

**DEMOCRATS RATIFY.**

Many Speeches Made at the Theater on Saturday Night.

**EMINENT REPUBLICANS ASSIST.**

Local Parties Also Enter the Change Platform and Nominate Two Meetings Held.

CITY Democrats held two meeting last evening in this city—the former occurring in the old Lake Theater and the other in the rooms of that building. All gatherings were large and enthusiastic and were participated in by eminent Republicans and Populists as well as followers of Jenkins and Jefferson. The Change platform and policies were unanimously adopted.

The meeting in the Theater was called to order at 8 P.M. by Judge Bascom, who made a brief speech and introduced Fisher G. Davis as chairman, in part as follows:

"There are Republicans, believing in the necessity of protection, Democrats advocating a tariff for revenue. People crying against the established order of things protection—fearing as the worst possible result that the Republicans had done in the financial crisis, so the vital basis of the free exchange of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1. And it is well that it should be so. But it is also true that most Republicans are in favor of protection, and that they are anxious to stand clear of sympathetic classes that have alienated themselves from the principles of the fathers and devote themselves against such men with whom again, association upon a few people."

"Hon. J. L. Brown said that the financial question at the present time overshadowed all others, but if we can get along without the money question it would be of secondary importance for this election. With free coinage the struggle to sustain money theory on our business and in our savings, our resources would be less severe, the struggle for existence would be less severe and less severe. The Democratic party is opposed to all this unless it is in line with the interest of England. Until England says the word we must drift, this bitter cup in the very dregs. To call it a tariff of the currency, as they call it, may be brought about by international agreement, and this by delegation to an international convention which is not clothed with power to do anything but to report to the various governments. Such a conference in 1858 reported against free coinage of silver and said that it was a question that could not be decided.

Hon. Frank D. Stephen began a stirring speech thus:

"Starting here with such men as

Charles M. Varian and Tom Keane

returning to the seashore armament

of the party we have always affiliated

ourselves with the cause of freedom

and the cause of the slaves, supporting

the principles of the Democratic party.

As the speaker went on he said:

"It is time that we are

"I am going to speak to you

"I am going