THE BLOODY CHASM.

Democratic and Liberal Republican Conventions Yesterday.

The Hybrid County Ticket

Pursuant to calls issued by the duly constituted authorities, the Liberal Republicans and Democrats of Hamilton County met in separate conventions yesterday to make nominations for the election which occurs in October next.

The Democratic County Convention.

The county convention was called to order by Horation Gengulfus Brewster, Chairman of the County Executive Committee, and, on motion of Alex. Long, Robert Christy was elected temporary Chairman. On taking the chair, Mr. Christy delivered himself as follows:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I acknowledge with profound gratitude this most unexpected and undeserved though handsome compliment. You are all well aware that there is much labor to be done to-day. I do not think that it becomes me to venture into the discussion of any of those questions which are of general interest. To us local matters to-day have far greater importance. I shall therefore content myself to-day with reserving the right that is accorded to me of entering into those discussions at a proper time, and when good can come out of it. But to-day is a day of action. I therefore acknowledge this compliment, and ask you to proceed toward the perfection of your organization by selecting the necessary recording officers." [Applause.]

The Hon. Howard Douglass, of Mt. Auburn, was then elected Vice-President with some dissenting voices. W. T. Bishop was chosen Secretary, and Nicholas Bird Assistant Secretary.

Howard Douglass then moved that a committee of one from each ward and precinct, on permanent organization, credentials, and resolutions, be appointed. The motion was carried, and the roll was called for the appointment of the first committee. Before the call was finished, it was discovered that some means should be taken to preserve order, and Messrs. Jas. Haggett, Michael Spaeth, and Dr. C. Woolverton were appointed Sergeants-at-Arms.

When the Committee on Permanent Organization had been appointed, Mr. Wm. Pugh moved that a committee of conference, consisting of six members of the convention, be appointed by the Chair, to co-operate with the committee appointed by the Liberal Republican Convention.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Wm. Pugh, Robert A. Johnson, Howard Douglass, Alex. Long, Col. Len. A. Harris, and I. M. Jordan as such committee.

Dr. R. B. Bradford then took the stand, and read the following letter:

"STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ROOMS OF OHIO,
COLUMBUS, August 5th, 1872.

"DOCTOR R. B. BRADFORD—Dear Sir: The action of the Democracy of Hamilton County at the approaching county and congressional conventions is looked to with much solicitude throughout the State. It is the general belief that a judicious course, by which the elements of opposition to Republican misrule may be brought into harmonious, active co-operation, will insure such success that will surely control the result in the State. Of course we sympathize in this general anxiety, and you being a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, we deem it not out of place to urge upon your attention some considerations that you should impress upon our friends in your city and county.

"The Democracy of the Union, in accepting the Cincinnati platform and candidates, exhibited to the world a devotion to the country unparalleled in the history of political parties; and it is equally true that in severing the ties that bound them to the Republican party, denouncing its corruption, and tendering the hand of friendship to the Democracy in the great work of reform, the Liberals have given evidence of their manly independence and patriotic impulses, entitling them to like admiration. But this union, formed at Baltimore in order to be perfect, and to secure us the blessings of good government, must be treated as binding, and to be sustained and carried out in good faith in every locality in every State. It is alone by such co-operative effort in the former that it can be made available in the latter.

"It will also be admitted that your city and county wield political power so potent as may decide the result in Ohio. What, then, is the plain duty of our party in the city and county? Manifestly to meet the Liberals in the same spirit of generous confidence and self-sacrifice that adopted Greeley and Brown as our candidates. Having inaugurated the work as a party, let every Democrat labor zealously for its consummation. Laying his individual aspirations and preferences upon the altar of the common good, let him, for the present, look only to the means whereby success is most likely to reward his efforts. Let it not be said that in the Queen City of the West, the seat of intelligence and wealth, having vast interests at stake, the great issues of the day were lost sight of and put in jeopardy in a scramble for the offices. On the contrary, let her Democrats make it manifest that they feel the responsibility resting upon them; that they know what duty requires of them to do, and that they will do it. *Without the aid of Liberals defeat is inevitable.* To secure that aid, Democrats must act as to be worthy of it.

"We do not doubt the disposition of the Liberals to meet you in the proper spirit, and if all are animated by it, and work together with heart, head, and hand, striving which shall do most to advance the common cause, the result will be seen in a victory in the campaign, and a lasting union of those who achieved it, in the future. If we should be deceived, and our allies should prove untrue, of which we would not for an instant entertain a suspicion, the Democracy can console themselves with the conviction that they have done their duty.

"With great respect, your obedient servant,
"JOHN G. THOMPSON, Chairman.

"E. B. ESHELMAN, Secretary.
"AMOS LAYMAN,
"M. A. DOUGHERTY,
"J. REINHARD,
"Executive Committee."

