

Essex County Herald.

SUPPLEMENT.

State Convention!

Page Victorious!

For Lieutenant-Governor,
Henry A. Fletcher!

Raid on Treasurer and
Secretary of State!

Powell a Spared Monument!

Intense Excitement!

A Grand Occasion!

The Platform!

The republican state convention met at Montpelier on Thursday of last week. The great interest in the contest between Lieutenant-governor Woodbury and Hon. Carroll S. Page for the nomination for governor, together with the second congressional district convention, brought the largest crowd of representative republicans to town that has been seen in this state for many years. A large vanguard was on hand on Tuesday evening, and among the arrivals of that day was Colonel Woodbury. Wednesday morning found Mr. Page on the scene, and the great majority of delegates arrived during that day. The Pavilion, at which both the candidates had established headquarters, was literally packed with republicans from all corners of the state. Every one was talking of the situation, and while some pretended to know all about it, all were secretly bent on learning how it stood. Predictions and guesses were abundant, but the average delegate and onlooker felt pretty certain that it was a close fight, and that the unexpected was quite likely to happen. And it did. While the keenest judges felt that Mr. Page had a clear lead, so that the result in that respect was not a surprise, the outcome of the struggle over the lieutenant-governorship was wholly unexpected. The tide seemed to set strongly toward Colonel Hooker during the morning of Thursday, and the speeches on the floor pointed toward his nomination. It early became certain that there would be a large vote against both Mr. DuBois and Mr. Porter, but their defeat was hardly looked for. The nominations of Colonel Henry A. Fletcher of Cavendish for lieutenant-governor; of Henry F. Field of Rutland for treasurer and of Chauncey W. Brownell of Burlington for secretary of state were unexpected, but they happened. The county delegations had meetings on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning to see just where they stood, and rumors of trades were rife. Yet nothing that was clearly a trade came to the surface. The state committee held a long meeting on Wednesday evening to decide the cases of contesting delegations from Monkton and Rutland, and the original delegates—Woodbury men—were seated.

The convention itself was memorable. Of the 730 delegates chosen all but one was in the hall and voted on the ballot for governor. All the prominent members of the party in the state were present. The spectators filled the space reserved for them. The enthusiasm for both candidates was intense and hearty. While the Woodbury men, who seemed to have got possession of the gallery, made the most noise, the Page following lent their approval from the floor of the convention in a manner so steady and sturdy as to be unmistakable. Some of the speeches, especially those of Hon. F. K. Gleed, ex-Governor Barstow and O. H. Austin, were apt and effective. But the speaking did not probably change a vote. The friends of both candidates stood grandly by them, and Mr. Page had more than Colonel Woodbury—that was all.

The Proceedings in Detail.

The Opera-house never held a larger crowd than that which began to assemble there about ten o'clock. Some of the county delegations were still holding meetings, so that the crowd grew very slowly for an hour. But when, shortly after eleven o'clock, the convention was rapped to order, the platform, floor and gallery were filled, and hundreds were seeking admission. It was one mass of eager, expectant humanity. The counties were disposed in this manner, Bennington and Windsor being on the platform:

Franklin,	Washington,
Grand Isle,	Orleans,
Chittenden,	Essex,
Lamoille,	Caledonia,
Addison,	Orange,
Rutland,	Windsor,
Bennington,	Windham.

The last remnants of the detailed delegations entered the hall to the enlivening strains of the Montpelier Military Band, which was given seats in the orchestra section. As the last notes of the band died out, General George W. Grandey of Vergennes, chairman of the state committee, stepped to the desk and called for order. Rev. G. W. Gallagher of Montpelier was introduced to offer prayer. Mr. Gallagher asked that wisdom and deliberation might characterize the action of the convention, that harmony might prevail, that the great principles of the republican party might be sustained in their purity and original glory. When the clergyman had ceased, General Grandey stated that the roll was nearly complete, only some fifteen or seventeen delegates not having presented their credentials. On motion of Charles Wilson of Danville, the reading of the roll was dispensed with. Then the venerable chairman addressed a few words of congratulation and suggestion to the convention. This was the largest convention, he said, that had ever assembled in Vermont. He congratulated the party on the representation there that day. He pointed out the fact that the power of the delegates was equal to that of the freemen of Vermont. They held the election in their hands. Their responsibility, therefore, was equal to their power. Whom they recommended, he would be elected in September. General Grandey expressed the belief that whatever differences have been engendered in the campaign would be absorbed in the vote of the convention, and that all would support the candidate nominated. In concluding, he again referred to the responsibility of the delegates, who held in their hands that power which "executes the freeman's will as lightning does the will of God." General Grandey announced that the committee had selected Hon. James L. Martin of Brattleboro as temporary chairman. Mr. Martin's name was greeted with applause, and he was introduced. He spoke briefly, remarking that he concurred in all that General Grandey had said so well. He believed no state and no party could assemble a cleaner or more intelligent body of men than those men of Vermont. He was so much in sympathy with the leaders of the party and their principles that he was tempted to make a speech. He believed, he said, in protection to American industry—in the United States first and England later. We believe the mission of the republican party will not be ended until every citizen of the United States can cast one ballot and have it counted. We believe in the extension of our commerce to other countries, especially the other countries of this new world. We believe that no old soldier should go down to death in a poor house. With these principles on its banner, the republican party can never go down to stay. But the speaker would not infringe on the time of the convention, for there was much work to be done.

