

THE DIVIDED DEMOCRACY.

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Democratic State conventions were held yesterday in three States—Illinois, Wisconsin and Texas. In Illinois Governor Altgeld was renominated by acclamation and a radical free-silver platform was adopted, practically without opposition.

ALTGELD RULES THE ROOST. HE DOMINATES THE PEORIA GATHERING—CONTROLLER ECKELS AND THE ADMINISTRATION FORCES SNOWED UNDER.

Peoria, Ill., June 23.—Governor Altgeld was the central figure and sole dictator in the Democratic State Convention, held in this city to-day. He sounded the keynote of the gathering in a characteristic speech, breathing vengeance against the Administration of Grover Cleveland, against the East, against protection, against Wall Street, against the gold standard and against the Republican party.

While the call of districts for members of the committee was in progress the convention got into a terrible disorder as a result of outsiders crowding a hundred or more of the delegates from their seats. A. S. Trade, of Chicago, vigorously demanded that the Chair exercise his authority by causing the expulsion of the interlopers, but without result.

WILAS WINS HIS FIGHT. WISCONSIN DEMOCRATS ADOPTS A GOLD STANDARD PLATFORM AND EJECTS THE PRESIDENT.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 23.—The sound-money Democrats of Wisconsin, under the lead of Senator Vilas, won their fight in the State Convention here to-day. A platform opposing the free coinage of silver was adopted, and a delegation to Chicago, headed by Mr. Vilas, was elected.

A QUIET DAY AT CANTON.

MAJOR M'KINLEY ENJOYS A REST FROM THE RUSH OF VISITORS.

MR. HOBART INVITED TO BE PRESENT ON SATURDAY, WHEN A BIG DEMONSTRATION BY VISITING CLUBS WILL TAKE PLACE—THE QUESTION OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS—A LETTER FROM SENATOR QUAY.

Canton, Ohio, June 23.—Garret A. Hobart has been invited by Major McKinley to visit Canton on Saturday next. The day will be the occasion of a great demonstration in honor of the St. Louis nominations, in which the Tippecanoe Club, of Cleveland, the American Club, of Pittsburg, and the citizens of Canton will take part.

These are the district delegates to Chicago: Ist, A. S. Trade, and Jess Shorwood; 2d, Edward Tilden and Thomas Byrne; 3d, Charles Martin and J. C. Schubert; 4th, John Powers and William Leffler; 5th, John J. Brennan and M. C. McDonald; 6th, Henry P. Donovan and Joseph A. Martin; 7th, William Prentiss and James Burke; 8th, Mark W. Dunham and J. D. Donovan; 9th, Frank M. Barron and Samuel Ray; 10th, C. K. Ladd and James W. Knox; 11th, Robert C. Hill, M. C. Cushing and Frederick P. Morris; 12th, W. G. Krebs and J. P. Heffernan; 13th, N. G. Worthington and H. W. Masters; 14th, E. W. Hogester and R. P. Preston; 15th, Frank Robinson and A. B. Bell; 16th, T. U. McNeely and T. J. Beach; 17th, A. W. Hope and C. W. Bliss; 18th, B. N. Stecker and J. H. Williams; 19th, W. H. Bennett and W. A. Sparks; 20th, L. C. Whitwell and William W. Clemens.

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After breakfast they were introduced to Governor Altgeld, who, while greeting them warmly and speaking in high terms of their candidate, declined to accept of them any more than a friendly resolution in his interest. Afterward the delegation endeavored to do some missionary work among the crowds in the hotel lobbies. Here they encountered Secretary Walsh, of the Interior, and Senators Brewster and Davis, and other Iowa men, who were doing a similar service for ex-Governor Boies.

Following the temporary chairman's address came the appointment of standing committees for the work of the convention. The chief interest in these committees centered in that on resolutions. The only enthusiasm manifested was when the name of some well-known advocate of free-silver was reported. Especially was this the case when the name of W. C. Silverthorn, of Wausau, was announced to represent the IXth District. Everybody seemed to know he was for silver, and there was enthusiastic applause at the mention of his name.

Resolved, That we reaffirm the platform of the last National Democratic Convention, and in particular insist upon the subject of coinage, believing that a fair interpretation of the same favors free and unlimited coinage of gold, silver and copper as legal tender money of the National Government, and that we declare ourselves opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and in favor of gold, the highest monetary standard of the world.

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David B. Hill and William C. Whitney, who came here to-day from Albany, had to listen all day to accounts of party demoralization and the feeling that the Democracy was on the eve of a crushing defeat. Mingled with this oleif information was the serious news that the silver craze had spread into this State and threatened to take into the Populist or free-silver camp a large number of Democratic farmers. The delegates from the counties of Franklin, Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, Wayne, Genesee, Niagara, Delaware and Schenectady all said that a formidable movement in favor of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 had sprung up in those counties. Literature sent out by the free-silver bureau in Washington had had its damaging effect.

"I had a funny experience to-day," said J. S. Sherman, of Jamestown, one of the Chautauque County delegates, to-night. "Ex-State Treasurer Elliott Danforth came to me and said he was asking a poll of the delegates to ascertain their opinion as to the number of Republicans who would vote for Horace Boies, of Iowa, if he should be nominated for President on a free-coinage platform by the Democratic National Convention. I told him that, in my judgment, Boies would carry Chautauque County by a large majority, as both Republicans and Democrats down there believed in the free coinage of silver."

Mr. Sherman is mistaken as to the Republicans of Chautauque County. In May they defeated a free-silver candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention by an overwhelming vote. But Mr. Sherman's evidence with regard to his Democratic brethren of Chautauque County and their fondness for free-silver doctrines is well founded. They will joyfully vote for Boies, for Richard P. Bland, for Campbell, or, indeed, for any advocate of the free coinage of silver.

FIXING UP THE PLATFORM. Mr. Hill and Mr. Whitney, after they heard this news, retired into the rooms of the Democratic State Committee and began the composition of a plank which would not be eyed with extreme disfavor by the silver Democrats of the infected counties. In speaking of it, their supporters said it would be a gold plank, but it is somewhat doubtful if the plank will contain the word "gold," which is so objectionable to the ear of every Populist Democrat. Mr. Hill and Mr. Whitney were joined in their work of producing a smooth straddle by Roswell P. Flower, Timothy E. Williams, Francis M. Scott, John H. Fellows and ex-Mayor Thomas F. Gilroy, of New-York. After three hours of hard study the financial plank of the convention was sketched out, and was given to John R. Fellows to put into well-balanced and slippery rhetoric. As described to-night, the plank will declare for international bimetalism, and the preservation of "the existing standard" until the free coinage of silver can be established by a common agreement of the nations.

The other planks of the platform drawn up by Mr. Hill and Mr. Whitney are of interest. The Administration of President Cleveland is praised. The "tariff policy" of the Democratic Congress, which President Cleveland found it impossible to approve, is commended. A plank favoring the liberation of Cuba, brought here by Congressman Sulzer, has also been adopted by the leaders.

Another plank the Chicago Convention are directed "to vote as a unit." This is the resolution adopted by recent Democratic conventions in this State. At first it was suggested that no such plank be used this year, as all the delegates would surely act together, but the news of the leaning of many Democrats toward free silver finally induced the leaders to decide once more to have it.

MRS. FLEMING ACQUITTED.

THE JURY SAYS "NOT GUILTY."

VERDICT RENDERED AT 12:52 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

REACHED AFTER NEARLY TWELVE HOURS' DELIBERATION—A SCENE OF EXCITEMENT IN THE COURTROOM—CHEERS FOR THE DEFENDANT BUREAU BY THE RECORDER.

After being out of court