THE SILVER SIDESHOW.

LITTLE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE BIMETALLIC CONVENTION.

NOTHING FOR IT TO DO BUT GO THROUGH A PERFUNCTORY INDORSEMENT OF BRYAN AND SEWALL AND THE ADOPTION OF A BRIEF FREE-COINAGE PLATFORM.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

St. Louis, July 21.—The Silver Executive Committee got together this afternoon at the Lindell Hotel to map out its work. About twenty members were present, and Dr. Mott, of North Carolina, was in the chair. It was at once agreed that the Convention had little to do. Its delegations come here a unit for Bryan, and it has no significance whatever beyond that which attaches to a Democratic sideshow. Dr. Mott said that its platform could be written on a sheet of notepaper, with a possible extension providing for the Swiss referendum. The question of "courtesy" between the two Conventions came up on a suggestion by Colonel Baker, of the California delegation, that the silver people should not diminish the importance of their meeting by an unduly brief session.

There is, in fact, not more than the work of a single ordinary sitting, so far as actual business is concerned, to be attended to by the Convention. It can do in a few words what it came here to do. There probably never was a general convention in the history of American politics, if the subject of temperance be excluded, whose function was so limited. There is said not to be even the slightest difference of opinion among the five hundred or six hundred delegates who have arrived as to its course, and there will be no controversy whatever in its procedure, as everybody will be of the same opinion as everybody else. It will be over again the case of the twins who "outfavored" each other, especially Johnny.

THE PROGRAMME CUT AND DRIED.

Colonel Baker and Mr. Newlands thought at the meeting to-day that the Convention should proceed with the deliberation which attaches to a National gathering with a multiplicity of duties to perform. They said that a brief, hasty session would subject the new party to taunt and ridicule as an organization with nothing higher than a cut-and-dried ratification of the work of another organization as its purpose. This struck the other committeemen present as extremely pertinent, and the unanimous sense of the committee, so far as it was represented, was that the proceedings should be extended at least until the adjournment of the Populists. To this end, it was agreed that a committee of conference should be appointed, to see a similar committee of the other Convention, in order that the silverites might keep in touch officially with the other body, and know by that means when they had sat long enough. No formal action was taken, however, on this, or, indeed, on any other subject, owing to the small representation of the committee in attendance, and so the matter was laid over to be considered at a meeting to be held late to-night, conditional on the arrival of more committeemen. The meaning of this is that the silver people will hold the merest lyceum with incidental business.

Senators Jones and Stewart and Mr. Newlands will be among the speakers, but there will be no debate as things now seem. The fellowship of silver is so happily narrow that it is only a question of which fellow is going to be able to say the same thing in the best way. No ladies' tea party was ever so unanimous as this Bryan sideshow promises to be. Mr. Newlands will have the advantage of his wordy brethren from Nevada, in that he will have the first say.

NOTHING TO FIGHT ABOUT.

The Convention will be called to order by the party's chairman, Dr. Mott, but, as Mott is not versatile, his service in this respect will be all but perfunctory, and the great body of 1,200, which they say will be the number present to-morrow, will be brought to attention in a few conversational utterances, which will probably consume two minutes of its time. There will be no trouble at all in organizing the Convention, as there is nothing to fight for. There are no contests, and, as the object to be accomplished, the adoption of a brief platform and the indorsement of Bryan and Sewall, can be disposed of in an hour of actual business, there will be no record to speak of.

This, however, is all predicated upon the great sense of unanimity at present apparent. It is not impossible, of course, that some calamity-howler may kick up a disturbance on some subject not wholly germane to the Convention, as a Bryan appendage, and, in such an event, there will be developed among the silver people enough latent and unemployed talent to add merriment and sensation to the proceedings. No one, however, expects for a moment that the work of the silver convention will exceed in interest the artificial notes of the cuckoo as it sounds the hour. It may be pretty to listen to and something nice to see, but that is its sum total.

ONLY FIVE VOTES FOR BRYAN.

RESULT OF A BALLOT TAKEN ON A TRAIN—A HOPEFUL NEBRASKAN.

Middletown, N. Y., July 21 (Special).—Mortimer L. Stewart, formerly of this city, but now a citizen of Nebraska, holding the place of Deputy State Auditor, is in Middletown. His home is at Lincoln, and he knows Mr. Bryan well. He said that coming east on a train between South Bend and Elkhart a straw vote was taken on Presidential preferences. There were 38 for McKinley, 5 for Bryan, 5 did not know how they would vote, 2 would vote for a gold Democrat only and 1 was a Prohibitionist. Of the number for McKinley, twelve admitted that they were Democrats.

