

Eastern Political Situation.

An Associated press dispatch from New York, under date of October 2, gives an interesting review of the political situation in that section. It is reported that conventions were held in the congressional districts within the boundaries of the boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond. The nominations follow:

Republican—Eighth district, Montague Lessler, renominated; Ninth, convention adjourned; Tenth, convention adjourned; Eleventh, Henry Birrell; Twelfth, Charles Shongood; Thirteenth, James W. Perry; Fourteenth, convention adjourned; Fifteenth, William H. Douglas, renominated; Sixteenth, convention adjourned; Seventeenth, Harvey T. Andrews; Eighteenth, Frank C. Shaefler.

Democratic—Eighth district, State Senator Timothy D. Sullivan; Ninth, Henry M. Goldfogle, renominated; Tenth, William Sulzer, renominated; Eleventh, William R. Hearst; Twelfth, George D. McClellan, renominated; Thirteenth, convention adjourned; Fourteenth, Ira F. Ryder; Fifteenth, convention adjourned; Sixteenth, Jacob Ruppert, jr., renominated; Seventeenth, Francis E. Shoher; Eighteenth, convention adjourned.

Interest in the nominations centered in that to be made in the Eleventh district by the democrats because the Tammany leaders had announced early in the day that William S. Devery and his leaders would not be allowed seats in the convention. Devery on hearing this, sent an emissary to the hall. He threatened mandamus proceedings and said if it was too late for this method of attack he would attack the legality of the convention proceedings if a nomination was made without recognizing him and his associates. Before the convention Secretary Smith of Tammany announced that the leaders recognized the legality of the election of the Devery delegates and that they would be given seats.

The nomination went by acclamation to William Randolph Hearst, editor and proprietor of the New York Journal. He was placed in nomination by Former State Senator T. C. O'Sullivan and William S. Devery made a speech seconding the nomination.

In the Eighth district, where Perry Belmont was thought to be the only candidate, State Senator Sullivan was nominated. This was done by the joining of hands of the Richmond borough delegates and those led by Mr. Sullivan.

The candidates nominated represent constituencies formed under a redistricting of New York county.

A special election will be held to fill the vacancy in the old Tenth district, which was represented by Amos J. Cummings, deceased.

An Impious Doctrine.

President Baer of the coal trust declares he and his associates are the trustees of Providence in the management of their property, and they no doubt pretend to believe—indeed, may sincerely believe—that their course has the approval of the Almighty. Here we have property worship impiously confounded with the worship of God, in a doctrine of industrial tyranny which the great mass of the American people have rebuked, but which they have not yet found the means to abate.

Talk about the pretense of the divine right of kings—it is but the make-believe of children compared with the assumption of the divine right of property which is thus declared with the earnestness of fanaticism.—Joplin (Mo.) Daily Globe.

BRIEF POLITICAL NEWS.

A reader of The Commoner at Redmond, Wash., writes as follows: At the King county democratic convention held at Seattle, Wash., on September 5, a number of reorganizers drafted a platform which utterly ignored the one adopted at Kansas City in 1900, and attempted to secure its adoption. But the country delegates were watchful, and in selecting their members of the platform committee, instructed them to work for the adoption of a resolution reaffirming the Kansas City platform. When the committee met and the resolution was proposed it met with "strenuous" opposition from the corporation democrats, but they were in the minority and the resolution was adopted. They also protested against the platform as it passed the committee, when it was presented to the convention for ratification, but their efforts were of no avail. When the vote was taken such a loud, earnest and enthusiastic "aye" burst forth that the reorganizers could not muster courage enough to volunteer even one feeble little "no." Democrats all over the United States could profitably take a lesson from the action of the country democrats of King county. Had they not instructed their members of the platform committee, as they did, it is "dollars to doughnuts" that the reorganizers would have passed their platform through the committee.

Nominations of September 11 were as follows:

Dubuque, Ia.—Ex-Governor Boies of Waterloo was formally nominated for congress by the Third district convention tonight.