General Grandey stated that F. E. Briggs of Brandon and Martin W. Wheelock of Berlin had been appointed secretaries. On motion of Hon. P. K. Gleed of Morrisville the temporary organization was made permanent. Hon. Joel C. Baker of Rutland moved that the vote on state officers be taken by counties, and that a teller from each county be appointed. The motion was carried, and these tellers were appointed by the president:

Addison.....	Thad. M. Chapman, Middlebury.
Bennington.....	L. P. Norton, Bennington.
Caledonia.....	C. D. Brainerd, Danville.
Chittenden.....	J. L. Barstow, Shelburne.
Essex.....	D. L. Storrs, Brighton.
Franklin.....	Barney Kelley, St. Albans.
Grand Isle.....	Henry Coiro, South Hero.
Lamoille.....	P. K. Gleed, Morrisville.
Orange.....	E. P. George, West Fairlee.
Orleans.....	H. C. Cleveland, Coventry.
Rutland.....	Joel C. Baker, Rutland.
Washington.....	M. E. Smilie, Montpelier.
Windham.....	H. D. Holton, Brattleboro.
Windsor.....	O. M. Tinkham, Pomfret.

L. D. Eldredge of Middlebury moved that the president appoint a committee on resolutions, to consist of one from each county, and, the motion passing, the following gentlemen were appointed:

Addison.....	L. D. Eldredge, Middlebury.
Bennington.....	D. K. Simonds, Manchester.
Caledonia.....	H. C. Bates, St. Johnsbury.
Chittenden.....	John L. Barstow, Shelburne.
Essex.....	David L. Storrs, Brighton.
Franklin.....	F. H. Stranahan, St. Albans.
Grand Isle.....	J. P. Ladd, Alburgh.
Lamoille.....	E. B. Sawyer, Hyde Park.
Orange.....	V. G. Spear, Brattleboro.
Orleans.....	George H. Blake, Barton.
Rutland.....	V. A. Gaskill, Rutland.
Washington.....	George W. Wing, Montpelier.
Windham.....	E. L. Waterman, Brattleboro.
Windsor.....	C. P. Marsh, Woodstock.

L. T. Williams of Brunswick moved that all resolutions be referred to the committee on resolutions, and the motion was carried, with a few dissenting votes. Ex-Governor John L. Barstow of Shelburne then applied the torch to the governorship pile by moving to proceed to nominate. The motion was carried, and the fire began to crackle.

NOMINATION SPEECHES.

Hon. F. K. Gleed caught the president's eye and had the floor. He rose to nominate one of the leading candidates, he said. Whatever the result, he wished that the

good feeling which led President Garfield to appoint Mr. Blaine secretary of state might characterize this convention. Then he referred to the services of Hon. E. S. Page, the noble sire of a noble son. The latter was sent to the legislature, and there he early showed his disposition to watch the treasury. He had studied to reduce taxation to the lowest figures. From that day to this he had made that principle the warp and woof of his political fabric. Think, too, of what he has done for the republican party. In 1888 he had a map of the state at home in Hyde Park, and from there he moved his speakers about like chessmen, until the great republican majority was achieved. He had early developed these characteristics of thoroughness, accuracy and safe administration. Look at his work as inspector of finance. Before his appointment there had been much distress, due to reckless investments by savings institutions. During his administration no widow shed tears, no orphan suffered loss through his negligence or indisposition. There was no



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institution so rich or strong that the laws of the state were not enforced strictly by him. If a spotless character from his youth up and a capacity for business which has caused the arms of his establishment to stretch out over the whole country, from sea to sea, if administration of public trusts with the strictest integrity and most extraordinary skill—if these considerations appealed to the heart of the convention, he believed he could name the next governor of Vermont in Carroll S. Page of Hyde Park.