Mr. Stewart is positive that the foreign element in Nebraska, which constitutes one-third of its voting population, is for sound money. He says that he never before saw so much enthusiasm as is now exhibited at Republican gatherings in that State. At the Republican Convention held on July 1, when 1,067 delegates assembled, not one was for silver.

A FLOURISHING LEAGUE IN AMSTERDAM.

Amsterdam, N. Y., July 21 (Special).—The McKinley League held an enthusiastic rally at its headquarters to-night. There was a large attendance, and much interest was manifested. Joseph L. Moore, of Fort Plain, and others addressed the meeting on the issues of the campaign. The Watson Gardiner Glee Club rendered musical selections. The league occupies commodious quarters in the principal street of the city. It is daily growing in numbers, and its president, ex-Assemblyman E. Watson Gardiner, says the membership is now over 1,700.

SARATOGA COUNTY CAUCUSES.

Saratoga, July 21 (Special).—The Saratoga County Republican Committee met at Ballston Spa this afternoon and a call was issued for caucuses in the twenty towns on Saturday, August 1, and for the County Convention at Ballston Spa on Tuesday, August 4.

SILVER PARTY'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

St. Louis, July 21.—The National Committee of the National Silver party met this morning at the Lindell Hotel, but after a brief session a recess was taken until 1 o'clock, when a secret session was held in Dr. Mott's room, at the same hotel. George P. Keeney, of California, presided. The rollcall disclosed the presence of the following delegates:

Colorado, I. N. Stevens.	Ohio, Henry T. Niles.
California, G. W. Baker.	Tennessee, J. H. Acklen.
Connecticut, Joseph Sheldon.	Virginia, A. J. Wedderburn.
Iowa, Amos Steckels.	Vermont, Joseph Battell.
Illinois, George M. Emrick.	District of Columbia, C. J. Hillyer.
Kansas, A. C. Shinn.	
Maryland, C. R. Daboy, by George P. Keeney, proxy.	Wisconsin, Rubles A. Cole.
	North Dakota, William H. Standish.
Michigan, E. E. Jarvis.	
Montana, W. H. Swett.	Missouri, W. T. Foster.
Nebraska, G. L. Laws, by T. S. Allen, proxy.	Oregon, E. P. Hammond, by J. C. Cooper, proxy.
New-Jersey, C. F. Slater.	New-York, Alex. Delmar.
North Carolina, B. F. Keith.	

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

Springfield, Ill., July 21.—Ex-State Senator B. T. Caldwell, of Chatham, was nominated for Congress in the XVIIth District by the Democrats by acclamation. Caldwell is a banker.

San Francisco, July 21.—Joseph Kelley, of San Francisco, was nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the VIth District yesterday.

Detroit, July 21.—The Republicans of the 1st Congress District this morning renominated John R. Corliss, of this city.

Clarksburg, W. Va., July 21.—B. S. Dovener was renominated for Congress without opposition by the 1st District Republican Convention at this place to-day.

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 21.—Warren Miller was renominated for Congress to-day by the IVth District Republican Convention.

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DON M. DICKINSON LEAVES THE CITY FOR GRAY GABLES.

PLANS OF THE GOLD STANDARD DEMOCRATS—CHARLES S. FAIRCHILD TO RETURN TO-DAY.

Ex-Postmaster-General Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan, after a stay of twenty-four hours in New-York, started for Boston yesterday. Mr. Dickinson told some of his Democratic friends that he was on his way to Gray Gables to see Mr. Cleveland. The Michigan politician refused to discuss the political situation while in town or to make any predictions regarding the probability of a third ticket. Mr. Dickinson's unqualified opposition to the Bryan ticket is well understood here, and Democrats with whom he is on terms of intimacy said that it was not in the least abated.

It was reported here yesterday that the movement to nominate a third ticket has now the support of the sound-money Democrats of fifteen States. The statement came from Chicago, where the plan to hold a Democratic National Convention favorable to honest money originated with the gold-standard Democrats of Illinois immediately after the nomination of Bryan. Ex-Postmaster-General Dickinson could not be induced to say what he thought of the report that the third ticket proposition had received the assent of the gold-standard Democracy of fifteen States. It was the understanding, however, that it was to discuss the movement with President Cleveland that was taking the Michigander to Gray Gables.