The committees on Credentials and Resolutions were then appointed, and the convention adjourned, to meet at Mozart Hall at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order by Robert Christy, Esq., temporary Chairman. The work of seating the delegates then commenced, but they were so full of enthusiasm that not even the stentorian voice of W. J. O'Neil, Esq., who took the post of talking Secretary by common consent, could bring them to a proper sense of their position, and upward of an hour was consumed in seeking them. This herculean task accomplished, Col. W. B. Cassilly, from the Committee on Permanent Organization, reported the following permanent officers:

President, L. A. Harris. Vice-Presidents, Howard Douglass, Samuel F. Hunt, James Bugher, Vanskin Wunder, Thos. Spooner, A. K. Brookbank, Fred. Benninger. Secretaries, Wm. S. Brown, John J. Ryan, Wm. T. Bishop, Daniel Maloney, Wm. Hipp.

Col. Harris, on taking the chair, spoke as follows:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: Of course I feel and desire to express my acknowledgment for this honor. It is not necessary that I should go into any discussion in regard to the issues of this campaign. As I understand the question now, it is this, and this alone: We have met in Hamilton County as Democrats, perfectly willing and anxious to act with the Liberal Republican party *of this county in the direction of reform.* [Cheers.] Consequently no man amounts to anything. It is the interest of the county, and the interest of our country, that we desire to subserve. [Cheers.] If any man puts up his claim against what we believe to be right, let us tell him to get out of the way at once. [Cheers.] But, as I said in the beginning, this is a meeting for business, and business we propose to have, and have it right away. I want the convention to be perfectly orderly. Let us go right along with the nominations, and after we have made them let us go to work and elect them, which I think we can do.

"A conference committee has been appointed by the Democratic party; that committee has met with the Liberal Republicans, and the Liberal Reform Committee is here to report to this convention their action in regard to the nominations." [Applause.]

Enoch T. Carson then took the stand and said:

"MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I had the honor to be appointed on the committee on conference, on behalf of the Liberal Republicans, in the convention this morning. They met a similar committee of conference from your convention. They adopted a report; that report was submitted to the Liberal Republican Convention, and unanimously adopted by that convention. [Applause.] We shall now await the action of your convention before proceeding further."

Mr. William Pugh, chairman of the committee on conference from the Democratic Convention, reported as follows:

"*To the Democratic County Convention:*

"Your committee, appointed to confer with the committee of the Republican Liberal Convention, desire to report as follows:

"That they met said committee, and that the utmost fairness and liberality was manifested by the committee of the Liberal Republicans. After a full and complete interchange of opinion, the following offices were apportioned to the Liberal Republicans:

"Elector, First District.
"Congressman, Second District.
"Probate Judge.
"Surveyor.
"Director of City Infirmary.

"Your committee congratulate the convention on the happy and auspicious event. They believe it to be a harbinger of glorious victory."

The report was adopted. Mr. Alex. Long then arose, and stated that he had a minority report to submit.

The announcement was received with cheers, hisses, and groans. A delegate moved that the report be read. Another moved that it be laid on the table. Dr. Bradford hoped the report would be respectfully heard. Another delegate said: "We have met here for business, and we don't want any minority report; we have no use for it."

Finally, Mr. Long obtained the floor, and presented the following minority report:

"*To the Hamilton County Democratic Convention:*

"A minority of the committee of conference appointed on behalf of your convention to confer with a like committee on the part of the Liberal Republican Convention, differing from the conclusions arrived at by the majority of the committee, respectfully submit the following minority report:

"The committee of conference was appointed by the county convention, composed of delegates from both congressional districts, and was not clothed with authority to surrender the candidate for Congress in the Second Congressional District to the Liberal Republicans; much less, in the opinion of the undersigned, had the delegates from the First Congressional District any right or authority to surrender the Democratic candidate in the Second District in order to secure the nomination of their own candidate in the First District. The delegates composing the Second Congressional District have an organization, but have appointed no committee of conference, and have neither authorized their own delegates nor those of the First District to deliver their district over to the Liberal Republicans.

"The undersigned therefore respectfully dissent from the action of the majority of committee, and propose for adoption the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the question as to the propriety of nominating a candidate for Congress in the Second Congressional District be referred to the convention composed of delegates exclusively from that district.
"ALEXANDER LONG.

"CINCINNATI, Aug. 14."

The report was received with hisses and cheers, and, on motion of Robert A. Johnson, was laid on the table.

On motion of Howard Douglass, the following committee was appointed to notify the Liberal Republican Convention of this action: Howard Douglass, I. M. Jordan, and Thomas Logan.

J. H. Baumer, a feeble youth, then mounted the platform, and attempted to read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. His attempt was received with derisive laughter, and probably not five delegates heard the report, which was as follows:

THE PLATFORM.

