

THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.

Mass-Meeting of Socialists at Seventh and Market Streets.

EIGHT ARE ARRESTED.

They Are Charged With Obstructing the Street and Disturbing the Peace.

INDIGNITY OFFERED THE FLAG

Indignity Meeting Held at Socialist Headquarters and Future Action Decided Upon.

The Socialists are determined to fight for the liberty of free speech notwithstanding the decision of the jury in Judge Low's court on Friday convicting William Edlin for obstructing the sidewalk. Edlin appeared for sentence yesterday morning and was fined \$5 with the alternative of 24 hours in jail.

In view of Edlin's conviction a mass-meeting of Socialists was called for last night at the corner of Seventh and Market streets. They began to gather before 8 o'clock and by that hour there was a fair-sized crowd.

The trustees of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association were holding a meeting and when the speaking commenced on the street they sent word to police headquarters that they could not hear themselves talking. They went outside and when they saw the crowd they sent word to police headquarters that the sidewalk was being obstructed. Captain Spillane was notified by telephone and he sent Policemen Whalen, O'Connor and Jackson to see that the law was not being violated.

William Costley had opened the meeting and spoke for about fifteen minutes, standing upon a chair a few feet from the sidewalk. He was followed by E. T. Kingsley, a cripple, who is the nominee for Congress of the Socialist Labor party in the Fourth Congressional District. He had just commenced his address when the policemen arrived. They were joined by Policemen O'Dea, the officer on the beat, and the four pushed their way through the crowd and Whalen told Kingsley to move on and not obstruct the street.

"Why?" asked Kingsley. Without giving him an answer they dragged him roughly from the chair and placed him under arrest. Kingsley remonstrated, and claimed that they were using their privilege as American citizens to peacefully assemble and discuss their grievances. Costley also protested and was placed under arrest.

As soon as Kingsley was dragged from the chair George Speed mounted the rostrum; but he had only uttered a few words when he was also pulled down and placed under arrest. George Asplen, M. Speeney, J. Foster and E. Lux followed in succession, and were treated in a similar manner. Then the seven were marched down to Seventh and Mission streets, where the patrol wagon was summoned from the Southern station.

When the wagon arrived they were bundled into it, and the wagon was driven to Seventh and Market. T. Anthony was addressing the meeting at the time, and he had an American flag in his hand. The officers dragged him off the chair, and one of them tore the flag out of his hands and was in the act of throwing it on the street, when another officer grabbed it from him and saved it from being dishonored. A howl of indignation went up at the indignity shown the stars and stripes.

As the wagon started off for the Southern station some yelled, "Three cheers for socialism!" and the crowd joined in lustily. Then some one started in to sing "Hail Columbia."

At the Southern station each of the eight men arrested was booked on charges of obstructing the street and disturbing the peace. They promptly gave \$20 bail.

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money each and were released from custody. A meeting was afterward held at the headquarters of the Socialist Labor party at which the action of the police in making the arrests was denounced. It was also decided to communicate with the labor unions, the Civic Federation, the Woman's Suffrage Club and other organizations, asking them to attend a public mass-meeting at an early date to discuss the interference with the liberty of free speech accorded every American citizen by the constitution. These bodies will be asked to cooperate with the Socialist Labor party on this question.

It was also decided to hold another mass-meeting this afternoon at Seventh and Market streets, and another meeting on the corner of Seventh and Market streets at 2 o'clock to-morrow," said William Costley last evening. "We are not transgressing the laws and will fight the case to the bitter end."

BARRY FOR FREEDOM.

The Editor, With Others, Expresses Strong Condemnation of Any Infringement of Free Speech.

A fine of \$5 was imposed by Judge Low yesterday morning on William Edlin, the young socialist who was found guilty by a jury the day before yesterday of obstructing the sidewalk by a speech at Sixth and Folsom streets on the evening of August 2. He paid the fine and will go out and make more speeches.

Edlin's attorney, Arnold W. Liecht, is the nominee of the Socialist Labor party for District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco. He said yesterday that he believes in socialism, but that there are some things in the platform of the party which he does not endorse.

"I intended to take an appeal from the verdict to the Superior Court and if necessary to the Supreme Court to test the principle, but I find the court stenographer had not taken the testimony and consequently I could get no transcript. Doubtless there will be more arrests of Socialist Labor party speakers, and an appeal will then be taken to see whether free speech still obtains in this country or whether it does not."