Ex-Senator Charles S. Fairchild, another member of Cleveland's first Cabinet, who has succeeded ex-Mayor William R. Grace as the nominal head of the State Democracy, is expected back from his Western trip to-day. Members of the State Democracy organization said last evening that Mr. Fairchild would probably bring news of the movement in favor of a third ticket. The committee of seven created at the meeting of the State Democracy General Committee last Thursday evening, which is to co-operate with the Democrats in this and other States for the placing of a third ticket in the field, will be announced by Corporation Counsel Scott, who acted as chairman on the occasion, after Mr. Fairchild's return. State Democracy men said yesterday that Mr. Fairchild was the proper man to head the committee if he would accept the place.

THE THIRD TICKET MOVEMENT.

DEMOCRATIC REFORM STATE COMMITTEE TO MEET THIS EVENING.

The Democratic Reform State Committee will hold a meeting this eveing at the Reform Club, Twenty-seventh-st. and Fifth-ave. This is the committee formed in the campaign of 1894 to advocate the election of Everett P. Wheeler for Governor against David B. Hill. It is composed of Reform Democrats from all over the State. The electoral emblem of the organization is a full-rigged ship. It polled for Mr. Wheeler in 1894 over nine thousand votes. The Shepard Democracy of Brooklyn forms the nucleus of this body.

Ex-Congressman John De Witt Warner, of this city, said last evening that the principal subject for consideration this evening was the policy to be pursued in relation to the platform of free silver dishonestly adopted by the Chicago Convention. It is believed that a large majority of the committee are against the Bryan and repudiation ticket and will so declare. Mr. Warner was asked if the committee would call a State Convention to further the third ticket movement. He replied that the committee had power to do so, but he preferred not to anticipate the action of the members to-night by making predictions.

The Raines Ballot law, as amended last winter, now requires a poll of 20,000 to make it lawful for an organization to nominate a State ticket and have it printed on the official ballot. How this will affect the Reform Democracy's right to continue in the field under their full-rigged ship emblem remains to be decided.

The meeting of the Reform Committee is expected to reflect the sentiments of the majority of the gold-standard Democrats of the State on the question of running a third ticket or supporting the Republican National nominations. Brooklyn's six representatives on this committee are Frederick W. Hinrichs, Henry W. Maxwell, Silas W. Driggs, Robert Baker, Everett Greene and Theodore S. Nye. Every one of these is credited with being a firm and unfaltering advocate of sound money. Their influence is counted on in the conference in favor of condemning the platform and candidates of the Chicago Convention. If the third-ticket movement should be abandoned it is said that nearly if not all the delegation will openly declare for McKinley.

PERRY BELMONT WILL NOT RUN,

AND MR. HINKLEY SAYS HILL IS NOT WILLING TO TRY FOR GOVERNOR AGAIN.

Poughkeepsie, July 21.—Perry Belmont has been spending several days in Poughkeepsie as the guest of J. W. Hinkley, chairman of the Democratic State Committee. He has said that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for Governor this fall.

Mr. Hinkley says that any talk about Senator Hill being a candidate for Governor or being willing to accept the nomination under any circumstances is all moonshine. "Senator Hill ought not to be asked," he said, "to step into the breach every time the prospect seems darkest."

Dallas Sanders, of Philadelphia, ex-chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee, has written Mr. Hinkley saying that it is the duty of every patriot to vote for McKinley.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR COLORED MEN.

New-Haven, Conn., July 21.—A movement is on foot to form a National association of colored voters to secure for them what they believe to be their rights. For several years State leagues of colored men have been in existence. Representatives of these will meet in Boston on August 10 and form a National association. J. P. Peaker, of this city, president of the Connecticut State Summer League, is one of the leaders in the movement. The new association will aim especially at removing election abuses in the South this fall.

TEXANS WANT TO KNOW.

St. Louis, July 21.—The Texas delegation to the Populist Convention (classed as anti-Bryan) discussed for over an hour this morning a proposition to telegraph Mr. Bryan asking him categorically if he would stand on the principles thus laid down, but eventually decided not to do so.

MRS. LEASE FOR BRYAN.

St. Louis, July 21.—Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease, of Kansas, arrived in the city this afternoon. She openly expressed her preference for Bryan, and said if the present gold contraction policy was allowed to continue four years longer, every farmer in Kansas would be the tenant of a "goldbug."

On the same train were the Minnesota delegation. They were polled on the way, and showed fifty-eight votes for Bryan out of a total of less than seventy delegates and alternates present. Minnesota is entitled to fifty-three votes. There were the usual objections to Sewall apparent among the delegates, and nothing like a united promise of support of his candidacy could be secured from them.

HOKE SMITH'S PAPER WILL NOT BOLT.

Atlanta, Ga., July 21.—Secretary of the Interior Smith's paper, "The Evening Journal," to-day announces that "after careful deliberation, while we cannot indorse all of the platform adopted at Chicago, we have determined to give an earnest support to the Democratic nominees."

