

## HENRY GEORGE'S HOPES.

### WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT HIS CHANCES.

HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HE GOT 90,000 VOTES—NO PLEDGES GIVEN TO ANY ONE.

The supporters of **Henry George** are rejoiced over the result of the convention in Clarendon Hall on Thursday night, and among trades-unionists in the city little is talked about save the candidacy of Mr. George and the prospects of his election. The enthusiasm among the workmen for Mr. George is growing greater every day. Special meetings of nearly every trade and labor union and local assembly in the city will be held during the coming week to ratify the nomination and to afford their members the opportunity to sign the pledges to vote for Mr. George. The exact number of signatures is not known, but nearly 20,000 have already been sent to the headquarters and not two-thirds of the lists sent out have as yet been returned. Among the German trades-unionists there are many members who have not as yet been naturalized. They are being cared for and it is probable that more naturalization papers will be taken out this year than ever before, except in a Presidential year. The Executive Committee proposes to go to work in earnest at once and make arrangements to perfect the district organizations and to raise the funds necessary to carry on the campaign.

Mr. George is exceedingly well pleased with the result of the campaign so far himself. He was found yesterday in his publishing office, No. 16 Astor place, surrounded by friends who had come in to congratulate him on his nomination. Mr. George is a small man with a big, well-shaped bald head, and has a full red beard. He wears a loose-fitting Prince Albert coat and has a pleasant, affable manner. There was a constant stream of visitors in his office yesterday and he looked tired. He found time to say to a **TRIBUNE** reporter:

"I am much pleased with the complimentary reception which my candidacy met at the convention last night. I regard it as the highest compliment that has ever been bestowed upon me and as high a compliment as could be paid to any man. I shall accept the nomination and will do my best to make a winning fight of it, though it came to me entirely unsought, and as far as money is concerned I would be a loser by accepting the office."

"What do you think about your chances for election?" was asked.

"I think they are good," replied Mr. George. "We intend to make an aggressive campaign of it and I see no reason why we should not be successful. The elements which have heretofore been against independent labor candidates are absent in this case. There is the greatest enthusiasm among the workmen and they feel that now they have a good chance of success. This will, I think, induce them to come to the polls on election day and vote for me. Then the list of 30,000 names gives to the movement a great impetus and a solidity which it would not otherwise have. That was my idea, when I insisted on having the pledges."

"Do you intend to make any effort to get the support of any other political organization?"

"Most decidedly not. Of course, if any body of citizens of a political party approves my candidacy I shall be glad of it. The nomination was not sought by me and I have given no pledges to those who nominated me. This being the case I shall most certainly not give any pledges to anybody else. If I am elected I shall be Mayor of the entire city of New-York and not of any clique or faction. I shall use my best energies to give the city an honest, clean administration of its government."

"What proportion of the organized labor vote do you think will be polled for you?"

"I have made no figures on that and can give no estimate. From present indications I would not be surprised if I received 90,000 votes. I think that nearly all of the men who have signed the pledge will vote for me. In addition to these there is a large number of men who will not sign the paper, but who will give me their votes. Nearly every man who has signed will feel that he is committed to me and will become an active canvasser. Even one of those names should represent at least two votes if not more. Many trades unions which have heretofore been bitterly opposed to independent political action have signified their intention of giving me their cordial support. This is so particularly of the International Cigarmakers' Union and the Journeymen Tailors."

"What relation will your election have to your theories about political economy?"

"My name has become identified with certain theories in regard to social questions, and my election to the mayoralty of the largest city in the United States will undoubtedly have the effect of furthering those ideas. As Mayor I could have little power to put many of my ideas into practice, but the moral effect would undoubtedly be great, not only in this country, but in Europe, where my books have been widely read, and where the ideas which I represent have gained ground. My election would undoubtedly be regarded in Europe as a step forward toward social reform."

A call has been prepared for an independent mass-meeting of citizens in Irving Hall at an early date to ratify Mr. George's nomination. Among the signatures already appended to the call are those of the Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, the Rev. J. J. Kramer, Gideon J. Tucker, James Redpath, the Rev. M. J. Phelan, J. K. Balfour, Edward G. Underhill, Professor D. de Leon, Julius Hart, Samuel Ashton, A. K. Simons, Augustus L. Levv, P. Lopez de Queralt and Poultney Bigelow.

### WHAT IS SAID ABOUT THE NOMINATION.

MAYOR GRACE REMARKS THAT HE IS A WORKING MAN HIMSELF—SHERIFF GRANT'S IDEAS.

Mayor Grace when asked yesterday about the nomination of **Henry George** for Mayor said: "I have known Mr. George for several years, and believe him an honest, well-meaning man. I have read his book on 'Social Problems' through three times, and think it shows a great deal of clear reasoning. But I am sorry to see him nominated for Mayor as a workmen's candidate, because that has a tendency to array classes against each other. I have been and am still a workman. I have received a good part of my political support from workmen, and in this case I think they are making a mistake."

Sheriff Grant, chairman of the Tammany Committee on Organization, said: "I do not attach as much importance to the nomination of **Henry George** as many do. I do not believe that the majority of the workmen think that they can accomplish anything practical by electing a distinctive workmen's Mayor. Tammany Hall has always claimed to be the workmen's organization. It is that now. Before election day comes around I think you will find the bulk of the workmen falling into line with us and supporting the candidates of Tammany Hall."

Richard Croker said: "I know comparatively little of Mr. George, but I think it poor policy for the workmen to nominate a candidate for Mayor with no hope of electing him. Tammany Hall has always endeavored to fight the battles of the workmen and has received a large part of its support from their ranks."