"*Resolved*, That the Democracy of Hamilton County, in convention assembled, do warmly approve and cordially indorse the principles adopted by the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore; that we recognize in them the cardinal principles for which we have always contended, and that are now applicable to the present condition of affairs.

"*Resolved*, That we sustain the nominations made at Baltimore of Horace Greeley, of New York, for President, and B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri, for Vice-President; that they are men of eminent ability and long civic experience, of tried honesty and integrity, and that we have every confidence that, if chosen, they will restore the government to its old pristine purity, and establish fraternal relations that have been so long sundered between the North and South.

"*Resolved*, That we indorse the State ticket headed by the name of Gen. Aquilla Wiley, for Secretary of State, and that we pledge to that ticket, and to the ticket to be nominated this day in the First and Second Congressional districts, and in Hamilton County, our cheerful and cordial support.

"*Resolved*, That we extend to the Liberal Republicans, who, like us, sustain the nominations of Greeley and Brown, the right hand of fellowship as brethren engaged in a common cause; that they are entitled to great honor for their noble independence, and that we assure them that in the future, as in the present, they will find the Democracy allies, who, in great emergencies like the present, can always be counted upon to sustain country before party, and if need be in that behalf, to sacrifice the pride of party organization to it.

"*Resolved*, That we are in favor of county reform and maintenance of the county reform fee and salary bill adopted by the last Legislature; that we are for the strictest economy in our county expenditures; and that we pledge the influence of our organization to be exerted in its behalf; and that the candidates for Commissioner and Prosecuting Attorney are hereby instructed to act in accordance with the spirit of this resolution."

The convention took the platform in faith and adopted it.

Col. W. B. Cassilly moved that the convention proceed to the nomination of officers, commencing with the highest. Carried.

SHERIFF.

For this office were nominated Geo. W. Ziegler, Eugene Daylor, Paul Reinlein, Robert Hill, John N. McDonnell, J. H. Wallman, Wm. Holmes, Joseph Wakeman. The first ballot resulted:

Ziegler, 155; Daylor, 72; Reinlein, 30; Hill, 23; McDonnell, 19; Wallman, 6; Holmes, 3; Wakeman, 18.

One hundred and sixty-two votes being necessary to a choice, there was no nomination, and a second ballot was had with the following result:

Ziegler, 206; Daylor, 123.

Mr. Ziegler was declared the nominee, and in response to enthusiastic calls, he appeared before the curtain and addressed the convention as follows:

"MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I am very thankful for the honor you have conferred on me. [Voices, 'Louder, louder.'] I shall endeavor to use all my influence for the success of the ticket you have nominated to-day."

The next business in order was the nomination of a Coroner.

CORONER.

For this office were nominated: Dr. Geo. A. Doherty, Dr. P. F. Maley, Dr. J. W. Hadlock, Dr. J. B. Staebler, Dr. Jesse Owens.

The first ballot resulted: Doherty, 106; Maley, 102; Hadlock, 75; Staebler, 19; Owens, 32. No nomination.

The second ballot resulted: Doherty, 153; Maley, 120; Hadlock, 36; Owens, 14. No choice.

The third ballot resulted: Doherty, 214; Maley, 113.

Dr. Doherty was declared the nominee, and being called out, spoke as follows:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I feel very much flattered by the compliment that has just been paid me, and I trust that my conduct in the future will be as it has been in the past. I will endeavor to carry out the duties of the office to which you have just nominated me, if I am fortunate enough to be elected, and thank you very kindly for the compliment that has just been paid me."

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

For this office the following patriots were presented: J. N. Ridgway, M. Ryan, H. P. Bowman, H. Pollock, F. M. Kelly, Aaron Hopper, Chas. Hough, Geo. G. Stribley, Henry Alf.

The first ballot resulted: Ridgway, 49; Ryan, 45; Bowman, 74; Pollock, 9; Kelly, 11; Hopper, 83; Hough, 56; Stribley, 9; Alf, 27.

The second ballot resulted: Ridgway, 63; Ryan, 4; Bowman, 79; Pollock, 9; Kelly, 11; Hopper, 60; Hough, 56; Stribly, 9; Alf, 32.

The third ballot resulted: Ridgway, 51; Bowman, 84; Hopper, 55; Hough, 126.

