

A Rousing and Enthusiastic Meeting of the Democracy of the Second Ward—The Big Gun Salutes.

A Ward Club Formed—List of Members—Election of Officers—Speeches by Messrs. Sykes, Gantt, and Logwood.

The National Contest Reviewed—Tilden and Hendricks—The Present Deporable Condition of the Country—The Remedy.

Last night the Democrats of the second ward met in the city hall to perfect arrangements for the organization of a Tilden and Hendricks club. Previous to the assembling of the meeting, General Thomas O'Sullivan, with his corps of officers, fired a salute, the "Little Democrat" sending forth its warlike intonations so loudly as to enthuse the citizens of the second ward, and jar the chandeliers and windows of the city hall. The "Little Democrat's" boom soon added to the number of persons present, and when the meeting was called to order by Colonel John Donovan, the attendance was quite large, embracing a representative class of citizens who manifested unusual interest and seemed thoroughly enthused upon the subject of organizing a Tilden and Hendricks club. We trust that the other wards in the city will follow the example of the second and third wards in their successful efforts to organize clubs, which will be of great importance in furthering the local election.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The committee on permanent organization submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Your committee on permanent organization offer the following:

"This club shall be known as the Second Ward Tilden and Hendricks Democratic and Conservative club.

"The officers shall consist of a president, three vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer.

"We, the citizens of the second ward, being desirous to secure the election of S. J. Tilden and Thomas A. Hendricks to the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, and deeming the best way to secure such ends is by organization, hereby append our signatures as members of the Second Ward Tilden and Hendricks Democratic and Conservative club, and agree to be governed by the laws and regulations established by said club. We cordially invite all citizens of the second ward who favor reform and good government to unite with us in our endeavors to secure this result by the election of Tilden and Hendricks.

"S. B. ROBINS, Chairman."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Mr. Phil Mallon, the meeting resolved to elect the officers *via voce*, and the following gentlemen were then selected: W. A. M'Cloy, president; J. R. Miller, first vice-president; John Wendle, second vice-president; Ex-Governor Isham G. Harris, third vice-president; W. J. M'Keon, secretary; Dr. D. F. Goodyear, treasurer.

PRESIDENT M'CLOY'S REMARKS.

Mr. M'Cloy, upon taking the chair, thanked the meeting for the honor conferred, and announced the meeting ready for business.

On motion of P. W. Maley, Esq., the vice-presidents were requested to occupy seats withing the inclosure.

MAJOR W. J. SYKES

being called for and introduced, addressed the meeting upon the political situation. He was pleased to meet the second ward Democracy, but as there was a time for all things, he would not speak long. He congratulated the meeting upon its harmonious organization for the purpose of entering into a very important political contest. Were it otherwise he would not be present, for he wanted no office, and merely wanted to do his duty. He felt that the prosperity of this country and its happiness depended upon this contest. It was a free country, every man had a right to think as he pleases, and he would not abuse any who deserted the Democratic party. All who left them were going to a political grave, for ten men joined where one left. This was not a contest of sectional interest, but one of reform, this being the great issue. He had nothing personally against Hayes as a man, his respectability, his talent, still he represented Grantism, and was, therefore, to be held responsible for it. In comparison with Samuel J. Tilden, it was a pigmy by the side of a giant. Major Sykes then showed the decrease of the nation's prosperity, the decline in values, and the wretched condition of the people, which demanded a change, for the salvation of the country depended upon it. In God's name, for the sake of these people, their wives and children, let us have a change; it surely cannot be worse than the present condition, and he thought, with Tilden as President, it would be far better for every class and every interest. He reviewed Hayes's letter, showing its sectional character and the insult to the peaceful communities of the south. It may be ignorance, and, therefore excusable. He illustrated the subject by a pleasant joke, and referred to the report of the congressional committee, stating that the colored lady, Frances Thompson, had been outraged, when in fact, that creature is a man. This is a specimen of the outrages that the Radicals manufacture in the south, and about which Hayes writes in his letter. He was satisfied that he was on the winning and the right side, and the Republicans had better now eat all the chicken pie in reach for they would never get another slice. Mr. Hayes may be a good man, but he always judged a person by what he does, not what he says. Mr. Hayes is now for the third time governor of Ohio, and he signed a bill which increases the taxes of the State. Governor Tilden beat General Dix by fifty thousand majority, and God only knows how much he will beat Hays in New York. Within eighteen months he has reduced the taxes of New York from sixteen million dollars to eight million. Thus while Hayes is running up the tax, Tilden is running it down, and what he has done in New York he will do for the nation. Tennessee pays ten million dollars annually to the United States government, and this is the cause of the present condition of the State. Elect Tilden and Hendricks, and an era of prosperity will come upon this country such as was never seen here before. He alluded to those pretty birds, Babcock and Belknap, who look so pretty in their official plumage. They were pretty birds until all their feathers were shot off, and then they looked like toad-frog. Bristow, Dyer and Jewell, and every man in the Republican party who has tried to bring it up to a basis of integrity and purity have been ousted from office by President Grant, and Hayes indorses all of this, for he indorses Grant. The same issue, the cry of reform, will drive the Republican party from power, and place the reformers in power. Daylight is breaking in the east. The great battle is not in Tennessee, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, but in Ohio and Illinois, which will be carried, and sweep the country for Tilden by such a majority as has not been seen since 1840. Let us, however, give a large majority for Tilden and Hendricks in Tennessee.