When asked yesterday afternoon for his opinion on the case of Edlin James H. Barry said: "I am not in sympathy with the views of the Socialist Labor party, but I declare it is outrageous to deny the right of a man who is to speak and to arrest him. This man appears to have been interfering with nobody and was exercising his right under the constitution, till the policeman came along and took it away. Street takers can erect stands in the streets and obstruct the sidewalks, but when a man mounts on a chair and expresses his political views—views that are probably not in accord with the political affiliations of the authorities—he is arrested and put in jail."

"The right of free speech and of a free press should be maintained. If it is threatened the Republic is in danger. We want none of the autocracy of the Czar of the Russias here. I think the arrest of this man was a wrong—more than that. I repeat it was outrageous. Make that strong. He was interfering with nobody's rights. An injury done to him, and when an injury is done to one of the body politic there is an injury to all."

"I am heartily in sympathy," concluded Mr. Barry, "with the resolutions offered at the Trades Council meeting last night, and adopted by the Trades Council. I am a member of that association, and as a member I think some further and public action should be taken in regard to the arrest of this man. Suppose I am a poor man, and that is not altogether a supposition. I have no money to hire a hall. I believe in educating the people—I believe in teaching them as Jesus Christ did, from the highways and the byways, and from the house-tops."

I. J. Truman said: "I am certainly in favor of free speech. The constitution gives that right to every man. I think public speeches ought to be made, and could be made, so as not to interfere with the rights of others. I am not opposed to public meetings, but if you were a business man you would not want meetings to be held so as to cause a loss of \$5 or \$10. Let public meetings be held, but let them be conducted so as not to interfere with the rights of others. I do not know whether the speaker obstructed the sidewalk or not."

E. B. Perkins said: "I am for free speech at any time and all times. That is a right that is guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, and I believe, by the constitution of our own State, and every citizen has a right to exercise it, and whether he happens to be an orator of the Socialist Labor party, the Republican party, or the Democratic or Prohibition party. But I do not believe any man or party has a right to be on a chair, and assemble a crowd and injure the trade of a man who pays taxes. Let them select a place where business would not be interfered with. For instance, the place suggested by Judge Low—at the status near City Hall. But I am opposed to anybody abridging the right of any man to free speech."

THE LETTER-CARRIERS

Permanent Organization Formed to Get Next Year's National Convention for This City.

The letter-carriers of this City met in Judge Conlan's courtroom last night and formed an organization for the purpose of securing the National Association of Letter-carriers' convention for this City in 1897.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas C. Finnegan, and after he had explained its object the carriers formed themselves into a permanent organization. John L. Mares was elected president by acclamation, and in the course of his remarks he assured the association that he was heart and soul in favor of this great undertaking, and assured the carriers of the support of Postmaster McCoppin.

The Seventh Annual Conference will assemble at Grand Rapids, Mich., September 7, when several bills of vital importance will be considered. Letters were read from different Eastern cities pledging their support to the project. New York, Philadelphia, and the State of Michigan forty-nine, and so on to the west of the Rockies. The Pacific Slope will send a delegate from nearly every city, California alone sending ten. The following will represent this City: J. S. Sullivan, B. Frank Ames and R. M. Roche. They will leave August 30 and on the night before their departure a grand entertainment will be given in Native Sons' Hall.

The officers elected for the permanent organization were: Vice-President, James H. Smith; secretary, Conrad Triebler; treasurer, Thomas C. Finnegan; financial secretary, J. C. Levey; sergeant-at-arms, Ike Hoidt; directors, William E. Brown, J. J. Maher and Fred Rollins.

WILLS' FRIENDS MUCH PLEASED.

Satisfaction Over the Award of the Scannell Medal.

HE LOVED BRAVE DEEDS

The Deceased Chief Appreciated the Good Work of His Men.

ALL HOPED FOR THE TROPHY

An Engrossed Resolution Will Be a Part of the Honor Conferred on the Engineer.

The friends of John Wills, both in and out of the Fire Department, were most agreeably surprised yesterday when they learned through THE CALL that the gallant



DISTRICT ENGINEER JOHN WILLS.

district engineer was to receive the coveted decoration of the Scannell medal, the first to be given out to a fireman under the provisions of the old fire chief's will. The deceased head of the department was a lover of brave deeds. Despite his bluff manner and short and occasionally profane manner of delivering his commands, particularly during the progress of a conflagration, he was idolized by his men, each of whom hoped to be the one to proudly wear the emblem of heroism on his breast.

Still all agree that Wills, by his gallant rescue of helpless women from the wrecked Fifth-street lodging-house, when tottering walls and creaking timbers gave warning of further danger, was entitled fully to the medal, and there will be none to grudge the honor when he first wears the decoration.