Pending the announcement of the result of the third ballot, the Chairman announced that the Liberal Republican Convention had concluded their labors, and that the Hon. Josiah L. Keck was present and would report the result. Mr. Keck was received with immense applause, and spoke as follows:

"MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I have the honor to inform you that the Liberal Republican Convention have adjourned, and in a body are present in this hall. [Applause.] They have, in accordance with the agreement of your conference committee, made their part of the ticket that is to be elected in October [cheers], and I have been instructed by that convention to name the gentlemen to you who have received the indorsement of the Liberal Republican party:

"For Probate Judge, we have nominated Wm. Tilden; for Surveyor, we have nominated S. P. Bowles; for Director of the County Infirmary, J. F. Lakeman; for Congress in the Second District, Gen. H. B. Banning, and for elector in the First District, Flamen Ball, jr. And I am directed to say that we indorse the nominations that you have made, and that we will cordially, honestly, and successfully support them." [Great applause.]

Loud calls were then raised for Gen. Banning. Mr. Keck was in the act of saying that that gentleman was not present, when Gen. Banning appeared on the platform and spoke as follows:

"FELLOW CITIZENS: As I said to the other convention, I did not seek this nomination, and did not expect it. They have seen fit to give it to me, and I accept it, and thank them for it, and you for your indorsement, and I hope that they and you, united as we will be, will have full and perfect success. Knowing the business you have to perform, I now thank you again."

On motion of Wm. Pugh, the nominations made by the Liberal Republicans were unanimously indorsed.

The fourth ballot for County Commissioner resulted as follows: Ridgway, 18; Bowman, 71; Hopper, 25; Hough, 220.

Mr. Hough was declared the nominee. He appeared in response to vociferous calls, and spoke as follows:

"I am no speaker, but I thank you most cordially for the nomination, and I will do the best I can to serve you, if elected." [Applause.]

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

For this office the following were named:

A. B. Champion, C. W. Gerard, Milton Sater, Patrick McGroarty, R. O. Strong, John N. Hays.

Mr. Gerard's name was withdrawn.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Sater, 146; McGroarty, 45; Strong, 133.

Second ballot—Sater, 140; Strong, 183.

Mr. Strong was declared the nominee, and in response to loud calls, he appeared, and spoke as follows:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I need not say to you that I am profoundly grateful for the honor you have given me. I promise you that to secure my election I will leave no stone unturned [applause]; that my heart is in the cause, and that I will go forth from this moment to battle for the cause; and I promise you that you will not disgrace yourselves by the action you have taken here to-day."

The county convention then adjourned sine die.

Liberal Republican County Convention.

This convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by Judson Harmon. Irvin B. Wright nominated Moses F. Wilson for temporary Chairman, and Mr. Wilson was elected. On taking the chair, Mr. Wilson said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE LIBERAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. I shall not detain you by any extended remarks. Let our proceedings be characterized by good order and unanimity, and let us act to-day that at the October election we may give an additional impetus to that great movement by which we expect to place Horace Greeley in the presidential chair.

These remarks were appropriately applauded. J. L. Bogardus was appointed temporary Secretary.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

Mr. C. W. Merrell moved that a committee of conference, to consist of six members, be appointed to confer with the Democratic Convention. Carter Gazlay moved that the number be ten. Lost. The original motion was carried, and the Chair appointed Irwin B. Wright, Geo. W. Guysi, Chas. Bird, Judson Harmon, E. T. Carson, and Thos. Mullen.

On motion of Dr. Judkins this committee was instructed to vote as early and often as the conference committee from the Democratic Convention.

COMMITTEES.

Committees were then appointed on permanent organization, credentials, and resolutions, constituted of one from each ward and precinct.

The convention then took a recess until 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention resumed its work at 1 o'clock.

Squire Marckworth, from the Committee on Permanent Organization, presented the following report:

President—Hon. J. L. Keck.
Vice-Presidents—John G. Olden, James H. Laws, E. T. Carson.
Secretary—J. R. McGarry.
Assistant Secretaries—Joseph Moses, Col. Enright, J. L. Bogardus.

The report was adopted.

MR. KECK'S SPEECH.

The permanent Chairman was then introduced, and spoke as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: In accepting the position of permanent Chairman of this convention, and assuming its responsibilities, I wish to acknowledge my obligation for the preference shown to me. It may not be one of the duties of the Chair, but you will permit me to say a few plain words to you in my plain way. [Applause.] You have been delegated to select candidates to be voted for at the October election, and I must say you will fail in your duty if you do not select as your candidates men of well known standing and of acknowledged ability and integrity—men in whom the people have confidence, men who are every way worthy of the support of the public. And I want to say further that if it becomes our duty to confirm and indorse nominees of the other convention, it is your duty to form that convention early that you will only conform and indorse its action upon the condition that it selects men of the standard I have mentioned. [Applause.] In my opinion the day has gone by when party nominations are equivalent to an election, for we have separated from our old love because the nominee for President is not the man we want. [Loud applause.] I hope your work to-day will give satisfaction, and that you will join with all who are willing to join with you in the good work. Thus we will have harmony and success. [Applause.]

CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported no contested seats, and all the wards and precincts represented (but some of the distant country districts were not represented, and cast no vote during the whole convention). The report was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That we, the Liberal Republicans of Hamilton County, in convention assembled, do declare our attachment to the principles laid down by the Liberal Republican National Convention of Cincinnati, and that we favor the election of the candidates therein chosen for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, Horace Greeley, of New York, and B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri.

Resolved, That we recognize in that platform the principles which have always been contended for by the Republican party of the United States, and that the nominees, who are its exponents, have always been and are now pronounced Republicans of the most radical kind.

Resolved, That in supporting those noble and true Republicans—Horace Greeley and B. Gratz Brown—we welcome the assistance of men of all other organizations who are in favor of reform in our political administration, whether North or South, and without regard to previous political associations.

Resolved, That we earnestly impress upon all Liberal Republicans the importance of the October elections, on account of its moral effect all over the country; that a vote for the State and local tickets friendly to Greeley and Brown is even more important than a vote for them in November, and that we therefore pledge to the State ticket, headed by that gallant one legged soldier, Gen. Wiley, for Secretary of State, and to the candidates selected this day by the Liberal Republican and Democratic conventions, our most hearty and cordial support.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

NOTHING TO DO.

When this work was accomplished, the convention was without employment. It did not know what it had to do, or whether it had anything to do. That was to be decided by the report of the conference committee, and that committee was not present. A delegate moved to take a recess for fifteen minutes. The motion was lost. Another delegate moved to resolve the convention into a mass meeting to hear a speech from the Chairman of the convention, Mr. Keck, with his blandest manner, said the Chair could not entertain such a motion. The motion was modified so as to make J. G. Olden the speaker, and it was carried. But Mr. Olden was not present, and a committee was sent to bring him. While this committee was out, the delegates became restless, and a motion was made to send a committee after the conference committee. This was laid on the table. At last Mr. Olden appeared, and began a desultory speech, which was soon interrupted by Jack Connolly rising impetuously and saying that he didn't want to be kept all day; he understood the conference committee was present, and he wanted to hear from it. The Chair reminded him that Mr. Olden had been invited to speak. Mr. Olden, much disconcerted, closed his remarks with a single sentence more.

THE BARGAIN.

Mr. Irvin B. Wright, from the committee of conference, reported an agreement by which the two conventions were to divide the work of nominating candidates, and then each submit the result to the other for indorsement. By this plan the Liberal Republicans were to nominate the Congressman for the Second District, the elector for the First, the Probate Judge, the County Surveyor, and the Director of the County Infirmary. The Democrats were to nominate the Congressman for the First District, the elector for the Second, the Sheriff, the Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, and Coroner. The report was adopted hastily and with entire unanimity.

IN A HURRY.

Carter Gazlay excitedly moved that the convention proceed at once and nominate Congressman and elector. The Chair decided that the county convention could not nominate these candidates.

Mr. W. S. Bacon moved that the delegates from the Second District proceed to nominate a Congressman. An amendment was offered that the county nominations be made first. Mr. Merrell suggested that the proposed action was premature. He thought before the convention proceeded it should hear from the other convention and know that the conference committee report had been agreed to there. The motions to nominate were laid on the table, and Messrs. Merrell, Carson, and Wilson were appointed to ascertain and report the action of the Democratic Convention on the report of the conference committee.

ANOTHER RECESS.

Another recess was taken, during which the work of electioneering progressed with great vigor. Outside parties were more busy, if possible, than delegates. It was especially interesting to behold the great electioneerer of conventions, G. M. D. Bloss, the man whose mission it is to make a public appearance solely on the floor of a nominating convention in the capacity of instructor-general to the delegates—it was especially interesting to see this gentleman darting down the aisles, putting a word into the ear of this delegate, giving a signal to another at a distance, and holding confidential communications with every one whom he could arrest long enough for that purpose. The conference between him and Capt. Flamen Ball, jr., was conspicuous for the warmth with which they shook hands, the proximity of the respective mouth of each to the ear of the other, and the number and grace of the signals made to each other after they separated.

HEARING FROM THE OTHER CONVENTION.

After a long time spent in this way the convention was called to order, and Mr. Howard Douglass appeared on the platform as the embassador of the Democratic Convention. He was greeted with modest applause. He communicated formally the information that the Democratic Convention had, with almost entire unanimity, adopted the reports of the conference committee. This announcement seemed to make the delegates glad; they cheered vigorously.

WORK—PROBATE JUDGE.

M. F. Wilson moved that the convention proceed to nomination of candidates in the following order: Probate Judge, County Surveyor, Director County Infirmary. This was carried. Messrs. Wm. Tilden, H. D. Peck, John L. Miner, Fred. W. Moore, John R. Hunter and E. S. Throop were put in nomination. Before balloting began it was determined that a majority of the votes of the convention be necessary to a choice; and that, after the first ballot, the candidate having the lowest number of votes be dropped.