COLONEL GEORGE GANTT

next addressed the meeting, and was here merely to give aid and encouragement to the objects of the organization, could they win the fight, for there is nothing in the Democratic platform they need fear; it is sound, strong and glorious, broad enough for the whole nation to stand upon; not only strong, but it is loaded down with men of brains, of brilliant deeds. At the head is Tilden, a man the whole country is proud of, his name being known all over the globe—known for his intellect, honesty and brilliant at-

tainments. The platform, the ticket, the top and bottom are all good. Hayes is a middle man, a man of negative character. They have to ask who Hayes and Wheeler are, but all know Tilden and Hendricks. The Radicals invite the young men to join that party for the sake of spoils. Such temptations should be met with scorn, and the answer should be: "Get thee behind me, Satan!" Among the new recruits was Frances Thompson, who is now a voter, but it is not certain whether the thirteenth or fourteenth amendment would cover her, for she is now covered in a different way from what the congressional committee reported. There is no room on the Democratic platform for Frances Thompson, the Babcocks and the Belknaps. The speaker paid a high compliment to the "brilliant, the distinguished, and the accomplished Schurz." At St. Louis they selected the grandest and most distinguished chief of the Democratic party. He went for him because Schurz says go for him; the *Avalanche* said go for him; the *Cincinnati Commercial* said go for him, and all the Independent press said go for him. Both the young and the old should feel proud in following the leadership of Samuel J. Tilden, the greatest of all living Americans, and one whom God has sent here to purify official corruption. The Democrats, Old Whigs and all others, who want reform, mean to put him in power. In all emergencies God has raised up great men for reformers, and Samuel Tilden is the man sent to do the work. Corrupt influences in the Republican party were too strong to let Bristow get upon the platform. He regretted to see so much meanness in that platform. There is not a rotten plank; not an unclean spot in the Democratic platform, its nominee being a man who fears to do nothing save wrong. Hayes had to get help to write his own letter, and can be led around by the political leaders. Tilden writes his own letters, does his own thinking; for he is a leader of leaders, and a chief of chiefs, and will be the head of the country. He is the doctor who will purge the country of corruption, and will restore it to prosperity. The Republicans said Blaine didn't smell well, his character was in question, and a dark horse was brought forward. The speaker alluded to Tilden's opposition to the thieving ring, which was robbing the State, solitary and alone. He is still willing to fight for economy, retrenchment and reform, and to make the people happier. He is now the leader in New York, having led his army against Tweed and Sweeney, and their ring. He recounted the brilliant deeds and mighty reforms of Tilden in New York. The speaker said Hendricks is a better man than can be found in the entire Republican party, and spoke of his efforts in behalf of liberty and reform. The Republicans needed a bloody shirt in this section, and they can find one, the one Frances Thompson wears, and which ought to be waved in the air, and Barbour Lewis allowed to smell it. Colonel Gantt urged the organization of a club in every ward and district.

COLONEL THOS. H. LOGWOOD

spoke next. He said that values are daily decreasing, employment scarcer every day, and distress all over the country, the greatest burden being upon the laboring classes. All this was due to the corrupt administration of the country. Investigation shows that since the Republicans went into office the people have paid enough taxes to pay the public debt three times. The money has been stolen by the Republican party, which now pretends to want reform. The people want an economical administration and relief from the present troubles. Is it not less probable that the party in power, which has brought on all these troubles, will reform than a new party? The people see that corruption has been from one end to another in the Republican party, and now look to Tilden to drive these thieves out of office and put honest men in power. The only issue is honesty in this government, and the only way to do this is to drive the present thieves out of office.