The heads of the department, too, are glad that the honor to Wills for his service has been long and faithful, and he is considered one of the most efficient firemen in the employ of the municipality. Few aside from Chief Sullivan and the



The Medal of Honor.

trustees of the fund left by Chief Scannell have seen the medal, but from one of these a description of the decoration has been obtained.

The scene when the trophy is pinned on Wills' breast at the meeting of the Fire Commissioners on Thursday evening next will probably be an impressive one, for such occurrences are uncommon in the careers of those who risk their lives to save those of others, and all will feel the solemnity of the occasion when carrying out one of the last wishes of their deceased chief and honoring one of those whom he loved and respected.

An engrossed resolution will be presented to Engineer Wills with the medal.

A SCHOOL COUNCIL

The First Meeting Culminated in an Inglorious Fiasco. Some time ago the City Board of Education conceived that it would be a good idea to have a Council of Education to look after the wants of the public schools and to suggest whatever improvements they may deem necessary. The suggestion was made by the Board of Education, inspired by some unknown persons, that the 900 or more teachers in the public schools of this City should select one representative for every ten teachers; that those representatives should hold a meeting and select five of their number to constitute the Council of Education. The meeting was held in the auditorium

of the Girls' High School yesterday morning, but only about twenty delegates appeared, the majority of whom were principals of schools. Owing to the poor attendance no business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned.

It leaked out afterward that the proposition is not favored by the teachers of this City. The majority of them say that it savors too much of politics, that the committee is likely to be one-sided, and that what would be decided at one school would not be good for another. They say also that it is the duty of the Board of Education to look after the schools, and not to delegate that duty to a council or a committee.

BUCKLEY SILVER CLUBS.

The Process of Organization Goes On Through the City.

The Buckleyites organized many more of their silver clubs throughout the City last night and each club adopted resolutions making application for membership in the proposed association of silver clubs into which all these clubs are to be gathered in the very near future.

The South Side Free-silver Club of the Twenty-ninth District, the third club to be organized in this district, elected the following officers:

President, Thomas Lawler; vice-presidents, R. J. O'Reilly and Adolph Moeller; secretary, Robert McCord; treasurer, J. J. Donegan; executive committee—P. McDonald, Bryan Connors, J. Buchanan, Ed Donohue, John Ryan.

The Bryan and Sewall Free-silver Club of the Thirty-third District organized as follows: President, Dr. D. B. Todd; vice-presidents, D. Sylvester and Christopher Mangels; secretary, Patrick Flaherty; treasurer, F. L. Zimmerman.

The Richard W. Bland Free-silver Club of the Thirty-ninth District organized as follows: President, James B. Brooks;

vice-presidents, Fred Browning and Edward Healey; secretary, P. Callahan; treasurer, John McCarthy; executive committee—James Murter, John Moran, P. H. Lawson, Joseph Mann.

At the organization of the Bryan and Sewall Free-silver Club No. 1 of the Thirty-third District the following officers were elected: President, Eugene J. Crane; vice-presidents, Michel Riordan and Arthur Ahern; secretary, James Sullivan; treasurer, John Altimus.

The Stephen M. White Club of the Twenty-eighth Assembly District was organized last evening. The officers are: President, Lawrence Buckley; vice-presidents, Peter Brown, Daniel McKiernan, M. Brown, J. H. Dolan, P. J. Keegan; secretary, James Murphy; treasurer, James Daly. A resolution was passed authorizing application for admission to the association of free coinage clubs.

McKiernan and Healy disclaimed all connection with the Jeter wing's silver club.

POPULISTS ELECT KINNE

County Committee Fills a Vacancy and Decides Upon Night Meetings in a Big Tent.

The County Committee of the People's party met last night in Mozart Hall, 1538 Market street, and after resolving itself into a county convention elected A. B. Kinne to membership in the State Central Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of J. D. Thompson.

The assembly also decided to hold a public meeting next Wednesday night, corner of Ninth and Market streets, in a large tent now on the premises. The free use of the tent until the first of next month was offered by Mr. Tingman, an enthusiast, who says he wants to see a rousing Populist meeting there every night.

A committee consisting of W. E. Walker, George D. Gillispie, E. G. Haskell, E. S. Barney, J. A. Anthony, W. J. Greer and U. A. Lewis was appointed to canvass in their respective districts for the purpose of collecting a crowd for the initial meeting, having electric lights put in the tent and securing donations to the \$20 or so necessary to keep the lights burning.

In the amount, as at once subscribed last night. The intention is to collect a dollar and two each night for the audience and thus pay for the rent of the tent, some \$40 a month, from September 1 until election day.