The first ballot resulted: Tilden, 52; Peck, 48; Hunter, 31; Throop, 29; Miner, 16; Moore, 11. No choice.

The second ballot resulted thus: Tilden, 75; Peck, 52; Hunter, 34; Throop, 15; Miner, 9; Moore, 7. There was no choice, and Moore's name was dropped.

The third ballot resulted: Tilden, 95; Peck, 69; Hunter, 29; Throop, none; Miner, none. Still no choice.

The fourth ballot resulted: Tilden, 110; Peck, 31. Mr. Tilden was declared nominated, and from a chair in the back part of the hall expressed his joy in tones so low that they could not be heard on the platform.

COUNTY SURVEYOR.

For this office S. P. Bowles, Gen. W. G. Halpin, C. V. Bechman, and J. W. Gilbert were put in nomination. The first ballot resulted thus: Bowles, 85; Halpin, 67; Bechman, 11; Gilbert, 30.

ALMOST A ROW.

When the Sixth Ward was called the vote was challenged by a delegate. The chairman of that ward retorted that two men who were not residents of the ward at all had been attempting to vote. The men casting the vote denied this, but were silenced after pretty severe handling by the Sergeant-at-Arms. But a worse confusion was shortly raised by an inquiry proposed by C. W. Merrell. Mr. Merrell wanted to know if Mr. Halpin was a Republican. At this Jack Connolly and Col. James W. Fitzgerald became greatly excited. They both attempted to speak, but another delegate answered the question by saying that Halpin entered the war as Captain and came out as Brigadier-General; that ought to satisfy everybody, he thought. But it didn't satisfy everybody. The buzz was louder than ever, and the Chairman (Vice-President Laws) made vigorous efforts to still the confusion. "Will he vote for Greeley?" asked Mr. Laws. "Yes," was the reply from a dozen. "Is that satisfactory?" asked the Chairman. "No," was the thundering response. "It's out of order," said a delegate; "the convention can answer that by its vote." The Chair said the question was a proper one, and an answer would be in order.

Fitzgerald—I will answer. ["Order! order!" from a score of throats. "He's not a delegate." "Order!"] In the midst of these shouts Mr. Fitzgerald mounted his position in a chair. The Chair said this matter required no speech. It only wanted an answer to the question.

Fitzgerald—Mr. Chairman, I have an answer. I can say Mr. Halpin is—

"Order, order!" again drowned the voice of Mr. Fitzgerald, and the Chair called on the convention to proceed with the ballot. By this time it occurred to Jack Connolly that he would say something, and he managed to state that he knew that Gen. Halpin was a Republican. The ballot proceeded and resulted in the nomination of Bowles by the following vote: Bowles, 129; Halpin, 64; Gilbert, 3.

DIRECTOR COUNTY INFIRMARY.

For this office three candidates were named: J. F. Lakeman, James Maloney, and Joseph Scherer. The first ballot resulted in the choice of Mr. Lakeman, as follows: Lakeman, 143; Maloney, 88; Scherer, 7. When the result was announced, a delegate called out, "Who is Lakeman?" To this Mr. E. T. Carson replied that the Republican who asked such a question argued himself unknown. Mr. Lakeman mounted the rostrum and assured the convention that, if elected, he would attend to the interests of the infirmary without regard to party, color, race, or sex.

WHAT NEXT?

The work of the convention was now done, but the workmen were not certain about it. A motion was made to ratify the nominations of the Democratic Convention. An amendment was offered to take a recess. Lost. The motion to ratify was then laid on the table, and then a recess of 15 minutes was taken.

THE END.

During the recess the congressional conventions were held in the same hall, and when these were over, the county convention resumed its deliberations.

Mr. Merrell moved the appointment of a committee to notify the Democratic Convention of the nominations, and ask its indorsement. Mr. W. S. Bacon moved to amend by adjourning the whole convention to Mozart Hall. The amendment carried, and the convention went out and fell to pieces, without any regular adjournment.

First District Democratic Convention.

The delegates to the First District Democratic Convention met in Turner Hall at 10 o'clock, and were called to order by John A. Peter, Vice-President of the Hamilton County Executive Committee, and, on his motion, Col. C. W. Woolley was chosen temporary Chairman, and J. S. Brown, Secretary.

On motion of W. H. Pugh, the following committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Second District convention and the Liberal Republican Convention in relation to the joint action with the Liberals in nominating a ticket: W. H. Pugh, Robert Christy, Howard Douglass, and Robert A. Johnston.

After transacting some further business of no public interest, the convention adjourned to meet again at Mozart Hall.

