

LIBERAL CONVENTION.

Those who favor a "change" from the rule of the People's Party to that of the "Liberals" in this city assembled in convention in the Grand Opera House at high noon Jan. 14. The dress and first circles were given up to spectators and were uncomfortably filled; the stage was used by the chairman, secretaries and representatives of the press; while the parquette, which is floored over, is the exclusive "camping ground" of the delegates. Around this reservation runs a double line of rope from pillar to pillar, and those who have ever seen a ring pitched on the turf for a prize fight would be forcibly reminded of the latter by seeing the former—and, judging by the manner in which "Liberal" conventions generally work themselves up and the discord and clamor which they are wont to create, it scarcely requires the ropes to suggest the scene of combativeness referred to.

There were 600 to 800 people present besides the delegates, the majority of whom were tucked away in the indifferently lighted space of the first circle. This was hung around with the banners of the different marching clubs, and altogether presented a rather showy appearance. Before all the spectators had arrived, and at exactly 12 m., the delegates appeared two abreast, arm-in-arm, and marched to their places Judge Powers being on hand to receive and arrange them, the precincts being seated each by itself. It took some few minutes to get everything in order, but at last all were in their places, and this is the array presented on the floor of the parquette:

FIRST PRECINCT—W. H. H. Spafford, C. W. Heidel, Samuel Chittock, W. E. D. Barnett, W. J. Galey, E. B. Sheppard, A. M. Paul, T. Atkins, L. S. Besley, H. S. McCallum, A. H. Parsons, O. P. Miles, William Showell, C. E. Stanton, J. J. Greenewald, Julian Riley, Alf Eklund, W. A. Taylor, G. W. Snow, E. Benner, Charles Baldwin, I. J. Starbuck, Jacob Moritz, E. F. Jones, E. B. Wilder.

SECOND PRECINCT—W. J. Halleran, L. B. Rogers, F. G. Adleman, W. B. Sidney, Henry Buhring, W. C. Barker, M. M. Walker, L. H. Farnsworth, Joseph Anderson, R. Mackintosh, J. M. Harvey, S. A. Merritt, C. W. Bennett, Wm. Nelson, E. A. Wall, S. C. Ewing, J. K. Gillespie, Joseph Simon, W. C. Hall, H. F. Evans, W. F. Hill, J. C. Dowlin, S. G. Pigman, J. W. Ellis, Fred. King.

THIRD PRECINCT—J. W. Clark, T. J. Williams, J. W. Sugden, Dan Dunne, Dan Wofstenholme, W. S. Sharp, J. J. Daly, John L. May, F. D. Kimball, Charles O. Klog, Joseph R. Morris, W. L. Harlow, C. W. Hempstead, Joseph Pugsley, Herbert Pembroke, S. Katz, N. Treweek, Joseph Raleigh, E. H. Kahler, George Lambourne, Orson Shafer, E. Janney, W. D. Druce, R. L. Wilson, George Albright, T. M. Hughey.

FOURTH PRECINCT—Judge Hoge, Fred Kesler, R. N. Baskin, H. P.

Mason, H. W. Lawrence, P. L. Williams, James Glendenning, John Axton, L. E. Hall, M. R. Evans, J. P. Bache, A. Hanauer, Jr., John E. Wiscombe, J. C. Conklin, Joseph Lipman, H. G. McMillan, H. T. Ball, William E. Suedley, W. A. Stanton, Robert Porcher.

FIFTH PRECINCT—E. Sells, S. Bamberger, C. B. Jack, R. Baker, M. Cantlan, C. E. Allen, G. W. Downey, L. C. Karrick, L. W. Colbath, C. B. Anderson, J. W. Cottle, Samuel Paul, Hoyt Sherman, F. Hoffman, Martin Lannan, T. E. Harper, W. J. Lynch, M. Lipman, R. Bamberger, C. E. Wantland, J. M. Ricketts, J. J. Thomas and C. M. Brown.

