

FIRST DAYS WORK OF THE CONVENTION

CHAIRMAN BELL TALKS FOR AN HOUR

Detailed Story of the Opening Session at Denver—Snow in the City's Streets.

Denver, July 7.—A strong cord of police was stretched about the Denver Auditorium when the delegates to the Democratic National Convention began to arrive...

On two of the streets on which the Auditorium fronts great banks of snow were piled up to the visitors. From the mountain heights the snow had been brought down to this mile high level on a special train and hauled through the city in carts...



THEODORE A. BELL, Temporary Chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

of various descriptions. The day was by no means hot, however, and the only effect of the snow was the novelty of an icy street scene in July.

The doors of the hall were unbarred at 11:30 o'clock, nearly an hour before the gavel of "Tom" Taggart, the national chairman, was scheduled to fall as the signal for the beginning of the initial session.

Nebraska, as befitted its prominence in the convention proceedings, was placed directly in front of the speakers' stand. On its left was Alabama and on its right Indiana. Immediately behind Nebraska was New York, the state which either negatively or positively was destined to weigh heavily on the outcome.

At 12 o'clock, when the hall was less than one-third full, the first music of the convention crashed from the upper balcony.

National Chairman Taggart reached the convention hall at 11 o'clock, accompanied by Temporary Chairman Bell, and they were liberally applauded as they made their way to the platform.

As chairman of the Democratic National Committee it becomes my pleasing duty to call this convention to order, and in so doing, I cannot refrain from the suggestion that, in numbers, in the personnel of the delegates, in enthusiasm and in the determination of victory, it is the greatest political convention ever assembled in the United States.

It is certainly appropriate that such a convention should meet in this great Western city, whose citizens have shown their generous hospitality on every hand, and whose enterprise and energy is attested by the erection of this magnificent auditorium.

In this connection I desire to express the thanks of the members of the committee, to the people of Denver, and especially to the members of the Democratic League, whose work in this connection has been so valuable.

MICHIGAN BANNER ORDERED OUT.

The Michigan delegation, which had marched to the convention hall carrying a large silk banner, were ordered to leave the hall and were promptly ordered by the sergeant-at-arms to beat it out again.

After all the delegates had been seated, with the exception of the Nebraskan, the delegation from that state made a spectacular entrance.

California followed Nebraska into the hall and with it into the auditorium a banner of white, blue and gold, which also bore a likeness of Bryan.

The sight of the banner and the march of the Nebraskans created great enthusiasm for a few minutes, many of the delegates leaping on their chairs and waving hats and handkerchiefs.

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"Work is easier and a pleasure, too—after a change from coffee to POSTUM."

"There's a Reason" Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

ing accorded them by the delegations already in the hall.

Following Mr. Taggart's remarks the secretary read the official call of the convention.

Bishop John J. Coane, of Wyoming, was then introduced to deliver the invocation, delegates and spectators rising to their feet at the request of the chairman.

O God, from whom all public authority derives its power, whose laws are securely established on motives of conscience, and judgments are decreed in justice, with favor on the just, and a people blessed through the disposition of Thy bounty, we pray for the success of this convention, and for the welfare of the nation, and for the peace and prosperity of the world.

"I am directed by the national committee," said Chairman Taggart, "to name the temporary officers of the convention, and the clerk will read the list."

When the list was read the name of Theodore A. Bell as temporary chairman was greeted with an outburst of applause, as was that of Urey Woodson, the secretary.

Chairman Taggart appointed ex-Governor Blanchard of Louisiana, Lieutenant Governor Elyson of Virginia, and Representative Ollie James, of Kentucky, as a committee of three to escort Mr. Bell to the speakers' rostrum.

"Gentlemen of the convention," said Mr. Taggart, as the committee of three appeared on the platform with Chairman Bell, "I take pleasure in introducing to you your temporary chairman, Theodore A. Bell."

