

CONNECTICUT DELEGATION A UNIT FOR PARKER

Hearst Men Defeated at the Close of a Stormy Convention.

ALMOST CAME TO BLOWS

Ex-Gov. Waller and Dr. Brothers Had a Warm Colloquy — Real Fight Made in Caucuses.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 6.—In one of the stormiest gatherings the party ever held in Connecticut the Democratic State Convention this afternoon chose fourteen delegates to the St. Louis Convention and instructed them to vote as a unit and for Alton B. Parker of New York as the Presidential nominee.

A climax came at the end of two hours of angry debate between Hearst and Parker delegates, when a personal encounter, in full view of the convention, between ex-Gov. Thomas M. Waller of New London and Dr. F. J. Brothers of New Haven was just averted.

The real fight between the Parker and the Hearst forces was made in the caucuses last night. All the county caucuses were lively affairs, and in one, that of Hartford, blows were struck and a few drops of blood spilled. This morning it became known that Parker delegates had won eleven of the twelve caucuses.

It was 11 o'clock when Temporary Chairman De Forest called the convention to order and asked for the report of the Committee on Credentials. This report was supplemented by a minority report. The two reports differed in regard to the delegations from four small towns. A warm argument followed between Mr. Mahan of New London and Alexander Troup. Mr. Mahan said that Troup, who led the Hearst movement, had visited the office of State Committeeman Comstock in regard to the Groton delegation.

"That was a lie, as other statements were lies," responded Mr. Troup.

Great confusion prevailed, and Chairman De Forest vigorously plied his gavel and had difficulty in calling the convention to order. The majority report of the Credentials Committee finally was adopted. Ex-Gov. Waller then read the majority report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:

"We, the representatives of the Democracy of the State of Connecticut, in convention assembled, advise and instruct the delegates elected by this convention to the Democratic National Convention, to be held at St. Louis July 6, 1904, to act and vote as a unit in all matters arising in the said National Convention in accordance with the will and majority of said delegates, and we further advise and instruct said delegates to support in the National Convention the candidacy of Judge Alton Brooks Parker of New York for President of the United States."

Prolonged cheering followed the reading of the report. The minority report was read next.

A warm debate immediately ensued. Mr. Gunn of Milford contended that the delegates had the right to name their choice.

Dr. Brothers of New Haven, opposing Mr. Gunn's plea, said that if in the wisdom of Providence Judge Parker should be taken away, it might happen that the Connecticut delegation would be swayed under the unit rule to vote for Grover Cleveland. He sarcastically referred to the latter amid much noise from the delegates.

Ex-Gov. Waller demanded the adoption of the report of the Committee on Resolutions. A score of Hearst men tried to talk Gov. Waller down. Cries of "You want to muzzle us," assailed Mr. Waller, and he shook his fist at the minority.

The tumult continued five minutes, and then Gov. Waller was recognized, and he moved the previous question. The storm broke again.

Dr. Brothers requested the privilege of asking Mr. Waller a question, and this was refused. Dr. Brothers attempted to talk, approaching Mr. Waller in front of the stage.

The ex-Governor pushed Dr. Brothers away. "I first voted for you, Waller," said Dr. Brothers.

"You began right," said the other.

Dr. Brothers retorted: "I have been sorry ever since, and want to wash the sin away."

"Go and commit suicide, then," said Mr. Waller.

Delegates left their seats and crowded about the speakers. Spectators expected to see blows struck, but several police officers at length succeeded in separating the crowd.

A motion for the adoption of the minority report was lost by a vote of 366 to 186. By almost unanimous vote the caucus selections for delegates were chosen as follows:

District Delegates—I. A. Sullivan, Hartford; Louis A. Fisk, Branford; P. H. Harriman, Norwich, and James P. Woodruff, Litchfield.

County Delegates—Harry C. Dissell, West Hartford; James E. McCabe, Cheshire; John J. Walsh, Norwalk; N. B. Stevens, Winsted; J. Tyler Flynn, Middletown; Thomas F. Foran, New London; Edward Mullen, Putnam, and Charles B. Pinney, Stafford.

LIEUT. GOV. GUGGENHEIMER.

That Is If Stanchfield Has His Way and Is Elected Governor.

If John B. Stanchfield of Elmira should receive the Democratic nomination for Governor this Fall his preference for his running mate will be Randolph Guggenheimer, ex-President of the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Stanchfield has informed his friends that he would regard Mr. Guggenheimer as the strongest man who could be named for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Guggenheimer was talked of in connection with this nomination when Mr. Stanchfield ran for Governor in 1900. His popularity in Tammany and his record as presiding officer of the Board of Aldermen are being urged as arguments in his favor.

RIDDER FOR McCLELLAN.

Thinks Mayor Would Make Strong Candidate—Will Support Ticket.

Herman Ridder, in discussing yesterday the visit to the White House of certain German-Americans to assure President Roosevelt of their support, said:

"These Germans were Republicans. They do not represent German-Americans generally. Our German Democratic organization is ready to work for the St. Louis ticket. We have no candidate and have expressed no preference. Parker is the type of man we would like to support. We admire Cleveland, and personally I think that Mayor McClellan would make a strong candidate."