"The Journal" says to-day: "During the campaign within the party 'The Journal' called upon all Democrats to pledge themselves in advance to vote for the nominees of the Convention, and in that connection 'The Journal' pledged itself to do so.

"We find nothing to commend in the Republican platform except its declaration in favor of the maintenance of a sound currency, and this declaration is qualified by an ill-tempered criticism of the course pursued by the present Administration, which was absolutely necessary to sustain a sound currency.

"The Republican party favors a high protective tariff; it opposes an income tax; it is identified with the trusts and monopolies of the country, and it can be relied upon to give them support at the expense of the masses. In this condition of affairs, 'The Journal' believes it is the part of patriotism and wisdom to remain inside the Democratic party.

"Especially is this true in the South. The Democratic party has been the constant friend of our section, while the Republican party has been its bitter and relentless enemy."

SENATOR HILL GOES A-CRUISING.

A REPORT THAT HE MAY BE BROUGHT OUT AS A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Senator Hill came up from Normandie-by-the-Sea yesterday and joined Colonel Jacob Ruppert, who was waiting to take the Senator for a cruise on his yacht Albatross. Senator Hill has been at the seashore for over a week, and his movements at this time have been watched with the keenest interest by politicians. It was thought that he would come out with a statement either supporting or rejecting the Chicago ticket until Major Hinkley counselled delay until the State Convention could act. He was as reticent as ever yesterday and now it seems assured that he will make no statement until after the Convention meets.

Senator Hill joined General Earle, State Committeeman John F. Gaynor, Colonel McElwen and Colonel Ruppert at the Hotel Normandie. Colonel Ruppert and his guests immediately drove to the foot of East Twenty-sixth-st., where the Albatross was lying, and went aboard. Further than to say that he would cruise eastward and return within a week or ten days, Colonel Ruppert gave no idea of the plans of the little party. It is said that the yacht will touch at Newport and Bar Harbor while on the cruise. Senator Hill declined to talk about the situation when pressed for a statement by those who met him at the Normandie. While at Normandie-by-the-Sea Senator Hill had consulted with Senator Murphy, John C. Sheehan and other leaders and he is getting an accurate description of the conditions in the State.

Among those who called to see the Senator off was John B. Stanchfield, who is looked upon as a formidable candidate for the nomination for Governor on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Stanchfield is making an active canvass and talks freely about his chances.

The story was started yesterday that the State organization would bring Hill to the front again this fall as a candidate for Governor. It is said that the organization does not favor Stanchfield because he has indorsed everything that the Chicago platform set forth. On the other hand Cantor and Belmont will not be candidates unless the Chicago platform is repudiated. This will, so it is said, throw the nomination back on Hill. When the Senator was asked about the report he simply shook his head.

It was reported last evening that Senator Murphy had declared yesterday that Senator Hill was the man for the Democratic candidate for Governor this fall, and that he should accept the place again at the head of the Democratic State ticket. Leading Democrats, friends of Mr. Hill, did not place any faith in the statement, as indicating that the senior Senator meant to sacrifice himself a second time within two years on the altar of party devotion. This same proposition was started just after the return of the gold-standard Democrats from the Chicago Convention, and Mr. Hill then asserted, when asked about it, that there were no circumstances possible under which he could be induced to make another hopeless contest of that sort. The Senator's experience in leading a forlorn hope in 1894, when he was snowed under by 156,000 plurality, has, it is understood, wholly destroyed the desire on Mr. Hill's part to repeat the performance.

Republicans who heard of Senator Murphy's reported declaration suggested last evening that if the improbable story turned out to be true Governor Morton ought to be Hill's opponent again on the Republican ticket.

"I know that the Governor has refused to consider the subject of a renomination," said a member of the State Senate, "but he may not have intended that his refusal be taken literally. We ought to give him another chance to beat Hill."

It was reported last evening that Colonel Ruppert's yacht would enter Buzzard's Bay before returning, and that Senator Hill would have a conference with Mr. Cleveland at Gray Gables.

Colonel Ruppert said before departing yesterday: "If Senator Hill wants to visit Gray Gables we will go there."

TAMMANY AND THE TICKET.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY NOT MEET TILL THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST.

John C. Sheehan, high muck-a-muck of the Wigwam, held more pow-wows yesterday with the Tammany district leaders on the subject of getting the various committees together to ratify the Chicago ticket. As a result it was said that more brakes had been applied and that the Tammany Hall Executive Committee would not be called together this week, but that next week would be considered early enough. If this programme prevails the meeting of the General Committee may go over to the first week in August.