The convention met again after the adjournment of the county convention, and was called to order by Col. Woolley.

On motion, it was decided to nominate, first, a candidate for Congress for the long term, and the following were named: Col. O. J. Dodds, Milton Sayler, Judge I. C. Collins. The first ballot resulted: Dodds, 52; Sayler, 67; Collins, 36. The second ballot resulted: Dodds, 55; Sayler, 82; Collins, 30.

Pending the third ballot, Col. Dodds took the floor and said:

COL. DODDS' SPEECH.

"MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I am exceedingly gratified to those of my friends who have thus far supported me, but if this contest was to keep on in the way it has been we might remain here until late in the evening, and it would be a tax upon your patience, which I for one do not wish to ask of my friends. I think there is a time, and there are occasions like this, when it is proper that, however much of personal ambition a man may have to occupy a position, still it is his duty, for the good of the cause, to secure harmony, to waive his own preferences and his own ambition, and give way for the general good. Gentlemen, I thank you for my support, and I withdraw from the contest." [Cheers.]

The second ballot resulted: Sayler, 99; Collins, 70.

Mr. Sayler was declared the nominee, and, being loudly called for, he appeared, and spoke as follows:

MILTON SAYLER'S SPEECH.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I understand perfectly well that it is entirely too late to attempt to make you a speech, and I will say to you, gentlemen of the several wards and townships, that between this and the 8th day of October, you shall all hear from me at length. [Applause.]

"The political issues I propose to discuss at length, and without fear, and to say precisely what I mean and precisely what I will advocate should I be so fortunate—I had almost said unfortunate—as to be elected to Congress. To-night, gentlemen, I can only say to you that I am very grateful for this nomination. I have had the compliment paid me by the Democratic party several times to be put in nomination, when neither they nor myself expected that anybody could be elected. [Laughter and cheers.]

"To-night I am thrice grateful to have that compliment paid me, when both you and myself believe that I will be elected." [Applause.]

Col. W. B. Cassilly then moved that the convention nominate Judge Collins for the short term by acclamation. Pending the vote Judge Collins took the stand, and said:

"MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I return my most sincere thanks to those personal friends of mine who have adhered to me so enthusiastically in this contest. I most heartily rejoice in the success of my most excellent friend, the Hon. Milton Sayler. I know that if it had been the pleasure of this convention to nominate me for the position to which he has been assigned he and his friends would most cordially and heartily have supported me in the canvass. He needs no assurance from me and my friends that he will receive a cordial and hearty support from us." [Cheers]

Robert A. Johnson then moved that Col. Dodds be nominated for the short term by acclamation. No vote was taken on the motion, and the following names were presented: Col. O. J. Dodds, Col. A. E. Jones, and Judge I. C. Collins. Col. Jones' name was withdrawn before the vote was taken, which resulted as follows: Dodds, 91; Collins, 81.

Col. Dodds was declared the nominee for the short term. In response to repeated calls he spoke as follows:

COL. DODDS' SECOND SPEECH.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: When I withdrew from the former contest, I had no idea that my name would be presented for the short term. But when I was in the army I learned this lesson, that a man should never seek for a command, and never refuse any duty [cheers], and as it has pleased the Democracy of the First District to name me as their representative for the short term, I accept the honor that you have conferred upon me, and pledge you my word that I will trump out more grass going over this county electioneering for this ticket than any other candidate that has been nominated today. If you can get any candidate on the ticket to promise more than that, I will try again.

"The contest, so far as I was concerned, with the other gentlemen who have been named for this position has been pleasant in all respects. I would as soon serve under the banners of Sayler as any others. I gave my influence two years ago to assist in Sayler's election, and I propose to do ten-fold more this year in the same direction. Gentlemen, I can only thank you, and promise you on my part a most vigorous and energetic canvass."

Col. Dodds' second speech was received with applause, and at its conclusion the convention adjourned.

First District Liberal Republican Convention.

This convention was called to order on the east side of the hall, while the Second District convention received similar treatment on the west side. It only proceeded so far as to name a Chairman, Irvin B. Wright, and to name a Secretary, J. E. Jones, when it took a recess until the Second District ended its work.

THE ELECTOR.

On reassembling the Chairman announced that the only work was the selection of an elector. Flamen Ball, jr., Wm. Stoms, Geo. Stribley, and Jason Evans. The ballot resulted: Ball, 53; Stribley, 12; Stoms, 24; Evans, none. Ball was declared elected, and was called to the platform, where he said this compliment was entirely unexpected. He was thankful for it, and pledged himself to do all he could to secure the election of the county ticket as well as the electoral ticket in favor of Greeley and Brown. Before this convention could adjourn Mr. Keck assumed the chair of the county convention at the end of the recess taken by that body, and the opportunity to adjourn thus lost was not recovered.