A rousing round of applause followed the mention of Mr. Page's name and the close of Mr. Gleed's speech. The Page men felt that their cause had been strongly presented, and the convention saw that the effect was marked. But ex-Governor Barstow was already on his feet to present the name of Colonel Woodbury. The governor's voice is not so clear and ringing as that of Mr. Gleed, but his speech was pointed and telling. He began by predicting that as soon as a decision was reached sermons and bitter feeling would cease. It was his pleasant duty, in behalf of the delegates from Chittenden county, to present the name of the one-armed veteran, Colonel Woodbury. The mention of Colonel Woodbury's name was the signal for a magnificent burst of applause. It was some time before Governor Barstow could go on. Chittenden county delegates do not stand aloof, said he. On the west side of the state there is a large majority for him. The son of a farmer, he is a farmer himself, as well as being engaged in other business. A medical student before the war, he answered the call of his country in her hour of need—the highest and holiest call except the mandate of the Almighty—and he left his good right arm on the soil of Virginia. When the war was over he went into business, and by his ability, integrity and honesty he gained the confidence of his acquaintances, and success and honor came to him. His experience in private and public business has fitted him for the office. No increase in taxation and emoluments will find approval in him. He will give the wisest administration of public affairs and will try to restore low taxation. It is one of the hopeful signs of the times and for the good of the state that all have united to find for governor of the state a man of independence and one not subject to improper influence. He believed emphatically that Colonel Woodbury was that kind of a man, and if he did not he would not give him his unsolicited support. What man has done better? He has put thousands of dollars behind him rather than violate the liquor law. He can be trusted. He is a man of brains, emphatically a man of executive ability, the flunky of no millionaire, a simple and honest citizen of the republic which he gave his good right arm to save.

George Wilkins, Esq., of Stewes appealed to the convention not to ignore the importance of nominating an honest man in the interest of public morality. The convention soon grew weary of his homily, and tried by cheers and stamping to drown his voice. The old man was not to be put down in this way, and he talked on, in defiance of noise and impatience. During a short lull in the tumult he was heard to remark that Mr. Page "had never played truant in going to school or coming from it." Even the Page men laughed at this. They knew he was a good man, but they had never supposed that he was quite so good as that. Mr. Wilkins found it impossible to make himself heard, and, at the suggestion from the chair that he be brief, he closed by seconding the nomination of Mr. Page, at which some one called for cheers for Woodbury.

George E. Lawrence of Rutland was on his feet at once to second the nomination of Colonel Woodbury. He saw his chance, and he made the best of it. He said that the convention, after being entertained by the gentleman from Lamoille county, would not care to hear him talk. Colonel Woodbury was not so far above this world as to make it necessary to use a telescope to see him. He was one of us. We can meet him every day and always find him a man of honor. It has been said that we want some one to guard the treasury of the state.

Well, years ago we wanted some one to guard our firesides and the old flag. [Applause.] The call came, and our good man shouldered his musket, went to the front and left his right arm on southern soil. In behalf of the majority of the delegates from Rutland county and of the united delegation from Rutland, he seconded the nomination of Colonel Woodbury. [Applause.]

Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro had the advantage of speaking from the platform, and he spoke well. It has been the practice recently not to promote from the lower to the higher office and he would regret a return to the old rule of promotion. At the suggestion of almost the entire delegation from Windham county he seconded the nomination of Mr. Page. The voters at home are almost unanimous in wishing to vote for him in September. Windham county has about one-fourth of the savings bank deposits of the state, and the depositors remember the services of Mr. Page as inspector of finance. This was another reason why he seconded the nomination of the man from Hyde Park.

D. K. Simonds of Manchester also spoke from the platform, and he was distinctly heard all over the hall. For Bennington county he would second the nomination of Colonel Woodbury. Our people at home, said he, do not want to be bound by any rule. It was unfortunate—or fortunate—that there were two good candidates for the nomination. One must ride behind. Which shall it be? (A voice—"Woodbury.") Colonel Woodbury, continued Mr. Simonds, is the peer of any business man of Vermont. The speaker admired his rulings in the last session. In every spot and place in which he has been found, from the war time to the present, he has fulfilled his duty as a man. It has been the principle of the republican party since the war, when two candidates of equal merit are presented, to take the soldier. Shall the gallant state of Vermont be the first to go back on it? (Cries of "No!")

Henry L. Clark of Castleton seconded the nomination of Mr. Page in a strong speech. It is a good many years since the war closed, said he. He honored the soldiers, but some men had been so unfortunate as to be born after the war. (A voice—"Page wasn't.") Must they wait until the last old soldier is dead before they can get an office? We have appointed a commissioner who is at work trying to induce foreigners to locate in Vermont, but it will be better for the state to give citizens some recognition than to get foreigners here. He spoke for the minority of the Rutland county delegation.

C. A. Prouty of Newport, in behalf of thirty-two out of the forty-nine delegates from Orleans county, seconded Colonel Woodbury's nomination for two reasons: First, because three-fourths of the people of the west side of the state ask for him; and, secondly, he is a soldier. He is an older man than Page, who can better afford to wait a few years before becoming governor than can Colonel Woodbury. If the latter is defeated, he can't recover from it. He will carry the defeat through life.

Henry M. Stevens of St. Albans, for the delegation from Franklin county, seconded the nomination of Colonel Woodbury. F. D. Hale of Lunenburg spoke for Mr. Page in behalf of twenty-two out of twenty-two delegates from Essex county. Page stands for an economical and conservative administration of the state, said he. He has used his great executive ability for many years for the party. In a time of peace he has battled valiantly for the republican party.

W. H. Narramore of Bakersfield represented the minority of Franklin county that is for Page. It had been said that service should be honored. That was right. But what of the man who has served for eighteen years? Make him governor! The speaker was a Grand Army man, but he was not in the convention as a Grand Army man.