Ex-Assemblyman James Oliver, of Paradise Park, who has been re-elected sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic National Committee, was among Mr. Sheehan's callers yesterday. Mr. Oliver said that the mass-meeting in Madison Square Garden, at which Bryan and Sewall are to receive notice of their nomination by the Chicago Convention, would be held on or about August 10. Both Tammany and the "Jimobriens" want to take charge of the notification meeting.

Tammany leaders said yesterday that the bolt against free silver in the Wigwam varied from 10 per cent in some districts to 50 per cent in others among the rank and file.

HUGH S. THOMPSON'S VIEWS.

Ex-Governor Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina, Assistant Treasurer of the United States during Cleveland's first Administration, and now Controller of the New-York Life Insurance Company, said yesterday: "Speaking as an individual, I would say under no possible circumstances will I vote for Bryan or any other man on the platform adopted at Chicago. I believe that the election of Bryan would bring financial ruin as well as dishonor on this country.

"Any other than the gold standard would entail financial disaster to the country and to all its agricultural, commercial and industrial interests, by unsettling values, and would cause an enormous depreciation in all securities.

"Bimetalism for this country apart from the rest of the world would bring ruin and disgrace. International bimetalism, in my opinion, is visionary, and its accomplishment is too remote to be a factor in the consideration of the money question in this country as it is now presented to us."

BRYAN WANTED IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, July 21.—The local Democrats here, with the co-operation of Democrats in the Executive departments, have united in an effort to induce Mr. Bryan to visit Washington when he comes East to receive the official notice of his nomination. Preparations are being made for a ratification of his nomination, which will be an immense affair, in case Mr. Bryan is present, organizations from Maryland and Virginia having indicated their intention to be here.

GOLD DEMOCRATS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, July 21.—A number of gold Democrats met this afternoon in the office of John C. Bullitt and adopted a form of address to the Democrats of the city and State. The address will be made public at another meeting on Thursday next.

THE GREATER SWALLOWS UP THE LESS.

Providence, July 21.—Francis J. Gallagher, of this city, who was slated to run for Vice-President on the Universal Peace Union ticket, said yesterday that the union, believing that the time had come when minor principles should be sacrificed for the preservation of the greater—the Nation's honor—would not run an independent ticket, but that the members of the union would vote against Bryan and the Chicago platform.

MR. BLISS AND THE M'KINLEY LEAGUE.

An absurd attempt has been made by some of Mr. Platt's newspaper friends to have it appear that, because Cornelius N. Bliss could not see his way to act as treasurer of the McKinley League, therefore he was opposed to the excellent and effective work of that organization in behalf of the sound-money candidates, McKinley and Hobart. Mr. Bliss is just as heartily in favor of the League movement as ever. He has not lost his interest or faith in it to the slightest degree. But having already expressed his disinclination to act as treasurer of the Republican National Committee, he naturally feels that it would be hardly proper for him to serve in that capacity for any other organization at present. That is all there is to it. He might as well be charged with unfriendliness to the National Committee because he hesitates to reassume the responsibilities of its financial office as of being hostile to the League for the reason stated.

LEAVING THE PARTY OF SOCIALISM.

Lincoln, Neb., July 21.—"The Butte Gazette," a Democratic paper published in Northwestern Nebraska, has bolted the ticket. In the last issue of the paper the ticket "McKinley and Hobart" appears at the head of the editorial page, and the attitude of the paper is given as follows:

We have been long suffering and have hoped for the best, but the action of the Chicago Convention is not Democratic. We are reluctantly compelled, in the interest of true Democracy and the country, to use our influence with our readers against the Chicago ticket and urge them to support McKinley and Hobart.

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MORE BOLTERS IN MARYLAND.

RANDOLPH BARTON, DEMOCRATIC ELECTOR-AT-LARGE, RESIGNS, AND OTHER ELECTORS ARE EXPECTED TO.

Baltimore, July 21 (Special).—Not only are the Democratic business men of Baltimore repudiating the Democratic ticket, but it is now probable that three or four of the Democratic electors will refuse to serve. Chairman Talbott, of the State Committee, to-day received a letter from Randolph Barton, an elector-at-large and one of the most prominent Democrats in the State, in which he withdraws his name as a Democratic elector. He declares that McKinley and Hobart represent the best interests of the people, and he will vote for them. It might be possible, he continues, for him to dismiss the resolutions aimed at the Supreme Court and President Cleveland and at the Civil Service law as mere generalities, intended to sooth the spleen of such men as Tillman and Altgeld, but to the dangerous error of the money resolution he finds it impossible to reconcile himself.