The first thing that was done after order had been secured was Judge Powers' announcement that the call for the convention would be read by the secretary, Mr. A. L. Williams, whereupon that gentleman appeared and discharged the duty imposed upon him in a rather low tone of voice, giving rise to cries of "Louder!" at different times. Having concluded, Rev. T. C. Iliff was introduced, who engaged the attention of the assemblage in prayer. At the close of the prayer some one or two persons in the gallery had the bad taste to start a ripple of applause, but this was quickly hushed up.

Judge Powers again took the floor and made his formal opening speech, being loudly applauded when he approached the chairman's table. He said in substance—

"Gentlemen—It is with feelings of pride that I now call this convention to order. I believe that each member of it comes here filled with an honorable and patriotic purpose. Thus far the conventions have done their work well, and men in whom you have pride and confidence have been nominated by the precincts. I know the opposition say the ticket so far is weak, but it has been unable to find a single fault with any of the candidates. I simply ask that now the nominations which are to be made be held up to that same high standard, and all will be well. The sky is already streaked with the bright promise of victory. We have the love of our country and the people's welfare in our hearts, and feel confident that you will name a ticket here which will sweep the city by an overwhelming majority. (Applause.) I now have the honor to name as your temporary chairman Hon. S. A. Merritt, and as your temporary secretary that staunch young 'Liberal' A. Hanauer, Jr."

Both these gentlemen as their names were called received applause, which was repeated when they appeared at their respective posts. Col. Merritt, on taking the chair, addressed the convention briefly, saying he felt gratified at being selected to preside over a convention which had within its power the naming of the next set of officers for this city. "We should sink personal likes and dislikes, and select the men who are the best representatives of the 'Liberal' party, so that we can wrest this fair city from

the hands it is now in and make it what it ought to be—the queen city of the entire mountain region." (applause.)

H. S. McCallum moved that the chair appoint a committee of five on permanent organization and order of business. Carried, and H. S. Callum, E. A. Wall, J. J. Daly, L. E. Hall and Hoyt Sherman were appointed.

On motion of Charles Alder, a committee of five on resolutions was appointed, as follows: Charles Alder, C. W. Bennett, J. R. McBride, R. N. Baskin, C. E. Allen.

On motion of I. J. Starbuck, a committee of five on credentials was appointed, as follows: I. J. Starbuck, J. T. Gillespie, Frank Kimball, F. Hanauer, Frank Hoffman.

It was then moved and seconded that the convention take a recess till 2 p. m., to enable the committees to prepare their reports. This being agreed to, the throng surged outward to the strains of "Sweet Home" from the uniformed band on the stage, each as he went out being careful to get his admission ticket from the doorkeeper, otherwise there would have been no return. This was a rather slow performance, fully ten minutes being required to empty the house.

The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock precisely. The band played, after which Chairman Merritt announced that the report of the committee on credentials was in order, and it was read by Mr. Hanauer and, after some delay, and substitutions for absentees, it was adopted.

The report of the committee on permanent organization and order of business was read as follows:

Mr. Chairman: We, your committee on permanent organization and order of business, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend for permanent chairman, S. A. Merritt, with the following vice-presidents: First Precinct, Jacob Moritz; Second Precinct, R. McIntosh; Third Precinct, J. M. Clark; Fourth Precinct, J. C. Conklin, Fifth Precinct, J. J. Thomas.

For permanent secretary, A. Hanauer, Jr.; assistant secretaries, or tellers, Frank D. Kimball from the Third Precinct, and Will J. Lynch of the Fifth Precinct.

As to the order of business we recommend as follows: First, report of committee on credentials; second, report of committee on permanent organization and order of business; third, report of committee on resolutions; fourth, nominations for mayor; fifth, nominations for recorder; sixth, nominations for treasurer; seventh, nominations for assessor and collector; eighth, nominations for marshal; ninth, selection of chairmen of central committee; tenth, selection of four members of city central committee; eleventh, miscellaneous business; twelfth, adjournment.

After the adoption or rejection of this report the chairman of this committee asks leave to introduce a supplemental report.

HOYT SHERMAN, Chairman.
H. S. MCCALLUM, Secretary.