E. B. Hebard of Chelsea said that a debt of gratitude is due the man who has served the party so well. For the majority of Orange county he seconded the nomination of Mr. Page.

Dr. C. C. Smith of Stockbridge said he was a private in the army, and he was for Page. The men who serve their country in halls of legislation have claims that should be recognized as well as those who were on the field. Vermont, through Mr. Page, had the first gun of the campaign of 1888, the fall boom of which was heard in the national election and the reverberations of which were heard last fall in the new states of the Northwest. This is something to be remembered.

O. H. Austin of Barton Landing probably made the most effective speech of the day. He spoke, in behalf of the minority of Orleans county, for Page. He was, he said, not false to the sentiment of gratitude to the soldiers of the war when he believed that men should stand on their merits in the vote for a governor. It was one of the chief glories of a soldier that he return to his duties of a citizen with the determination to vote for the best interests of the state. But he would not stand on the rubbish of any man's ruin. His heart was warm for Colonel Woodbury, who came into his own regiment after he was wounded, but his candid judgment said that it would be better for the republican party, which he loved better than either candidate, if it Page should be nominated. The energy and industry and integrity of this man ought always to inspire our young men, and, with perfect loyalty to the best sentiment of the soldiers of Vermont, he would support Page. [Applause.]

Jed P. Ladd of Alburgh for Grand Isle and H. C. Bates of St. Johnsbury for Caledonia seconded Woodbury's nomination.

C. A. Banker of Peacham made a plea for the farmers. Taxation is being raised, much against their wishes. Thirty-four men of the Caledonia county delegation had asked him to second the nomination of Mr. Page. Their fourteen towns wanted some one who would take care of their interests.

William Chapin of Middlesex also spoke for Page in behalf of the farming interest.

THE BALLOT FOR GOVERNOR.

Q. M. Tinkham of Pomfret suggested that during the voting each delegate show his

ticket when voting, as some who were not delegates had seats. He was reminded that some of the delegates had given up their tickets. A delegate then shouted out that he did not believe any republican would vote unless he had the right. Repeated calls for a ballot were made, and at about quarter-past one o'clock the voting began. The tellers quickly retired, and the great crowd waited with impatience for their appearance. Some ten minutes had elapsed before it was whispered along the platform that "Page has it—386!" Then the ballot was read, as follows:

Whole number of votes..... 729
Necessary for a choice..... 375

Page, Woodbury, Scattering.	
Addison.....	25 43
Bennington.....	9 31 2
Caledonia.....	34 16
Chittenden.....	0 0
Essex.....	21 1
Franklin.....	7 44
Grand Isle.....	1 10
Lamoille.....	27 2
Orange.....	46 4 1
Orleans.....	17 32
Rutland.....	42 50
Washington.....	35 21 3
Windham.....	55 9
Windsor.....	67 14
Totals.....	396 332 6

The scattering votes were cast for M. W. Davis of Westminster, who had three, and W. P. Dillingham of Waterbury, William Wells of Burlington and J. G. McCullough of Bennington, each of whom had one. A great shout greeted the announcement that Page had received 386. Cheers after cheer went up, and delegates swung their hats on high and stamped with delight. It was a scene to be remembered.

Governor Barstow immediately moved that the nomination be made unanimous, which was done, and a recess until three o'clock was immediately ordered.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

Immediately after the convention had been called to order again Colonel George W. Hooker of Brattleboro moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort Mr. Page to the hall. The motion was carried, and the chair appointed Colonel Hooker, ex-Governor Barstow and Hon. P. K. Gleed on this committee. A motion to proceed to the appointment of members of the state committee was carried, and the following gentlemen were reported by the county delegations:

STATE COMMITTEE.

Addison.....	William B. Wright, Orwell.
Bennington.....	C. E. Welling, N. Bennington.
Caledonia.....	C. T. Walter, St. Johnsbury.
Essex.....	S. D. Hobson, Brighton.
Franklin.....	Olin Merrill, Essexburgh.
Grand Isle.....	Henry W. Coiro, South Hero.
Lamoille.....	Hon. P. K. Gleed, Morrisville.
Orange.....	J. C. Stearns, Bradford.
Orleans.....	F. W. Bakwin, Barton.
Rutland.....	William R. Page, Rutland.
Washington.....	George W. Wing, Montpelier.
Windham.....	H. D. Holton, Brattleboro.
Windsor.....	M. K. Faine, Windsor.

A motion to proceed to the nomination of a candidate for lieutenant-governor was then made and passed, and Rev. E. J. Klock of Pawlet immediately rose and made a vigorous speech, nominating "Colonel George W. Woodbury." This slip of the tongue caused a great deal of laughter. The reverend gentleman corrected himself by naming Colonel Hooker, and went on, closing with applause.

C. S. Dana of New Haven told a bear story and seconded Hooker's nomination. Mason S. Colburn of Manchester suggested that speeches of nomination be limited to ten minutes and those of seconding to five minutes.