With the annual convention of the Republican State League in this city to-morrow the Republican campaign will be formally opened. There will be 700 delegates. Since the Republican National Convention nearly a score of new clubs have been organized. Several Baltimore city clubs have enrolled a number of former Democrats as members during the last week. Stephen R. Mason will decline re-election as president of the league. The contest for the place will be between Talbot J. Albert, president of the Columbian Club, and Dr. William S. Booze, the Republican nominee for Congress in the IIId District. Mr. Albert will be supported by the Malster, or anti-administration, element of the party, while Dr. Booze will be backed by the Wellington, or Administration, element.

MR. BRYAN VISITS OMAHA.

HE SAYS HE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT AGE IS NOT A NECESSITY IN POLITICS.

Omaha, Neb., July 21.—William J. Bryan was warmly greeted by the Omaha people to-night. He was escorted from the station to Douglass and Fifteenth sts., where the speakers' stand had been erected, by a large procession, and was heartily cheered all the way. In reply to the introductory speech of Mayor Broatch, Mr. Bryan said:

I have conceded to my opponents the same honesty of purpose that I have demanded that you should admit for myself. (Great cheering.) And so in this great and memorable campaign upon which we are entering for you, any complimentary terms that you may use toward myself, I say to you that every good word that you can use toward me I can repeat of my opponent, Major McKinley. (Applause.) If you tell me that I honestly indorse the sentiments written in the platform on which I stand, I tell you that I know you who oppose me are just as sincere in your desire for good government. With nothing but zeal for a cause to commend me, I have at least demonstrated that age is not a necessity in politics in the United States.

Lincoln, Neb., July 21.—Mr. Bryan went out with the boys last night. It was mild dissipation, however, consisting of nothing more than a visit to the Knights of Pythias lodge, of which he is a member. Some of his fellow-Pythians called on him and insisted on his presence at their rooms, and everybody there had a pleasant time in listening to some remarks by the nominee and in exchanging reminiscences with him.

There was an impromptu watermelon party at the Bryan home this morning. A Georgia admirer sent him a melon weighing forty-seven pounds, and this was cut this morning for the benefit of the newspaper men who accompanied the nominee from Chicago to Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan superintended the ceremony of cutting the melon.

Mr. Bryan left Lincoln at 6 o'clock this evening for Omaha. He will return here to-morrow.

A CALL TO BUSINESS MEN.

The following call to business men to unite and work shoulder to shoulder to fight for honest money has been issued:

As a believer in sound money, protection to American industries and reciprocity, and as a patriotic supporter of our dear old flag against our enemies at home and abroad, you are earnestly requested to attend a meeting at the Broadway Central Hotel on Wednesday, July 22, at 2 p. m. sharp, for the purpose of organizing a McKinley and Hobart campaign club of the fur, wool and straw hat manufacturers and dealers of this city and vicinity.

To prevent the plundering of the people, the debasement of our currency, the destruction of our industries and National dishonor you are called upon to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Republican party for the safety and honor of our country and our glorious institutions.

RICHARD S. ROBERTS,
President of Hatters' Harrison and Morton Campaign Club.

ALEXANDER CALDWELL,
Chairman Executive Committee Harrison and Morton Campaign Club.

AN AFRO-AMERICAN REPUBLICAN CLUB.

There are a good many political clubs in this city which stand for Major McKinley and the platform adopted at St. Louis, but it seems that there are not enough of them. Such clubs are springing up every now and then, and the last one to give an opening entertainment was the Albany Club, at No. 118 West Thirty-first-st., whose members are Afro-Americans. The clubhouse which has been secured by this club is a good one, and it has been leased for one year. There is a dining-room on the basement floor, and on the first floor are the reception-rooms. The two upper floors are devoted to various uses, and there are also several rooms which may be occupied by friends who may happen to visit the city.

At the opening last night there was a great time. There were about 350 men in the clubhouse, who had all of them gathered to do honor to McKinley and Hobart and the principles that they represent. A number of speakers had been invited to address the members of the club and their friends, but some of them were unable to be present. Those who were there and who made addresses were Charles W. Anderson, James D. Carr, M. J. McCann, George R. Manchester, Thurlow Weed Barnes, Frederick S. Gibbs, P. H. Murphy, W. N. Hoag and Amasa Thornton.

The officers of the club are Caleb A. Simms, president and treasurer; Charles F. Butler, vice-president; Ralph Langston, secretary; Phillip H. Brown, librarian, and John A. Lee, sergeant-at-arms, and the Executive Committee is composed of Caleb A. Simms, Rush F. Simms, Charles F. Butler, Major R. Poole, Christopher Stewart, Edward S. Flow and James C. Johnson.