The convention reassembled at half past 5 o'clock, in a lower room of Mozart Hall, and was called to order by Alex. Long, the Chairman. He announced that the work before the convention was the nomination of an elector for the district. Several names were presented, but all were finally withdrawn in favor of I. M. Jordan, who was unanimously chosen. In response to the call of the delegates, Mr. Jordan appeared and spoke as follows:

"GENTLEMEN: It is too late to make a speech; I will simply say that this nomination was entirely unexpected. I should have been better satisfied if my learned friend on my right (Mr. Long), or my learned friend on my left (Mr. Logan), or any of those gentlemen who have been named, had accepted the position. But having given it to me, I promise to do my duty, and my whole duty, so help me God, to elect our ticket. [Applause.] I have been a Democrat all my life. I have never known any other political faith than Democracy. I have been brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, and I have been in the strictest sense a Democat. But I am willing to join in a Liberal Republican movement like this for the purpose of driving thieves out of office, and for the purpose of rescuing the country from ruin; for the purpose of defeating Gen. Grant and all his ring, and for the purpose of electing honest men to office in this country. [Cheers.] I am against corruption; I am in favor of reform, and in favor of the election of old Horace Greeley [cheers], for beneath that old white hat there is an honest heart. [Applause.]

"I shall not detain you any longer. [Cheers, and cries of "Go on," "Go on."] I shall endeavor, so far as I am able, to make these fellows think that Jordan is a hard road to travel." [Laughter and cheers.]

The convention then adjourned.

Second District Liberal Republican Convention.

When the county convention took a recess, after having made its nominations, the Second District delegates assembled in the west side of the hall, and organized by the appointment of James H. Laws as Chairman and J. L. Bogardus as Secretary. Mr. Laws returned no thanks, but went to work at once to get his constituents quiet. In the exercise of this labor, he did deliver a little speech, in which he declared he would not preside over a body that would not obey the Chair; that is, he meant acquiescence by trying to keep order. When order was restored the names of candidates were presented. They were J. L. Keck, H. B. Banning, Robt. Hoses, and Enoch T. Carson. Before the balloting began, Mr. Carson withdrew his name, saying that it was important that the best man in the district be named. He could not accept the nomination himself, but he wanted the convention to choose the best man before it. He was in favor of the nominee of the convention. [Cheers.]

THE BALLOTS.

The first ballot was taken with the following result: Keck, 44; Banning, 40; Hoses, 15. There was no choice, and Mr. Hoses's name was withdrawn. The second ballot resulted: Keck, 48; Banning, 56. Banning was declared the nominee, and a committee was appointed to notify him of the nomination.

While this committee was gone, the delegates of the First District resumed their deliberations.

Before the First District convention had time to adjourn, after nominating its elector, Mr. Keck called the county convention to order, and introduced Gen. H. B. Banning as nominee of the Second District.

Gen. Banning was thus obliged to give thanks in a rather promiscuous manner, for he could not tell exactly where to find his constituents. He said he had not sought this office, nor did he expect to get it, but he would accept the nomination and thank the convention for the honor. It would be unjust to say more, because the day's work had been hard. "Our party," said the speaker, "founded, as it is, on the principle that the war is over, and that its cruelties should be forgotten, must succeed. [Applause.] The policy of general amnesty, so long advocated by that eminent statesman, Horace Greeley, was being accepted by men of all parties all over the country; and with the doctrine of civil service reform, also a cardinal principle of our standard bearer, the success of the party is assured. Thanking you again for this honor, and asking you to be as zealous in the future as you have already been in the progress of reform, I again thank you." [Cheers.]

This speech was followed by the proceedings of the county convention, whereby the district convention was precluded from voting for an adjournment. How will these three conventions feel when they realize the truth that they are all in full force and existence, not having been adjourned at all?

Second District Democratic Convention.

The delegates to the Democratic Congressional Convention of the Second District assembled in a lower room in Turner Hall, and were called to order by Horatio S. Brewster, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. Several nominations were made for Chairman of the convention, but Mr. Brewster failed to recognize anyone until a delegate named Aleck Long for that position. He then put the motion on that nomination, which was declared carried. W. T. Bishop was elected Secretary.

Mr. Long suggested that it would be in order to nominate a candidate for Congress, but the suggestion was received with such violent and unanimous cries of "No," "No," that no more was heard of it.

J. H. Baumer, jr., of the Twenty-second Ward, then moved that the convention adjourn to await the report of the committee of conference with the Liberal Republicans, to be made to the county convention. The motion prevailed. W. H. Pugh, from the First District, attempted to announce the action of that district in appointing a committee of conference, with a view to having a similar committee appointed from the First District, but the convention having already adjourned no action could be taken.