A. S. Barbank of Cavendish presented the name of Colonel Henry A. Fletcher of that town.

Alexander Dunnett of St. Johnsbury referred to the candidate of the Caledonia county delegates—Hon. Henry C. Ide—in complimentary words, and closed a short speech by stating that Mr. Ide's supporters had transferred their support to Hooker.

At this point the committee, escorting Mr. Page, appeared, and the latter was introduced to the convention, amid applause. Mr. Page spoke as follows:

MR. PAGE'S REMARKS.

"Mr. President, Gentlemen of the Convention—I shall not attempt to add language with which to return thanks to you for this honor, nor shall I abuse your patience with remarks of any length. Let me say, however, that I thank you, and through you the people of Vermont. I need not say, moreover, that the measure of my service to the state will be the measure of my ability. But there is one point to which I wish to call your attention, and it is the one which has been discussed more than any other during this campaign, and which has, I believe, contributed more than any other to my election—that of economy in state expenses. The people demand it, and the republican party will make a mistake if it does not give it. I tremble when I think of how much you expect of me and how unable I am to meet your highest expectations. But I beg of you to return home and discuss this subject during the heats of summer, then in September go to the polls, and vote for no man who is not in earnest sympathy with the material interests of Vermont. Vote only for men who are thoroughly honest and level-headed—men to whom no one will dare to come with a job." [Applause.]

P. B. Kendall of Rutland next took the floor to keep his promise to second the nomination of Mr. Fletcher. He was interrupted by some stamping and cheering.

A. Messer of Rochester said that the farmers of Windsor county want Hooker for lieutenant-governor.

Captain Dick Smith of Vershire said that Hooker was a gallant soldier and a man after his own heart.

O. M. Tinkham seconded the nomination of Fletcher. The farmers of the state had not received as much recognition as other classes.

Joel C. Baker thought Hooker came pretty near being a farmer, through his connection with agricultural societies.

E. L. Waterman, in behalf of Brattleboro

and Windham county, thanked the convention for giving Colonel Hooker such evidence of support, and heartily seconded the nomination.

Hon. William C. Sprints of Middlesex believed every man should stand on his own bottom. Horace Greeley had said the farmers among the hills lived nearer heaven, and so were better republicans. He urged that the farmers were entitled to a representative on the ticket, and seconded the nomination of Mr. Fletcher.

THE BALLOT FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR. A ballot was then taken, resulting as follows: Whole number of votes... 600 Necessary for a choice... 311

The result was a great surprise, and the Fletcher men were very happy. The motion of Dr. Holton of Brattleboro Colonel Fletcher's nomination was made unanimous.

Hon. D. K. Simonds, secretary of the committee on resolutions, read the platform, which was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the republicans of Vermont, by their delegates now in convention assembled, heartily endorse the administration of President Harrison and his cabinet, one of its most valuable members being an honored citizen of our own state.

Resolved, That we hereby approve the action of republican representatives in Congress in passing a bill which will equalize the operations of the protective tariff without destroying its benefits.

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of congress to deal liberally with deserting voters in the matter of pensions.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the action of congress under the leadership of Speaker Reed, and sincerely hope the present session will not come to a close until some fair measure is adopted that will insure a free ballot and a fair count to every citizen of the republic entitled to vote.

Resolved, That we believe it to be incumbent upon congress at the present session to so modify the interstate commerce law as to give full effect to the police regulations of every state in regard to the control of intoxicating liquors or any other article injurious to the public health.

Resolved, That in the present dependent, depressed condition of agricultural and other interests we believe it to be the duty of the freemen of the state to choose representatives to the coming legislature who will advocate the appropriation of no more money than is demanded by the actual needs of the state, to the view that industry may be relieved of all unnecessary taxation.

Resolved, That we present the candidates for state officers this day nominated to the people of the state as entirely worthy of their confidence and support, and enjoin upon them the duty of being at the polls in September to keep up the proud record of Vermont as the banner republican state.

Now came the struggle over the three remaining offices. Joel C. Baker nominated Henry A. Field of Rutland for state treasurer. He did not charge that the present treasurer had been unfaithful, but he has had enough honors and emoluments for the present. He presented the name of a clean, capable, honest man, who would make a first-class treasurer.

S. B. Hobard nominated Treasurer DuBois, and said that the office was one which should not be shifted about frequently.

The ballot was as follows: Whole number of votes... 624 Necessary for a choice... 313

Table with columns for candidates and votes. Includes names like Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamolle, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, Windsor.

SECRETARY OF STATE. L. D. Eldredge of Middlebury presented the name of Chas. W. Brownell, Jr., of Burlington for the secretaryship of state. He said the office had been held on the east side for twenty-seven years. He found no fault with the present official, but the man whose name he presented was a faithful and painstaking gentleman.

George W. Wing of Montpelier nominated Secretary Porter, who, he said, has held the office but six years and has done his work well. Mr. Wing thought it better to have a Washington county man in the office.

Joel C. Baker was in favor of Brownell, because he is a good fellow, and Mr. Porter has held the office long enough.

