—74c to 76c.
Corn—47c to 49c.
Oats—35c to 37c.
Hay—Timothy, \$12.00; upland, \$10.00; slough \$9.00; baled, \$10.00 to \$11.00.

PRODUCE.

Butter—Fair to choice, 20c to 22c; creamery, 20c.
Eggs—Fresh, 14c to 16c.
Poultry—Chickens, 12c; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 12c; geese, 10c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Apples—\$1.00 per bbl.
Potatoes—\$5.00 per cwt.
Onions—\$1.00 per bbl.
Turnips—60c per bu.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Butchers pay for corn fed steers, 4c to 6c; cows and heifers, 3c to 4c; calves, 2c to 3c.
Hogs—72c to 74c.
Sheep—42c to 44c.

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