

HENRY GEORGE WILL RUN

TO BE AN UNPLEGGED CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.

POLITICIANS AFFECTING TO LAUGH AT HIM—THE ESTIMATE PUT ON THE LABOR VOTE BY HIS SUPPORTERS.

Henry George has not yet accepted the workmen's nomination. It is to be tendered to him at a mass meeting to be held in the large hall of the Cooper Union on the evening of Oct. 5. When it was first suggested to him that he would be a most acceptable candidate for the Mayoralty, he said that when at least 30,000 of his fellow-citizens signified in writing their desire to vote for him he would accept a nomination. Already, it is said, over 30,000 signatures have been secured to appeals to Mr. George to become the candidate of the workmen, and these documents are to be carried in a wheelbarrow to the platform while the mass meeting is in progress. Mr. George will then have a chance to examine the 30,000 signatures, and when he is satisfied that he is in possession of the required number he will, in a speech befitting the occasion, accept the nomination so oddly and satisfactorily tendered to him.

Mr. George is above the average man in intelligence, and wherever he is known is highly respected and admired. Democratic and Republican leaders who have the honor of his acquaintance do not undertake to belittle him. He is small in stature, but has a very large head. His views on the social problem and upon free trade are well known in almost every country. Tammany Hall politicians yesterday attempted to be merry over Mr. George's candidacy, and said that long before election day his party would be safely stowed away in the wigwam. They felt very sorry for Mr. George, and concluded that he would be making a great sacrifice of time and money in running against the regular nominees of the Tammany, County Democracy, and Republican organizations. If Mr. George is sensible, they added, he will accept a nomination for Congress in a thoroughbred Democratic district and enjoy a "walk-over" to the House of Representatives. It is said to be a fact that a proposition has been made to Mr. George to accept a united Democratic nomination in either Nicholas Muller's or Joseph Pulitzer's district, and it is further said that Mr. George's campaign expenses would be paid by a well known Democratic philanthropist if he would consent to be a candidate.

The County Democracy people said that Mr. George's candidacy had no terrors for them; that his vote would in greater part be gathered from Tammany Hall, and that Mr. George would be an exceedingly fortunate man if 5,000 votes were cast in his honor. The Republicans seemed to be in doubt about everything, including themselves. They said that they viewed with more or less pleasure Mr. George's good work in the effort to make Democrats unhappy, and did not suppose that he expected to gather any strength from the Republicans.

A Knight of Labor who sits on the top round of the ladder had a great deal to say about Mr. George's candidacy, and while he did not predict Mr. George's triumphant election he said that he was certain that the vote for Mr. George would be so great that everybody in the whole world would open his eyes in wonder. The Knight was full of figures, and said that if the members of the various organizations would stand true to Mr. George they could secure his election. District No. 49 of the Knights of Labor, a mixed district, as it is called, has 60,000 members, and it is claimed that 40,000 of these are residents of this city and are voters. District No. 64, composed of compositors, pressmen, stereotypers, &c., has 2,500 members, and of these 1,000 vote in this city. District No. 75, composed of railroad men and known as the Empire Protective Association, has 18,000 members, and 10,000 of them live and vote in this city. District No. 85, composed of plumbers, gasfitters, &c., has 1,200 votes. District No. 91, shoemakers, has 3,000 votes. District No. 126, carpet workers has about 1,000 voters. The big open unions are not included in the Knights of Labor district organizations. The International Progressive Cigarmakers' organization has about 4,000 members, and of these 2,500 are said to be voters. The American Order of Carpenters and Joiners has 2,500 voters, and the Progressive Painters 2,000. The Cabinetmakers have 1,500, the Framers, 2,000; the Bricklayers Union, 2,000; the Progressive Tailors, 2,000, and the Journeymen Tailors, 1,000. It is claimed that all of these votes will be cast for Henry George; that he will not lose one of them, as every man in the organizations named will be bound to vote for him. A table showing the number of votes expected from each organization for Mr. George is as follows:

District No. 49.....	40,000	Painters.....	2,000
District No. 64.....	1,000	Cabinetmakers.....	1,500
District No. 75.....	10,000	Framers.....	2,000
District No. 85.....	1,200	Bricklayers.....	2,000
District No. 91.....	3,000	Progressive tailors	2,000
District No. 126.....	1,000	Journeymen tailors	1,000
Cigarmakers.....	2,500		
Total.....			69,200