TO BEGIN WORK FOR M'KINLEY.

P. E. Studebaker, the well-known business man and politician of Indiana, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel for a few days, previous to going home. Mr. Studebaker has just returned from a trip to Europe and he is now ready to take off his coat in the interest of McKinley, protection and sound money. Mr. Studebaker is a warm personal friend of ex-President Harrison, and he also knows the Democratic nominee for President casually. While Mr. Bryan was making speeches through the West some years ago, Mr. Studebaker met him on the platform of the railroad station in Lincoln, Neb. They were going the same way, and travelled together in the car. The money question came up and the result was an argument.

After referring to the meeting yesterday Mr. Studebaker remarked: "We travelled together from Lincoln to Omaha, and we discussed the silver question at that time thoroughly. He is a good companion, and, I understand, an excellent orator, but I think that he will discover before this year is over that legislation will not be based upon catch phrases and that a business campaign cannot be carried by the smooth arguments of a trained orator who is devoid of convincing data. This is to be a business campaign. The sophistries of the free-coinage men are alluring, but I do not think that they will catch the people. The honor of the country must be maintained, and its credit must be preserved untarnished. We cannot have a debased currency."

DRYGOODS MEN ACTIVE.

MANY M'KINLEY AND HOBART BANNERS HUNG IN THE LOWER PART OF THE CITY.

The wholesale drygoods houses of this city have set an admirable example to all other trades in their strong work for sound money. They are combining, without regard to previous party affiliations, to protest against the debasement of American currency. The unanimity with which they are flocking to the gold standard is best shown by their speedy running up of Republican campaign banners throughout the streets where drygoods interests are centred. At 9 o'clock on the morning after the news of McKinley and Hobart's nominations was sent over the wires the drygoods men strung up a big banner on Worth-st., between Church-st. and Broadway, right over Mayor Strong's store. Mayor Strong and Grinnell Willis, of Thomas-st., were the moving spirits in the enterprise. This banner was followed by a number of others, all measuring 20 by 36 feet, and hung respectively at Broadway and Worth-st., in Worth-st., east of Broadway; in Thomas-st., between Broadway and Church-st., and in Duane-st., between Broadway and Church-st. Edward A. Treat, of Coffin, Altemus & Co., No. 79 Worth-st., is pushing the enterprise among the trade throughout the city, and is getting assistance from men whose votes have gone with the Democracy before this, but who have no desire to truckle to silver. Many substantial Republicans are, of course, also putting their hands into their pockets to aid the scheme. Mr. Treat told a Tribune reporter yesterday that the drygoods men proposed to place Republican banners throughout the city below Fourteenth-st., and were particularly anxious to see the other trades take up a work which promises to do much to stir up sound political sentiment among New-York business men. Within the next few days McKinley and Hobart banners will be raised in Broadway, near Duane-st., near Leonard-st., near Franklin-st. and near Howard-st., and in Greene-st., above Canal-st.; in Canal-st., west of Broadway; in White-st., between Broadway and Church-st.; in Franklin-st., between Broadway and Church-st.; in Franklin-st., between West Broadway and Church-st.; in Leonard-st., between Broadway and Church-st., and in Leonard-st. between West Broadway and Church-st. These banners will be of the same dimensions as those already raised, and will be followed by many others, the sites of which have not yet been chosen. Following are among the men interested in the movement: Cornelius N. Bliss, Woodbury Langdon, of Joy, Langdon & Co., No. 108 Worth-st. and No. 544 Pearl-st.; Seth Milliken, of Deering, Milliken & Co., No. 79 Leonard-st.; James Talcott, No. 108 Franklin-st.; Clarence Whitman, No. 41 Leonard-st.; Augustus F. Libby, No. 55 White-st.; Mr. Haines, of Lawrence & Co., No. 24 Thomas-st., and Mr. Jacobs, of the Assabet Manufacturing Company, No. 68 Worth-st. Many others among the well-known drygoods men have combined to aid in pushing the interests of sound money throughout the campaign.

HE CAN'T STAND POPULISM.

EX-ASSEMBLYMAN RANSOM'S REASONS FOR SUPPORTING M'KINLEY.

Lockport, N. Y., July 21 (Special).—Ex-Assemblyman Ransom, one of the most influential Democrats in Niagara County, has announced his determination to support the Republican nominee for President. He gave his reasons for supporting McKinley in an interview to-day as follows:

"Until I see some refuge from Populism I shall be compelled to work and vote for McKinley. There is no safety for the country in the Chicago platform, and I cannot support the nominees that stand on it. The men who are clamoring for free silver, which means cheap money, assert that the gold standard has created a scarcity of money and low prices have resulted. I believe that the low prices prevailing the last ten or fifteen years have been the result of overproduction brought about by the unprecedented pioneering of the rich Western country. We have had plenty of money all this time, including as much silver as gold and an abundance of paper money, all worth 100 cents on the dollar.

