

# GEORGE'S NEGATIVE TALK

**At a Down-Town Business Men's Meeting He States What He Does Not Believe In.**

## CHEERS AT THE END FOR LOW

**The Citizens' Union Candidate Mr. George's Second Choice—No Tariff, No Whisky Tax, No Sub-Treasury, No Navy—Greenbacks Instead of Specie.**

The first of a series of noon meetings in the interest of Henry George was held yesterday at 47 and 49 Liberty Street under the auspices of the Down-Town Business Men's Club of the Democracy of Thomas Jefferson, but although intended for a ratification meeting for the George ticket, it had a markedly Low termination. No sooner had the speaker of the occasion, Henry George, finished his address than a proposal for three cheers for Seth Low made by one of the audience found a lively response. The three cheers were given with a vim, and fully half of the number of people present joined in.

Shortly after 12 o'clock there were fully 600 men assembled to listen to addresses by Henry George, Lawson Purdy, and Henry M. McDonald, President of the Loyal Democratic League of the State of New York and Chairman of the meeting. Mr. McDonald was the first speaker, and remarked that as Mr. George had a few friends in that section of the city, it was thought advisable to give them an opportunity to hear him. He then introduced Lawson Purdy, who said, among other things:

### Early Cries for Low.

"If you have decided that the two machines against which the present fight is being waged are a detriment to this city—and no doubt they are—the question is whether it is best for you to vote for Henry George or Seth Low." [Repeated cries for Low and cheers.] Mr. Purdy then dwelt on the evil of the present taxation system, and pointed out several instances where property of enormous value had only been taxed one-tenth or less of what it was actually worth. He assured his hearers that if Mr. George were elected the laws on the statute books would be enforced in a broad, liberal-minded manner.

In conclusion, he called attention to the fact that while Mr. Platt and Mr. Croker had received vast sums of money from corporations for campaign purposes, Mr. George had not asked for or received one dollar from such sources, and would therefore be a Mayor for the people and not for the corporations.

Mr. McDonald then arose to make an appeal for campaign funds, saying that so far, although nearly 200 meetings had been held in all parts of the city, less than \$5,000 had been contributed to defray the expenses of the George campaign.

Arthur R. Stevenson was to have been the next speaker, but the cries for George became so loud that he did not get an opportunity to speak, and Mr. George came forward at once.

### Mr. George's Address.

"I am here," he said, "nominated in the name of the party of Thomas Jefferson, to run for Mayor of New York. I have accepted the platform, and it is therefore incumbent upon me to speak to the people. I do this in the most available way that presents itself. I would like to have all candidates speak on the same platform. I should like to speak on the same platform with Van Wyck, and if he be padlocked, I would just as soon speak with his boss and representative, Mr. Croker. [Hisses.] Mr. Low would be to me an acceptable companion on the platform. He stands for the same as I do, he on a Republican platform and I on a Democratic. If I am not elected, I should like to see Mr. Low in the chair. [Cheers.]

"I have turned aside from important work that I have been engaged in to take up this work. The last time I ran I was called an Anarchist. Well, since then I have become quite respectable. The quiet years of labor I have spent since that time have done this for me."

### No Tariff; No Excise Tax; No War Fleet.

Speaking then on National issues, Mr. George said: "I am not a non-partisan. I am a pure partisan. I have decided opinions on every question. As for your tariff, I would abolish that altogether. I would turn out all the customs officers and make them look around for an honest living. The building that stands not far from here, I mean the Sub-Treasury, I would do away with, nay, I would sell it. There are too many men out of work to have all the money that is hoarded there lie idle. I would do away with those infamous immigration laws. Why are they dumped on Ellis Island? Why are they searched? Is it to find vermin or plague on them? No; it is to find \$10. I say, let them come in, if they have not a single penny, and let them earn it here.

"I do not believe that it is the business of the State to make men wise or religious. I put my foot on excise laws. I want no tax on whisky, wine, or beer. If I am good and temperate, I do not want to compel other people to be so. I want no inquisitions, no searches, and no seizures. The policy of protection I abhor. It leads to fraud, corruption, and evasion. While I shall not have the power to change these stupid laws, I tell you that if you elect me, you will eventually put a free trader in the chair, not a half-hearted free trader, but a genuine one.

"If I had the power there should not be a single white-winged cruiser, to go to all the watering places and give gorgeous entertainments. I would turn them into peaceful commercial trading ships and turn out the officers to man them. Of course, I shall have to obey all those stupid laws, but so far as the law authorizes me, I shall put the principles that I stand for into effect. The moment I am elected I shall take steps to impose the fitting penalty on those robbers who have looted the public treasury and caused such widespread corruption, and upon the tyrants who have dominated everything in this city for so many years."

"Sic semper tyrannis," shouted some one in the audience.

"Yes," responded Mr. George, "'sic semper tyrannis.' The will of the people is the destruction of the tyrants, and the will of the people is God's will."

### Greenbacks the Money for Him.

A whole volley of questions was then fired at Mr. George. The first one was:

"How about Seth Low?"

"He is a respectable gentleman," answered the speaker, "and so am I," he added, in response to a remark made by one of the audience that he also was respectable.

"How about Carter Harrison?"

"Oh," said Mr. George, "he is coming here with 150 Chicago toughs to be entertained by Tammany toughs." [Cheers.]

In response to the question, "How about Bryan?" he said he had supported him last year, notwithstanding the fact that he personally did not care a rap for the free silver doctrine. "I am no more of a silver man than I am a gold man. This is the money for me," (holding up a greenback.)

At the conclusion of the meeting and immediately after three cheers had been given for Mr. George, one man cried: "Three cheers for Seth Low," and they were given with a storm of hand-clapping to accompany them.

When George stepped into the carriage that had been in waiting for him, he received an ovation from about 500 people who gathered on the street, on account of lack of room in the meeting place.