In the election for Mayor in 1884 the vote was as follows:

William R. Grace, Citizens' and County Democracy.....	96,288
Hugh J. Grant, Tammany.....	85,361
Frederick S. Gibbs, Republican.....	44,386
Total.....	226,035

It is thought that fully 210,000 votes will be cast in November for Mayor. It is likely that there will be at least four candidates in the field; and the one who receives 65,000 will probably be elected. If, then, Henry George can muster up 69,200 votes, he will be the next Mayor of New York. It is doubtful whether Mr. George or any of his followers really believe that he will receive 69,200 votes, and politicians roar with laughter when it is even suggested that he will poll as high as 30,000 votes. They say that not one-fifth of the number of persons who sign the appeals to him will cast their votes for him on election day. Several of the labor organizations which have heretofore declined to favor independent candidates now openly declare for Mr. George, and a mass meeting of citizens, to be held in Chickering Hall next Friday evening, has been called to second his nomination. Among the signers to the call were the Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church; Poultney Bigelow, the son of ex-Minister to France John Bigelow; James Redpath, the Rev. M. J. Phelan, J. R. Belford, of Messrs. Clark & Belford; the Rev. John W. Kraemer, and Augustus A. Levy. It is expected by the organizers of this meeting that a great uprising of the people can be brought about in support of Mr. George, and that thousands of voters outside of the labor organizations can be secured for him. It is said that sneakingly the Tammany organization is about to make overtures to Mr. George, offering to indorse his nomination if he will make certain pledges regarding appointments in the event of his election. It is said for Mr. George that he will refuse to make any bargains with Tammany Hall or any other organization. If either of the factions should indorse his nomination it would have to take its chances, as he desires to go into office without being burdened by pledges made to politicians. It is said that the Assembly district organizations are in working order for Mr. George in the Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, and Twenty-third Districts, and that in nearly all of the other districts the organizations will be formed this week. To-morrow evening the Manhattan Association of railroad employes is to meet in Lion Park and indorse Mr. George's nomination.

Mr. George was a busy man yesterday, and did a great deal of traveling throughout this city. Whenever he entered his office at No. 18 Astor place, he found a crowd of persons waiting to congratulate him. Mr. George is a worker. He has no lazy bones. He was born in Philadelphia 47 years ago and his ancestors were Americans as far back as the time of Christopher Columbus. He has traveled all over the world. He is a printer by trade, a Knight of Labor, and something of a sailor. He is a full-blooded newspaper man, however, and has written some books which have been printed in several languages and sold by the thousand. He is under the medium height. The small amount of hair on the back of his head is dark, and the top of his head shines like a billiard ball. He wears a reddish beard and mustache and steel-rimmed eyeglasses. He is a pleasant conversationalist, and any intelligent person would recognize in him at a glance a very superior man. Mr. George wears dark clothing of the plainest possible kind and displays no jewelry.

"Do you intend to remain in the field as the workmen's candidate for Mayor?" asked a TIMES reporter of him yesterday.

"Indeed I do," answered Mr. George very emphatically, "I shall be a candidate until the polls close on election day."

"And you cannot be bought off or dragged into the camp of any of the other parties?"

"Not a bit of it."

"Have any of the political organizations made overtures to you looking toward indorsing your nomination?"

"No, Sir."

"If any such propositions should be made would you accept them?"

"Not if I were expected to make any pledges."

"Do you expect that the 30,000 persons who will sign the appeals to you will vote for you?"

"I most certainly do, and I expect to get a large vote from citizens who are not members of labor organizations."

"I presume that the Tammany faction will suffer most through your candidacy?"

"That is my idea of the situation."

"How will you know that your vote is fairly counted?"

"That matter will be attended to and will be in much better shape than most persons imagine. Of course we cannot have poll clerks and inspectors of our own choice, but we cannot be denied watchers, and we will have good ones. We will have men to attend to the boxes who will do their work well. You will see at every polling place men who will wear badges representing the labor organizations of which they are members, and they will know the voters and see that they are not misled. You will find that the labor movement is well organized—better organized than it ever was before—and I count upon giving the old political organizations a surprise that will make them feeble."