Manchester, N. H.—The democratic convention here nominated for congressman in the First district Albert S. Langley of Exeter.

Evarts, Mich.—The Third district democrats today nominated Dr. J. J. Davis of Lake City for congress.

New Philadelphia—W. B. Stephens, a lawyer of Cincinnati, was nominated for congress by the republicans of the Seventeenth Ohio district.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Sam B. Wright of Tipton, who was nominated for congress by the democrats of the Fifth Iowa district, probably will decline the nomination. A committee will be appointed to fill the vacancy if he should decline.

Oxford, Cal.—The republicans of the Eighth California district today nominated M. J. Daniels for congress on the fifty-ninth ballot.

Denver, Colo.—The republicans of the First Colorado district today nominated Robert W. Bonyng for congress.

Nominations for congress in Missouri, so far as made, are as follows:

First district, James T. Lloyd, democrat, Shelbyville; L. T. Robinson, republican, Unionville; Second, W. W. Rucker, democrat, Keytesville; Third, John Dougherty, democrat, Liberty; R. E. Ward, republican, Birmingham; Fourth, Chas. F. Cochran, democrat, St. Joseph; M. A. Reed, republican, St. Joseph; Fifth, W. S. Cowherd, democrat, Kansas City; Sixth, David A. DeArmond, democrat, Butler; J. B. Lindsey, republican, Lockwood; Seventh, C. W. Hamlin, democrat, Springfield; G. P. Peale, republican, Springfield; Eighth, D. W. Shackelford, democrat, Jefferson City; Dr. I. N. Enloe, republican, Jefferson City; Ninth, Champ Clark, democrat, Bowling Green; Dr. Alonzo Tubbs, republican, Canan; Tenth, Richard Bartholdt, republican, St. Louis; Thirteenth, Edward Robb, democrat, Perryville; John H. Raney, republican, Greenville; Fourteenth, W. D. Vandiver, democrat, Cape Girardeau; H. P. Kinsolving, republican,

Malden; Fifteenth, M. E. Benton, democrat, Neosho; Theo. Lecoff, republican, Nevada; Sixteenth, Robert Lamar, democrat, Houston; B. F. Russell, republican, Steelville.

Nominations for congress in the city of Chicago have been made as follows: Martin M. Madden, republican, 1st district; Martin Emerich, democrat, 1st; James R. Mann, republican, 2nd; Frank Brust, democrat, 2nd; W. O. Wilson, republican, 3rd; Dan Morgan Smith, jr., democrat, 3rd; George P. Foster, democrat, 4th; James McAndrews, democrat, 5th; William Lormier, republican, 6th; Allan C. Durborow, democrat, 6th; Phillip Knopf, republican, 7th; John M. Hess, democrat, 7th; William F. Mahony, democrat, 8th; H. S. Boutell, republican, 9th; James J. Darden, democrat, 9th.

Other Illinois congressional nominations are as follows: Howard M. Snapp, republican, Joliet, 11th district; James O. Monroe, democrat, Bloomington, 11th; Chas. Fuller, republican, Belvidere, 12th; Jullian R. Stewart, democrat, Plano, 12th; R. R. Hitt, republican, Mt. Carroll, 13th; Lewis Dicks, democrat, Freeport, 13th; B. F. Marsh, republican, Warsaw, 14th; Thomas R. Marshall, democrat, Keithsburg, 14th; George W. Prince, republican, 15th; Jonas Olsen, democrat, Galva, 15th; J. V. Graff, republican, Peoria, 16th; John M. Niehaus, democrat, Peoria, 16th; John A. Sterling, republican, Bloomington, 17th; Z. F. Yost, democrat, Pontiac, 17th; Jos. Cannon, republican, Danville, 18th; Henry C. Bell, democrat, Marshall, 18th; Vespasian Warner, republican, Clinton, 19th; Wilber B. Hinds, democrat, Mattoon, 19th; Henry F. Rainey, democrat, Carrollton, 20th; Ben. F. Caldwell, democrat, Chatham, 21st; W. A. Roderberg, republican, East St. Louis, 22nd; Fred Kern, democrat, Belleville, 22nd; Jos. B. Crowley, Robinson, 23rd; Pleasant Chapman, republican, Vienna, 24th; J. R. Williams, democrat, Carmi, 24th; Geo. W. Smith, republican, Murphysboro, 25th; James Lingle, democrat, Jonesboro, 25th.