Albert G. Pierce of Burlington seconded the nomination of Brownell in behalf of Chittenden county, and C. A. Bunker of Peacham also seconded the nomination of Brownell. A ballot was then taken, with the following result:

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ADITOR OF ACCOUNTS. Hon. Charles P. Marsh of Woodstock nominated Norman Paul of that town for state auditor. V. S. Storrs of Island Pond, in behalf of Essex county, asked that Franklin D. Hale of Lunenburg be elected. R. O. Sturtevant of Swanton, for Franklin county, presented the name of E. Henry Powell.

Joel C. Baker said Mr. Powell had held the office too long. He was in favor of a new ticket all through. He seconded the nomination of Mr. Hale. C. A. Prouty of Newport made a telling speech for Mr. Powell. The only trouble with Mr. Powell, said he, is that he guards the interests of the state too closely. Mr. Hale is a good fellow, but this convention is not nominating a good fellow. Mr. Powell is an auditor, and a mighty good one.

The ballot was then taken, as follows: Whole number of votes... 561 Necessary for a choice... 283

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The convention then adjourned, shortly after five o'clock.

NOTES OF CONVENTION. WHERE WAS Judge Royce and the Herald? "THERE'S nothing like leather," after all.

It looked as if the gallery had been packed for Woodbury. There was method in its applause and the part it took in the nominating oratory.

On the west side Rutland county, it will be observed, carries the Page banner, after Spunky Lamolle, which would of course stand by her favorite son.

THE Free Press of Friday morning had an admirable report. It was both impartial and accurate—a piece of thoroughly good newspaper work and a credit to the ability of its reporter.

"THAT old Congressional minister will kill Page!" was the agonizing remark of an immensely outraged follower of the man from Hyde Park, in the corridor of the Opera-house, while the irrepressible Esquire Wilkins of Stowe was delivering his homily on honesty.

THE "free-pass brigade" was on deck. Correspondence from that worthy man shows that free passes were furnished many Woodbury delegates from the west side. These little billets seem to have played an important part at the canvass in counties that were made "solid for Woodbury."

ESQUIRE JOEL C. of Rutland made the point against Paul of Woodstock, who had been presented to the convention for the auditorship, that he didn't want two old hachelors on the ticket and both from Windsor county. Aspirants for office should take warning and procure a wife before the next canvass opens.

GALLANT LITTLE ESSEX was Page's banner county. Every one of her twenty-two delegates was chosen to support Mr. Page, but in the voting one delegate seems to have strayed from the Page into the Woodbury fold. Against many difficulties, but under a wise and untiring and unsleeping local management, this splendid result was achieved.

THE Klock of Pawlet was striking wild when he nominated for lieutenant-governor "Colonel George W. Woodbury." A similar contrivance, which was greeted with peal on peal of laughter, occurred in the house of representatives in 1896, when John Currier closed an effusive speech nominating the democratic candidate for United States senator by presenting the name of Hon. George F. Edmunds.

ORANGE, Windham and Windsor covered themselves with glory, but Orleans showed the trail of the custom-house serpent. Speaker Groat's brother-in-law was given the biggest plum in the customs service at Newport, and the county was carried for Woodbury. The calf-skin monopoly is the peg on which this result is hung, but it is an insult to the intelligence of even a young bovine to credit for an instant so palpable an absurdity. The county papers zealously espoused the cause of Mr. Page and strenuously sustained him, but truth and reason bucked in vain against the custom-house bribe.

ROBERT DRY and Fitz James, the heroes of Scott's "Lady of the Lake," but mortal enemies, forgot their deadly hostility around the friendly watch-dra in that night encampment among the Highlands. Overcome by sleep

"The brave foemen, side by side, Lay peaceful down like brothers tried."

So Mr. Page and Colonel Woodbury, at the former's headquarters at the Pavilion, sat and chatted in a friendly way while the convention was deciding which should have the prize for which he had contended so stoutly and which should be doomed to bitter disappointment—an inspiring example to the followers of each chieftain.

THE Essex county delegation discovered on Wednesday that neither the delegate from the town of Norton nor his substitute had put in an appearance. It turned out that from some cause both, who were Page men, were staying at home. The men of Essex got their backs up. Norton's delegate should be represented in the convention. The wires were brought into requisition. A substitute selected by the alternate reached Island-Pond Wednesday afternoon. There he procured a team and, by driving all night, arrived at Montpelier, a distance of seventy miles, about eight o'clock, cold and hungry, and cast his vote for Carroll S. Page. His name is Hazen E. Ames. Tally one more for gallant little Essex.

CARDINAL FLETCHER is a bachelor, and in his cool way a good deal of a wag. He has served several terms in the house, and in 1896 was a senator. In his whole public career he has been a vigilant guardian of the treasury and an inflexible opponent of expenditures of doubtful expediency. What is the cost of the proposed measure, to-

gether with a rigid insistence on proof of its necessity, was the touch-stone he applied to every demand for the public treasure. At the mock session of the senate in 1896 a bill was introduced to provide a wife for Colonel Fletcher. When the document had been read and the laugh half subsided the senator arose, with all the dignity of an old Roman, and without relaxing the severity of his determined countenance, inquired: "What will be the expense of the proposed measure?"