"We have had good prices for farm produce when there has been an appreciable shortage anywhere in the world. For example, about six weeks ago buyers were offering 50 cents a barrel for apples on the basis of the report that the crop in this country was over 100 per cent, but now they are very willing to contract at old prices, in view of the more recent report that the crop will not average over 64 per cent. Oats and wheat have also appreciated in value. The reason for the depreciation of our Eastern lands may be found in the rapid development of the West.

"I do not believe that our farmers will vote for free silver on any grounds, and especially on the ground that it will provide them a cheap way to pay old debts. Our farmers are an honorable class, and make more sacrifices, as a rule, to fulfil their obligations than any other class of citizens. Free coinage would increase their selling, but would much more decrease the purchasing power of their money. Free silver would mean the foreclosing of thousands of mortgages and the ruin of thousands of our farmers. They will look before they leap."

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS HERE.

POSSIBLE CHOICE OF EITHER THE BRUNSWICK OR ST. JAMES HOTEL.

It was said at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday that Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, and General William McK. Osborne, of Massachusetts, the members of the Republican National Executive Committee who are to have charge of the Republican National headquarters of the East to be opened in this city, would probably arrive here to-day, and that Chairman Mark A. Hanna, who has been getting the Chicago headquarters started, would follow swiftly on their heels.

The selection of a suitable building for the National headquarters will be one of the first important things to which Messrs. Hanna, Manley and Osborne will address themselves. It is understood that it is the policy of the leading members of the committee to locate as near as possible to Madison Square and that the headquarters will not be carried up to beyond Forty-second-st. again, as was the case four years ago. Three large hotels within easy distance of Twenty-third-st. and Fifth-ave., still recognized as the political centre in New-York, have been closed—the St. James, the Victoria and the Brunswick. It has been suggested that one of these —or a sufficient part thereof for the uses of the National Committee—might be secured for the purpose, and that any one of the three would make "ideal headquarters." This remark was held to apply especially to the St. James and the Brunswick.

FOR M'KINLEY IN THE XXXIID DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the First McKinley League of the XXXIId Assembly District, held at its headquarters, No. 1,849 Third-ave., on Monday evening, the following were elected permanent officers for the year: Frederick Bundstein, president; James J. Carney and Robert H. Fowler, vice-presidents; Edward J. McGloin, recording secretary; James J. Green, financial secretary; William McKeon, treasurer; Peter Walsh, sergeant-at-arms, and Robert Williams, assistant sergeant-at-arms. The league has a large number of active and enthusiastic members, who are doing good service for McKinley and sound money.

UP-STATE CONDITIONS.

"The Independent Republican Party of Oneida County" is the name under which Senator Henry J. Coggeshall travels. He was in the city yesterday, and in his lonesome way was booming ex-Senator Titus Sheard, of Herkimer County, for Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Coggeshall remarked: "Mr. Sheard will doubtless have the delegates from his county and the surrounding neighborhood in the coming State Convention. He has an admirable record and would fill the office with honor. We are going to win this fall with a hurrah. I find ten Democrats becoming Republicans where one Republican is enticed into the Democratic fold by the free-coinage idea. We want good men on the State ticket to match the National ticket."

Frank W. Hawley, of Pittsford, was also in the city yesterday, and was asked if the silver craze was in truth gaining any ground among the farmers in the rural districts. He replied slowly: "I have seen it stated in the papers that the farmers up the State are becoming rampant silver men, but I doubt it. I believe that if you would seriously try to find these so-called silver men it would be a hard task. Of course we can see plainly how it would be a good thing for the mine-owners to get free coinage, but we have not any mines and so that does not appeal to us. But if things are to be taken at twice their value and made a circulating medium we have plenty to offer. Let us place an artificial value upon baled hay and make it a circulating medium at a clover ratio. Let us issue cheese as currency and determine the ratio thereof. It would only take the Government stamp and a few words to do it. By all means let us do it. One is as fair as the other. But we want to be fair. If hay and corn and oats and cheese cannot have an inflated value, then silver should not be treated any better than any other commodity. Of course it would be foolish to work for money if we could all legislate ourselves rich. Why bother about supply and demand, and other old fogy notions. Let us declare that a pound of mud is worth a pound of gold, and so solve a puzzle that has worried all the wise men of the ages."

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