The election of a man to the vacancy in the State Central Committee gave occasion for a prolonged wrangle, that finally resulted in the nomination of A. B. Kinne and U. A. Lewis. Kinne received sixteen votes and Lewis eighteen, and Haskell who had been leading a vigorous indirect opposition to Kinne moved that Kinne's nomination be made unanimous.

On the motion of the chairman, a complimentary and complimentary speech that did much toward restoring harmony.

Then J. D. Thompson, the committee man who had resigned, made complete explanation of his position and retired. The insinuation that he had originally accepted the place in order to get out and have Kinne appointed. That restored peace and tranquillity, and the convention turned to the consideration of a motion submitted by O'Leary regarding district representation. It was finally decided to lay the matter over until next Saturday night.

The county executive committee will meet next Friday night, at 8 o'clock, in Dr. Daywalt's office, on Market street.

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WARDEN HALE'S TWO REPORTS

The Cost of Keeping Prisoners Was Only a Trifle Over 30 Cents Each a Day.

The State Prison Directors met yesterday at San Quentin, Messrs. Hayes, De Pue and Wilkens being present.

Governor Budd requested the board to prevent a deficit in finance in the following letter: SACRAMENTO, AUG. 3. To the Honorable Board of State Prison Directors—GENTLEMEN: Some time ago a question was raised before the Board of Examiners whether or not a deficiency would arise from the State Prison. We were assured by members of your board that no deficiency would be incurred. My latest information is, however, that one is now threatened, and I therefore desire to request you in time to prevent the same as I doubt whether you will be able to get an allowance for the same should it be asked of your treasury. JAMES BROWN.

Director De Pue said that with the consent of the board he would answer the Governor and explain the situation. He claimed there would be no deficiency if the 2,000,000 jute bags on hand could be sold, and as there was no doubt about the sale he felt confident that the financial affairs of San Quentin Prison would be satisfactory.

Regarding the condition of the jute department, Warden Hale stated that 2,599,000 grain bags were on hand. Since January 1, 1896, 3,020,000 bags had been sold, 2,994,035 shipped, 26,500 sold and awaiting shipment, 2,572,500 were on hand available for immediate sale. The number of sugar bags sold was 725,400, shipped 70,400, sold awaiting shipment 656,000, on hand 225,500, to be manufactured 430,500. There were 3566 bales of raw jute on hand, a quantity sufficient to keep the mills running till January 1, 1897.

The following testimonial, beautifully engrossed, was signed and will be presented to ex-Director Neff:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Jacob H. Neff, after years of faithful service, has severed his connection with the State Board of Prison Directors, and it is proper that the board should place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him.

Resolved, By the State Board of Prison Directors that for the many years of gratuitous services given by the Hon. Jacob H. Neff to the State Prison of California, for the careful and painstaking attention he has given to all the different matters that came before him in that capacity, for the kindness he has at all times shown to the inmates of the State Prison over whom he had jurisdiction, and for his kindly and courteous treatment of all with whom he came in contact, he is deserving of and possesses the gratitude of the people of the State of California.

In his intercourse with his colleagues on the board, his gentlemanly conduct, his high sense of honor, his unswerving integrity of purpose, his wide knowledge of men and affairs, and his large fund of common sense made him an invaluable member, whose counsels and assistance will be missed in all matters of importance that may hereafter be presented to the board.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the board at San Quentin and Form.

Warden Hale presented his reports for the forty-sixth and forty-seventh fiscal years. These reports included the yearly statements from the captain of the yard, the turnkey, the physician, the chaplain and the prison clerk. According to the report, the cost for the year ending June 30, 1896, was \$1,279,945.45, or 30.45 cents a day. The monthly average of prisoners for the forty-sixth year was considerably less than for the former year, it being 1294 against 1351.

Director Wilkins interrupted the Warden with a remark regarding the commitment of prisoners from San Francisco. "Is it not a fact," he asked, "that there are scarcely any prisoners sent to San Quentin from San Francisco? Nearly all convicts from there are sent to Folsom. Is there not some way by which we could bring this to the attention of the Superior Judges of San Francisco so that more of this convict class be committed to San Quentin, where they are needed more than at Folsom?"

One of the directors remarked that Judge Wallace specified no particular price in committing convicts. "The Sheriff gets two days' work out of it when he takes a prisoner to Folsom," the Warden remarked. "And that explains the predilection to Folsom."

Re-opening of the report was resumed. The physician's statement showed an increase in the number of deaths, which was accounted for by the prevalence of pulmonary troubles, three executions, one death from a knife wound and one suicide. In the amount, as at once subscribed last night. The intention is to collect a dollar and two each night for the audience and thus pay for the rent of the tent, some \$40 a month, from September 1 until election day.

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