Judge H. P. Birdsall of Clarion, Ia., was nominated for congress by the Third district republican convention on September 25. This is the district at present represented by Speaker David B. Henderson, who recently declined a renomination.

On September 18 Col. Lewis Perrine was nominated for congress by the democrats of the Fourth New Jersey district.

Anthony C. Daly of Marshalltown, Ia., has been nominated by the democrats of the Fifth Iowa district for congress and will contest the re-election of Robert G. Cousins, the republican nominee.

Kansas City.—The republicans of the Fifth Missouri district today nominated Robert T. Vanhorn for congress.

Associated press dispatches under date of September 9 contain the following:

Denver, Colo.—Congressman John F. Shafroth, who has been classed as a silver republican, was tonight nominated for re-election by the democrats of the First district by a vote of 126 to 109 for Clay B. Whitford of Denver.

Columbia, S. C.—Reports from the primaries received so far, show Asberry C. Latimer leading Evans for the senate by 10,000, and D. C. Heyward leading Talbert for governor by 7,000. Both certainly are elected.

With the Paragraphers.

Mr. Baer's foolish remarks have made him more notorious than his wrong doing.—Memphis News.

The Commoner talks of "republican logic." We did not know that that brand of logic existed.—Memphis News.

What the republicans need most is somebody who can tell them how to reform the tariff without changing it.—Memphis Scimitar.

"The people make the issues," said John P. Altgeld. The people are making the trust-breeding tariff an issue. If you don't believe it, ask Speaker Henderson.—Springfield (Ill.) Republican.

It is to be hoped that President Roosevelt will not repeat the rude but eloquent bon mot of Bob Cousins regarding the Iowa platform. Bob denounced it as a "dirty, lousy lie."—Johnstown Democrat.

President Roosevelt's attitude toward the trusts is much like the attitude of a prize-fighter posing for a photograph. He never moves for fear of spoiling the picture.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Every time a gold democrat gets a place on a democratic ticket the republicans rejoice with as much acclaim as though one of their own were chosen—because that is what it means in the end.—Columbus Press.

Mr. Henderson says that the country at large does not understand the Iowa situation. It is just possible that the speaker does not know any more than the people of whom he speaks so disparagingly.—Buffalo Times.

Roosevelt should lose no time explaining to Mr. Littlefield that his urgent appeal to Speaker Henderson to continue in the service of the trusts was only another sporadic eruption of words which he did not propose to back up by deeds.—Columbus Press.

Mr. Roosevelt after all is not right up to date. If he were he would hasten to get a patent on that unique invention of his to the effect that there is no connection between the tariff and trusts.—Johnstown Democrat.

O Joy, O Joy!

Her pretty face was wreathed in smiles,

Her eyes danced with delight,
And now and then she sweetly sighed,
Her gladness was too great to hide,
Endeavor as she might.

"My child, my child," her mother cried,
"What fills you with such glee?
I see you smiling all the day,
What is it makes you joyous? Pray
Keep not the truth from me."

"My heart is glad," the maid replied,
"And joy is in my soul,
Because"—she heaved a happy sigh—
"Last night he fondly told me I
Was worth my weight in coal."
—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Henderson Idea.

Dave Henderson is so wedded to the tariff-bred trusts that he declines re-election to congress because his party in Iowa favors a revision of the tariff. Henderson is one of the fellows who is firmly convinced that the only way the people can prosper is through the process of taxing themselves rich for the benefit of the trusts.—Joplin (Mo.) Daily Globe.

Speak up.

Will papers which pretend to be democratic be so good as to specify what issues of the Kansas City platform are not now "big" issues?—Columbus Press.