CHAIRMAN BELL'S SPEECH.

An instant shout of applause greeted the words of the chairman, and as the temporary chairman advanced to the front to deliver his address the cheers were redoubled. He spoke as follows:

We have assembled at a time when the public conscience is demanding honesty of purpose, and when the people are looking for a leader who will take the lead in the work of this convention.

There are three things that this convention should do: it ought to present a plain and simple platform; it ought to present a plain and simple program; and it ought to present a plain and simple method of carrying out its program.

THE TRUSTS.

Among the great evils that afflict the country at the present time is the abuse of corporate power. At the present time the abuse of corporate power is not discernible to the common eye.

THE TARIFF.

With the power and opportunity to carry out Democratic principles, we will be called upon to revise our tariff laws in the interests of the whole people.

CAMPAIGN FUND PUBLICITY.

An election is a party affair, and the people have a right to know before casting their votes whether a campaign is being conducted in a fair and honest manner.

RAILROAD RATES.

It is eminently proper that this convention should define the Democratic attitude toward the regulation of transportation rates.

So long as we maintain the present method of electing United States Senators we cannot hope to have a more efficient government.

On five different occasions the House of Representatives has passed an institutional amendment providing for the election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people.

THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

Some one suggested that this convention should publish an indictment against the Republican party. We can probably expedite the proceedings by signing the Chicago platform.

recently prostrated the country under a Republican administration."

"We did not limit the opportunities for abusing the writ of injunction."

"We did not establish postal savings banks."

"We did not admit into the Union the territories of New Mexico and Arizona as separate states."

The Chicago platform points with pride to the passage of the anti-trust law, and to the enactment of penal laws, and in the removal of the conditions that are forcing our children into the labor market.

The most palpable instance of the insincerity of the Chicago platform is found in its declaration respecting the tariff.

It makes no difference whether the courts are strictly within their delegated powers. In either case the people have a right to throw additional weight upon the honest of the courts in the passage of a measure that will confine the equity power of the courts to the protection of the people.

We have something to do in this convention besides pointing out evils that have been created and perpetuating abuses. Democracy is once more called to the front to lead the people in the work of self-government.

It is the duty of the Democratic party to take the lead in the work of self-government, and to bring about a more efficient government.

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contrast between that which we here propose and what has been done in Chicago.

ASIATIC EXCLUSION.

On the bosom of the Pacific will be enacted the mighty commercial struggles of the future, and the interests of American commerce will depend on the success of our policy.

The Democratic party realize the weight that America's industry will place on the Pacific, and will demand that her influence be cast on the side of peace.

LAUS PRAE FOR THE SPEAKER.

The delegates were prone to applaud from the utterance of Mr. Bell's first sentence. Galleries, too, joined liberally in the applause bestowed on the speaker.

As Mr. Bell approached the subject of the anti-injunction plea the attention of the convention was quickened, and his statement that the Republican declaration on that subject was merely a recital of existing law called out increased applause.

The prediction of Mr. Bell that the convention would be the next president of the United States alluded in no manner to Bryan.

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As the first order of business Mr. Bell recognized John E. Lamb, of Indiana, who offered a motion for a call of the states or territories.

The calling of the states was sent up by the pages while other business was in progress.

THE DUNN RESOLUTION.

The Dunn resolution follows: As it has pleased the Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst Grover Cleveland, and to install in his stead William McKinley.

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the party known as the Democratic party, do hereby express our admiration and respect for the life and services of Grover Cleveland.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: I rise to speak to the resolutions presented to do honor to the memory and credit to the life and work of Grover Cleveland.

He was always able to steer the ship of state safely between the rocks of the millennium and the shoals of the material world.

Now, my friends, the great Democratic party which we here represent, has always been successful when it has followed the path of duty.

Not every Democrat, but every citizen of the United States who has been honored by the Democratic party more than any other man has been by that organization and having been named in three consecutive contests as its standard bearer.

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