THE Candidates. Hon. CARROLL S. PAGE of Hyde Park was born in Westfield, Vt., in 1843, and was educated at the People's Academy, the Lamolite County Grammar School, and the Lamolite Central Academy. His principal business is that of sorting and selling green calf-skins, and his is said to be the only establishment of that kind in the country. The magnitude of the business he has built up by push, energy and skillful management here among the remote hills of Vermont, off from trunk lines of transportation and far away from the great markets of the country, is a surprise to every one who has investigated it, and, among other things, illustrates Mr. Page's splendid capacity for business management, in general and in detail. He is also prominently connected with other local enterprises, business and financial. He has been an active worker in the republican party for many years, having been a member of the state committee since 1872. Of this committee he was secretary for ten years, and afterwards he was chairman up to this spring, when, becoming a candidate for nomination to the governorship, he resigned. He was district delegate to the national convention in 1890. He has been register of probate for the district of Lamolite, and from 1861 to 1873 he was county treasurer. In 1870 and 1870 he represented Hyde Park in the house, and in 1874 he was senator from Lamolite county. He was appointed inspector of finance by Governor Flanders in 1884, and was reappointed by Governor Ormabee in 1886.

HON. HENRY A. FLETCHER of Cavendish was born in that town in 1829, and was educated in the common schools and at Chester and Ludlow academies. He is and always has been a farmer. During the war he served in the Sixteenth Vermont Regiment, attaining by promotions the rank of lieutenant. He represented Cavendish in the lower house in 1877 and 1878, and again in 1878, 1880 and 1882, serving on the general committee in 1878, on that for the revision of the laws in 1880, and as chairman of the committee on banks in 1882. He was an aid-de-camp on the staff of Governor Proctor in 1878-80. In 1886 he was senator from Windsor county.

CHARLES W. BROWNELL, JR., of Burlington has been secretary of the senate for ten years, having served from 1874 to 1880 as assistant secretary. He was born in Williston in 1847, and located in Burlington in 1873. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont and of the Albany Law School. In 1884 and 1886 he was state's attorney for Chittenden county.

HENRY F. FIELD of Rutland is a well-known business man of that place. He was born in Brandon in 1843, and received his education in the schools of that town. He is a banker by profession, and has lived in Rutland since 1862. His town and county have honored him with many offices. In 1857 and 1858 he was assistant door-keeper of the senate, in 1861 was deputy secretary of state, in 1864 was senator from Rutland county and in 1884 was a member of the house.

HON. E. HENRY POWELL is, as the Springfield Republican calls him, "the spared monument on the old ticket," having been lucky enough to be renominated as auditor of accounts. He is a native of Richmond, and was born in 1830. He was educated at Pottsville, N. Y., and Fairfax academies, entering the University of Vermont in 1849. He enlisted as first sergeant in the Tenth Vermont Regiment, and was later commissioned as lieutenant-colonel of the Tenth United States Colored Troops. He read law and was admitted to the bar in 1856; was inspector of customs from 1856-1863; was state's attorney for Franklin county in 1872 and 1873; was a member of the house in 1874, and in 1878 was a senator. In the same year—1878—he was elected auditor of accounts.

After the adjournment of the convention, the state committee met and organized by electing the following OFFICERS: Chairman... F. W. Baldwin, Barton. Secretary... William R. Page, Rutland. Treasurer... P. K. Gleed, Morrisville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: John C. Stearns... Bradford. Olin Miller... Enosburgh Falls. A. G. Pierce... Burlington. VERMONT REPUBLICAN LEAGUE. The Vermont Republican League met in the Opera-house at about quarter past five o'clock. There was a small attendance, as every one seemed to be well tired out by the convention. The only business transacted was the election of the following OFFICERS: President... Josiah Groat, Derby. Vice-pres... Geo. W. Hooker, Brattleboro. Percy P. Pitkin, Montpelier. A. B. Valentine, Bennington. Secretary... Charles S. Forbes, St. Albans. Treasurer... D. H. Lewis, Vergennes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Addison Co... T. M. Chapman, Middlebury. Bennington... O. M. Barber, Arlington. Caledonia... H. C. Bates, St. Johnsbury. Chittenden... W. L. Burnap, Burlington. Essex... T. D. Hale, Lunenburg. Franklin... C. P. Hogan, St. Albans. Grand Isle... N. W. Flake, Isle La Motte. Lamolle... George M. Powers, Morrisville. Rutland... H. L. Clark, Castleton. Orange... J. D. Denison, Randolph. Orleans... F. E. Alfred, Newport. Washington... H. A. Huse, Montpelier. Windham... L. B. Hayes, Bellows Falls. Windsor... W. W. Stickney, Ludlow.

BEAR'S PURCHASE township, in New Hampshire, has been bought by S. D. Hobson of Island Pond, from Charles E. Dole and others of Portland. The tract contains nearly 36,000 acres, and is covered with an old growth of timber. The price paid was \$100,000.

