

THE ENTHUSIASM GROWING

MR. ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

PROMISING TO DO HIS PART IF THE
PARTY WOULD BE FAITHFUL TO HIM

—THE TICKET WARMLY RATIFIED.

The campaign meeting of the Republican County Committee, which was held last night in Grand Opera House Hall, was an old-time gathering of the clans, both in the matter of numbers and enthusiasm. Scarcely a member of the committee failed to attend, and everybody warmly greeted the keynote of the Mayoralty canvass as outlined in the resolutions which were adopted. The refutation, by the leaders of what is called the "machine" in the various Assembly districts, of the Hewitt campaign lie that they would not work faithfully for the success of the county ticket was greeted with the cheers which such an unnecessary assurance deserved. The part which Theodore Roosevelt, the candidate for Mayor, took in the meeting was brief but interesting. His entry into the hall was the signal for an outburst of applause and cheers such as has rarely been witnessed in a local political gathering.

Those most prominent in the local Republican organization arrived at the meeting place early. Many of them were members of the Executive Committee, which was summoned to meet half an hour before the time set for the meeting of the County Committee. Bernard Biglin, Capt. Michael Cregan, John H. Ennis, William H. Townley, Dennis Shea, ex-Harbor Master John Simpson, ex-Fire Commissioner Cornelius Van Cott, Police Justices Solon B. Smith and Jacob M. Patterson, John W. Jacobus, Charles N. Taintor, Clarence W. Meade, William H. Bellamy, John H. Gunner, Frank Raymond, George Hilliard, Police Commissioners French and McClave, Sheridan Shook, Henry L. Sprague, S. W. Thompson, James D. Hawes, Coroners John R. Nugent and Ferdinand Eidman, John D. Lawson, and ex-Senator Frederick S. Gibbs were among the shining lights of the organization present.

The Chairman of the County Committee, Elihu Root, called the meeting to order. He thanked the committee for the honor bestowed upon him by making him Chairman. He was sincerely pleased with the evidence of attachment shown to him in that respect. He was glad to be able to do his part, even though at some personal sacrifice, to show his faith in the Republican Party. He wished to act fearlessly in this matter, as a protest against many of his friends who, while reaping all the advantages of the Government, neglected to take their part in a government of the people and by the people. The Republican Party was without power or patronage so far as any hold on the National, State, or local Governments were concerned. The Republicans had no patronage to bestow, and were in a position to undertake the work of purifying the local Government. They intended to go into the fight to win, and if every Republican did all in his power to win success would be assured. There could be no possible question of this. If the Republicans were united and earnest in their work on behalf of the county ticket there would be no danger whatever from either Mr. Hewitt or Mr. George.

Just as Chairman Root got thus far in his speech Mr. Roosevelt entered the hall. He was escorted by Mr. Jacobus and ex-Assemblyman Walter Howe. The members of the committee rose and cheered him as he walked up the middle aisle to the platform, where he was received by Mr. Root and Secretary Bellamy. "As a living earnest of the sincerity of my remarks," said the Chairman, in introducing the candidate, "I present to you Mr. Theodore Roosevelt."

There was some more cheering, and then Mr. Roosevelt said:

GENTLEMEN: It gives me the most sincere pleasure to be able at last to thank you by word of mouth for the great honor which you have seen fit to confer upon me. For the honor, because I appreciate how high an honor it is to be chosen as the standard bearer of the Republican Party in this most important municipal contest. I can only say that I will do all in my power to deserve your good opinion. I am in this fight, and I am in it to win. [Applause and cheers.] I think we can win. A Democratic evening newspaper, with which perhaps the wish is father to the thought, has seen fit to say that the nominations of the Republican County Convention were not made in good faith. Now, I am not in favor of making assertions which I cannot prove, and I would not tell you what I did not myself believe. There is absolutely no truth in such statements as are printed in that paper. I am sure I will have the loyal and enthusiastic support of all the members of the regular Republican organization in this city. We Republicans of New-York have not only a great chance to win, but if we stand shoulder to shoulder we must win. It is merely a question of our standing firmly and strongly together, resisting any and all pressure that may be brought against us to break our ranks. [Applause.]

"I notice some of our weak-kneed brethren on the other side of the political fence are frightened at the candidacy of Mr. Henry George. Now, there is just this much to be said about that matter. Mr. George's strength will come from the Democrats. We will get strength from him, and therefore we have little to fear. The Democrats have a candidate supported by an organization, much of the strength of which is for Mr. George, while we have a solid, substantial organization behind us, which has lost nothing and will lose nothing in any way whatever. We have an organization of which the voting strength remains intact. The Democrats have not. [Applause.]

"And now, gentlemen, the safety of the loyal Republicans and other good citizens lies in voting for us who can and will win against both the other candidates. [Cheers.] I don't intend to keep you long, I only wish to say that I wish you to do your part, I will do mine. [Applause.] Both before and after election, if it turns out, as I believe it will, favorably for us, I will do my part for the city and for the party, I will not say what I intend to do. I served you for three years in the State Legislature, and I am sure you will take what was there done as an earnest of what may yet be done." [Applause and cheers.]

John D. Lawson, on the conclusion of Mr. Roosevelt's remarks, offered the following:

"We ratify and approve the nominations made by the Republican County Convention, and we pledge our faithful and zealous support for the whole ticket and every candidate upon it until the close of the polls. If the Republicans of New-York will do their duty as we intend to do ours the ticket will be elected."

The foregoing was adopted. An amendment to the constitution was adopted providing that the Secretary of the enrolling officers should report to the Secretary of the County Committee at the end of each month the names, residences, and dates of all additions and exclusions from the roll during each month. An amendment was proposed providing that, except when otherwise called for by 25 Republicans in the district, the hours during which the polls at primaries should be open would be from 3 to 10 P. M. The following standing committees were announced:

Appeals.—Ashbel P. Fitch, John F. Baker, John Collins, Charles W. Smith, William H. Gedney, Henry C. Botty, Lucas L. Van Allen, James W. Hawes, William H. Huber, Henry L. Sprague, Abraham Quackenbush, James S. Fraser, Thomas J. Rush, Joseph C. Jackson.

Finance.—John F. Plummer, Philip V. R. Van Wyck, Levi P. Morton, Horace Russell, David Mitchell, Thomas Allison.

Printing.—Henry C. Perley, Rudolph Rubens, George E. Best.

Resolutions.—J. Langdon Ward, John L. N. Hunt, Theodore W. Dwight, Cornelius S. Conklin, Ellis B. Edwards.

Naturalization.—John E. Brodsky, Guy R. Pelton, Daniel M. Robinson, John M. Smith, Francis Snyder, Frederick P. Doerr, Adolph Herrman.

Mr. Roosevelt, who remained on the platform until the committee was declared adjourned, was greeted personally by nearly all those present. He shook hands with every one cordially, and his cheering manner was infectious.