All of the speeches were well received, and created general enthusiasm, frequently expressed by applause.

Colonel Donovan presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three from this ward be appointed by the club to confer with a similar committee from the different wards in regard to organizing a central club of the city of Memphis.

Adopted; and the chair appointed Colonel John Donovan, James A. Newsom and Phil J. Mallon.

During the meeting a large number of names were secured on the list of members. The list will be kept at Dr. Goodyear's store, where persons who wish to join the club can attach their names.

The meeting adjourned, subject to the president's call.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

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| W. A. M'Cloy, | Jno. R. Miller, |
| John Wendle, | Isham G. Harris, |
| W. J. M'Keon, | D. F. Goodyear, |
| James A. Newsom, | John Donovan, |
| Thos. O'Sullivan, | Phil J. Mallon, |
| S. B. Robins, | Thos. Garvey, |
| J. R. M'Callers, | Col. Jno. M. Rouark, |
| Ed. Worsham, | P. W. Maley, |
| Colonel Coleman, | H. M. Ferguson, |
| W. R. Fletcher, | E. Marshall, |
| F. Firley, | James Smith, |
| Thos. N. M'Keon, | Wm. Rice, |
| J. M. Cannon, | S. H. Luwells, |
| Sol Coleman, | J. H. Lawrence, |
| Henry Clements, | T. J. Logwood, |
| J. L. Arbuckle, | J. W. Lincey, |
| P. Scullen, | Henry P. Cochran, |
| Jack Reiser, | John Kelly, |
| M. T. Feeling, | P. O'Maloy, |
| Thos. Morris, | Pat Flannigan, |
| Joe Davis, | Sam Drelfus, |
| A. J. Danheiser, | M. Dalsheimer, |
| Nathan Dalsheimer, | J. E. Hobson, |
| W. H. Wright, | J. Jacobson, |
| M. Row, | — Smits, |
| John Cuneo, | Wm. Goldston, |
| Thos. J. Sneed, | E. N. Graham, |
| Sam. Peters, | M. Beatus, |
| Louis Kahn, | M. Freitag, |
| John Condon, | C. M. Morrison, |
| Joe Walters, | Dave Bctto, |
| Thos. Fox, | J. W. Eldridge, |
| Pat M'Elroy, | John Dougherty, |
| Thomas Dube, | O. H. Johnson, |
| Phil J. Harmon. | |

PERSONAL.

MR. J. E. BOWERS, of the *Batesville Blade*, is in the city on business for his paper.

MR. V. M. CAME, of Chicago, the efficient traveling agent of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, is in the city. Mr. Came is one of the most genial gentlemen that ever came to Memphis, and represents a road of unequalled excellence and reliability, leading, as it does, to the tempting summer resorts of the great northwest. We are glad that he is pleased with Memphis, and trust that he will visit our city often.

Stop! Poor Moral, Stop!

From rushing carelessly to destruction. If you see a child playing with a fire-brand, you take it away to prevent conflagration, and yet you are recklessly indifferent to the progress which a cold, a fever, a headache, a chill, constipation, etc., makes, until the slumbering fire of chronic sickness lays you low. Take time by the forelock, remove those fore-runners of sickness, enjoy good health, and you will, thank us for calling attention to and advising your use of the celebrated Home Stomach Bitters.

MRS. MARIA D. MONSARRATT, teacher of vocal and instrumental music, will receive a few more pupils. Orders to be left at H. G. Hollenberg's music store, Main street.

ATTEND Robertson's Business College.

To the People of the Sixteenth Civil District: Having been nominated by a mass convention of the voters of the district, irrespective of political parties, for the offices of justice of the peace, and as we may not have an opportunity of seeing each voter personally before the election, we take this mode of saying to the people of this district, that we accept the nominations in the spirit in which they were tendered, and if elected, we will discharge the duties of the office impartially and to the best of our abilities, ignoring all political considerations in the performance of our official duties.

January 15, 1876. SAM. H. JONES, R. M. MASON.

HARRY LANE is now running the Raleigh mineral water wagon, supplying customers four times a week. All orders for water left at Jones's drug store will be promptly attended to.

NEURALGIA.—"Neuril" cures it. Sold by G. W. Jones & Co., Memphis.