District Convention!

GROU RENOMINATED

The second congressional district convention was held on Wednesday, and Groat was renominated unanimously by acclamation. Colonel Hooker succumbed to the inevitable with even more than his usual grace. The convention was harmonious in the extreme, even when it came to the discussion of the resolutions referring to the original package decision. While some of the delegates favored postponing action until the state convention, no one lifted his voice in opposition to the sentiment of the resolutions. The speech of Mr. Stickney, the chairman, was attentively listened to, and his reference to a free ballot was heartily applauded. It was singular that out of a possible convention of 377 there should be 374 delegates present. It is seldom that so large a convention meets to make a nomination by acclamation.

The convention was called to order by Hon. W. H. DuBois, chairman of the district committee, after the Montpelier Military Band had played a selection. The hall was comfortably filled. Mr. DuBois introduced Rev. A. J. Hough, who offered prayer. The secretary, Ira B. Shattuck, read the call, but on motion of C. S. Emery of Chelsea the reading of the roll-call was dispensed with. The names of the following temporary officers were presented: President, W. W. Stickney of Ludlow; secretaries, O. L. French of Brattleboro, H. E. Parker of Brattleboro. These were elected, and Henry C. Bates of St. Johnsbury and George E. Habbitt of Bellows Falls were appointed by the chair to escort them to the platform. Mr. Stickney was greeted with applause as he took the chair. After returning thanks to the convention for the honor, he said that he rejoiced in the fact that since the last convention all the branches of the national government had been placed in the safe keeping of the republican party. If the party uses its opportunities aright, it has come to stay. Mr. Stickney referred in complimentary terms to Speaker Reed, characterizing him as a man of the ability, deliberation, coolness and pluck which the times demand. Under his leadership the majority party of the republican party is progressive. It is not like a sign-board—pointing out a goal, but not taking it. It is now shaping legislation along this progressive line, and it is revising the tariff on the principle of "the American market for the American people." The republican party will never forget the soldiers and the days of the war. Its mission will never be ended until every citizen can cast one vote and have it counted. In conclusion, Mr. Stickney urged his hearers to cordially support their standard-bearer, whoever he may be.

On motion of L. O. Greene of Woodstock, the temporary organization was made permanent. After music, Hon. Henry C. Bates of St. Johnsbury secured the floor to move the renomination of Congressman Groat. The scene reminded him, he said, of the convention six years ago, when there were three candidates under consideration. One was now the governor of the state, another was the present congressman, and the third had a title better than that of governor or congressman—that of a high-minded, patriotic citizen. Speaking of Mr. Groat, he asked if every promise made for him had not been fulfilled, and in conclusion he presented the name of the present congressman, amid applause.

Silence followed the applause at the end of Mr. Bates' speech, but after a few seconds Hon. J. L. Martin of Brattleboro arose. There was another eminent citizen and gallant soldier whom some of the convention had hoped would be nominated—Colonel George W. Hooker of the United States. Mr. Martin sketched the services of Colonel Hooker in the campaigns of 1860, 1864 and 1868, and pointed out the value of the corporation tax law. He was a distinguished and eminent citizen, who had always devoted his time and money to the good of Vermont. But the primaries have spoken against him, and in view of this fact his friends believed it their duty to say that the majority should rule, without filibustering or unnecessary delay. At Colonel Hooker's request, he seconded the nomination of General Groat.

The nomination was also seconded by W. H. Harlow of Springfield, W. C. French of Woodstock and Richard Smith of Vergennes. Mr. French spoke at some length. He would cast no reflection on Colonel Hooker, but at this time he thought it for the interest of the district that General Groat should be returned. The motion was then put, and was carried by acclamation unanimously. A hearty round of applause followed the announcement of General Groat's nomination.

After a short intermission, during which a selection of music was played, Major Josiah Groat, at the request of the friends of Congressman Groat, thanked the convention for its action. Had Congressman Groat's health permitted, he would have been present at the convention. The chair at this point called on the county delegates to nominate members of the district committee. The following were elected: Caledonia county, Ira H. Shattuck; Essex, Frank D. Hale; Orange, W. H. DuBois; Orleans, Amory Davison; Washington, L. B. Cross; Windham, Zina H. Albee; Windsor, W. H. H. Slack. The committee, at a subsequent meeting, re-elected Chairman DuBois and Secretary Shattuck.

Hon. W. C. French of Woodstock asked the attention of the convention while he read the following resolutions, which he moved be adopted: Resolved, That, in the opinion of this convention, it is the duty of congress to at once enact a law prohibiting the introduction of intoxicating liquors from any state to another state for sale or use in the latter state without the consent of such latter state. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, certified by the president and secretary of this convention, be sent to each of our senators and representatives in congress. A discussion, in which Mr. French, Richard Smith, George W. Flagg, John L. Butterfield and others participated, followed the reading of the resolutions. Mr. French and nearly all the others urged that they

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