

# THE OLD DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT

## NEW-JERSEY IS ENTHUSIASTIC AND WILL FIGHT TO WIN.

**A Conference at Trenton Which Promises a United, Determined Effort to Overthrow the Republicans—Speeches and Letters Full of Vigorous Talk—An Address to be Issued Next Week and a Grand Demonstration to be Held in Trenton.**

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 2.—Seventy determined Democrats, representing every county in the State, met in the rooms of the Democratic League of Trenton to-day and decided that the fight for supremacy in New-Jersey was worth making, and resolved to make it in a way that never had been made before.

The result of the conference is the ordering of a strong address to the Democracy of New-Jersey to shake off its sluggishness and unite and fight. A general State demonstration is to be held in Trenton in a few weeks, with Gov. W. E. Russell of Massachusetts and Assistant Secretary William McAdoo as orators. This is to be followed by mass meetings all over the State.

All this was the result of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Society of New-Jersey, formed in 1888. The committee, through the Secretary, W. S. McKean of Monmouth, invited a number of well-known men to be present, and many prominent Democrats responded to the invitation, while seventy-six letters came from others, indorsing the object of the conference.

There was at first a short reception and handshaking, and then a Democratic class-meeting was held, in which nearly all participated, giving their experience and the testimony for Democracy with much earnestness and fervor. Chairman W. W. Wilson was absent, and Postmaster R. W. Ayres of Atlantic City was called to preside, and W. S. McKean of Monmouth kept the records.

Out of the call of counties that followed came good news. Assemblyman Fred Schuchart, the Vice President for Atlantic County, is the Democratic Assemblyman from the county, which has a large Republican majority. He said that he was glad to be among so many Democrats, all full of hope and the desire to win. Many Democrats, he declared, were losing their earnestness, unnecessarily so. As for himself, he was ready to fight, and believed that his county would again send him back to the Legislature.

This speech had the proper ring and set the copy for all that followed. Editor John F. Hall of The Times-Union of Atlantic City followed, and his principal sentiment was less personal strife and more unison for the party, and a hearty indorsement of the head of the party—Grover Cleveland.

Judge J. Howard Carrow of Camden made a short but snappy speech. He appealed for more of the spirit of 1892, and more enthusiasm for Grover Cleveland and a heavy mark of approval for the Congress that gave the people tariff reform.

Clarence Atkinson of the same county expressed the thought that too many Democrats were sulking in their tents, when they ought to be out with their war clothes on.

Burlington County sent up a large delegation, headed by Jerome B. Griggs, the probable nominee for Senator in that county. He was full of the real Democratic spirit, and his words evoked enthusiasm. Congressman Johnston Cornish of the Fourth District declared that he had been much encouraged, in going through his district, by the hearty support that was given to the President. There was a general demand for more life and activity, and he said that he would gladly assist the society in its efforts. He predicted an old-fashioned Democratic success in New-Jersey if the Democrats would only work together.

Ex-Assemblyman Fanning gave an encouraging report from Mercer, and said all factional strife had been healed.

W. A. Carter, the President of the Direct Legislation League, who has been traveling through the State, told how anxious the Democrats were for an active campaign. All seemed willing to work.

J. H. Bud, speaking for Monmouth County, predicted a solid Democratic delegation for the House of Assembly.

Seventy-eight letters were received and a few of them read. United States Senator McPherson expected to be present, but his physical infirmities prevented him from coming. He wrote that he was heartily in favor of the movement. "I hope the society," he said, "may do something to improve the outlook politically."

Assistant Secretary of the Navy William McAdoo wrote:

I approve of the object of your meeting, and the same cannot but result for good to the Democratic cause. The first prime necessity for New-Jersey is a thorough organization of the party in every locality and determined, aggressive, and harmonious effort for success, regardless of personal feeling and differences.

Lawrence Gardner, Secretary of the Democratic Congressional Committee and Secretary of the National Society of Democratic Clubs, wrote from Washington:

The move is in the right direction.

Judge John W. Westcott of Camden writes:

I profoundly sympathize with the movement. In general terms the Democratic Party has been most unfortunate in its leadership. The party is still faithful and lawful, and would earnestly support honest leaders. An honest leader is one who understands the principle at stake and will surrender himself to its enforcement.

Col. E. A. Stevens of Hudson County, aspirant for a Congressional nomination, says:

I wish you every success to unite the Democrats of the State.

Hamilton Wallace of East Orange, takes this view of the situation:

I would be very glad to be a party to any step calculated to remove from our party the stigma under which it is unjustly suffering, especially in New-Jersey.

The letters all ran in this strain. The conference then reached the practical point and decided that a good, stiff address would be the proper thing to send out to the Democracy, defining the situation, pointing out the duty of the party, and warmly urging immediate action on the part of every member of the party. It is to be, as Judge Carrow put it, "as strong as the English language can make it."

The committee appointed to prepare the address is to consist of Editor J. F. Hall of The Times-Union, Atlantic City; Judge J. Howard Carrow, Camden; W. A. Coffey, Hunterdon; J. D. Carpenter, Gloucester, and J. S. Bird, Monmouth. This committee will go to work at once, and expects to have the document ready by next week.

It was decided to have a State demonstration at Trenton as soon as possible. It is to be a representative State affair, and all the organizations are to send delegations. The committee to arrange this consists of ex-Assemblyman James W. Lanning, Mercer; B. F. Lee, Mercer; W. S. McKean, Monmouth; Jacob Klotz, Somerset, and J. G. Savage, Camden.

They will meet to fix the date on Friday next, and they hope to secure, if possible, W. E. Russell of Massachusetts and Assistant Secretary McAdoo of New-Jersey and other speakers.

Among those present at the conference besides those named were W. R. Lippincott, P. M. Brock, Dr. G. Hollingshead of Burlington; Samuel Thompson, Warren; Senator Keyes, Somerset; P. E. Bertollette, Milford; S. O. Vanderbilt, Postmaster Lalor, Mercer, and J. J. Wells, Camden.