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**Report of Committee.**  
George Fred Williams presented the report of the committee on rules in favor of the ordinary preliminary rules. The report was unanimously adopted.

Louis F. Post, of Chicago, replied for the committee on platform and resolutions. He said the report of the committee had been unanimously agreed upon and introduced.

Prof. Wills, who read the report, prefaced it with the full list of committeemen. An address to the American people on the trust question formulated by the resolutions committee was read by Prof. Wills. He then proceeded to read the platform made public this morning. Both papers were punctuated with great applause.

**Delegate Quinn's Amendment.**  
Delegate Quinn, of Illinois, offered an amendment to the resolutions committee report declaring that every person is entitled to a home but that under our present system of land tenure such opportunities are restricted to a few and demanding the removal of such restrictions by the repeal of all laws sustaining the right of private property in land.

A single tax advocate on the floor denounced this as not being a part of their theory, which it at first appeared to be, and the resolution was ruled out of order as not being germane to the subject under discussion.

**Resolutions Finally Adopted.**  
After a protracted debate the address to the public on the report of the resolutions committee was declared adopted. The vote was not unanimous, however, many of the delegates maintaining that under the rules the resolutions are entitled to two hours' debate.

J. R. Sovereign, of Arkansas, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, denouncing the anti-trust bill as a trust measure, discriminating and unjust.

**Parker Raises a Row.**  
Mr. Parker presented a resolution declaring that all members of the conference hereby pledge themselves not to support any political party which fails to declare itself for the principles of direct legislation and government ownership of railroads and telegraphs. This precipitated a wordy war between the opposing factions in the conference. Attempts were made to put off the resolution by points of order and Mr. Parker was pressed to take the platform for his own private speech.

A motion to recess until 2 o'clock prevailed, however, and cut off debate.

**Report on Organization.**  
Upon convening the afternoon session Chairman Monnet ruled that the report of the committee on national organization is privileged business, and called on the chairman of the committee, Gen. J. B. Weaver, of Iowa. Gen. Weaver stated that the report had been unanimously agreed to in committee, and asked the convention to adopt it in the same manner.

Secretary Norton, of Alabama, read the report, which was in part as follows:

"The committee on national organization report they have considered the question of a national organization to combat the evils of a trust and monopoly power of the land. They have thoroughly considered the plans of organization of the American Anti-Trust League and find that the plan of organization therein provided for as amended by this committee is admirably suited to the work before us, beginning with the precinct league and running up to the township organization, from that up to the county organization, from that up to the state organization, the plan being well adapted to the city masses together of the men of America opposed to monopolies and trusts and thereby making their forces effective in driving from the legislative halls of the state and nation the trusts, monopolies and trusts and putting in their places men in sympathy with the public welfare. We therefore present to the conference the following constitution and recommend its adoption, and we recommend that the delegates from the several states here represented be recommended from their respective state a national vice president for the state and three men to represent their state in the national committee, and that the said body of men composed of the national vice presidents and the three national committeemen proceed to organize every voting precinct of the United States of America into nonpartisan anti-trust leagues, in which the test of membership shall be that they shall subscribe to the constitution, the declaration of principles adopted by this body, and to the following:

"The constitution recommends that the name of this organization shall be the American Anti-Trust League, any American citizen of satisfactory character and qualifications shall be eligible; local leagues to be composed wherever formed of not less than five members, county leagues of five or more local leagues; local leagues may form state leagues on such basis of representation as convenient.

Until the first national convention is held, the national league shall consist of the national committee, the national legislative committee and the national officers. Thereafter the national league shall be composed of delegates elected by popular vote of the members of each state. Each state shall be entitled to one delegate to the national league, and one for each additional 500 members.

A national president, to hold office two years, is provided for, with power to choose remaining officers, including a national committee with three members from each state and territory and a national executive committee of fifteen, of which the league officers shall be members, and shall appoint a committee of ways and means to raise necessary funds.

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The report concludes:  
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"Your committee recommends that the platform adopted by this body be made the declaration of principles of the national organization.

"Resolved, That we recommend Hon. M. L. Lockwood for president, H. B. Martin for secretary, C. T. McBride for treasurer and W. B. Fleming for financial secretary."

Gen. Weaver moved the adoption of the report.

**Pleds for Something Tangible.**  
Ignatius Donnelly got the floor and pleaded with the delegates to do something tangible. The desired movement, he said, could not be brought about by leagues. He called on the conference to form a new party and call for a national convention. Unless that was done, he asserted, the conference "would not amount to as much as a last year's bird's nest."

The middle-of-the-road Populist faction in the convention cheered these sentiments wildly.

**Simpson Attacks Parker.**  
Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, followed. He challenged the statement of Mr. Parker, of Kentucky, "that this conference had fallen into the hands of a lot of cowardly politicians."

He declared that no delegate had asserted party preferences, but every one was entirely unscrupulous. He demanded that Mr. Parker apologize for his statement instead of attempting to align the conference in partisan movements. Simpson was cheered repeatedly.

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The Sixth division was last night on the north bank of the Riet, at Waterval drift, and is moving to support the cavalry. The Seventh division is here, and will go into action tomorrow.

"Four officers and fifty-three men had to be sent last evening in the returning wagons to the railway line prostrated by heat and exhaustion."

**Roberts' Earlier Dispatches.**  
The following dispatch was received yesterday at the war office from Gen. Roberts:

"Retit River, Feb. 13.  
"Col. Hannay, in command of a brigade of mounted infantry marching from Orange river to Ramah, had a slight engagement February 11 with Boers holding hills and threatening his right flank. With a detached part of his force Hannay defeated the enemy while he pushed his baggage and main body through to Ramah. The object of the march was successfully carried out. Four men were killed, twenty-two wounded and thirteen are missing."

"On February 12 the cavalry division, under French, seized the crossing of Feit river at DeKills drift, on the east bank of which the Sixth and Seventh divisions are now encamped. Casualties were two troopers killed and Capt. Masdoni, of the Rifle brigade, wounded. He has since died. One trooper was wounded."

"The general commanding at Rensberg reports that on February 12 he was attacked in force at the Boers near Conyngham, of the Worcester regiment, was wounded, and has since died. There were no other casualties."

A dispatch from Mafeking says the garrison there can hold out until June.

**Skirmishes in Natal.**  
Buller's dispatch from Chieveley, dated February 12 says: "The commanding officer at Springfield reports this morning that a squadron of the First Dragoons, moving to the outpost line covering the right flank, met a party of Boers near Pustenberg. The Boers, reaching the crest of the hill first, opened a heavy fire on the squadron, which retired without support, and the Boers retired."

Continuing the Chieveley dispatch says: "Dundonald, with 500 mounted men, a field battery and the First Royal Welsh fusiliers, February 12, reconnoitered the high ground which the enemy has been in the habit of visiting. The enemy evacuated it when the loss of two men, after slight resistance. When the force retired, on the completion of the reconnaissance, the enemy returned in considerable numbers and kept up a heavy rifle fire, wounding G. Churchill, of the 2nd South African horse. Five men are missing."

It is not quite clear who wrote the dispatch, as Gens. Littleton, Hildyard, Warren and other generals are believed to be in the neighborhood of Springfield.

**Plumer's Advance Checked.**  
Advices from Gaberone, dated February 4, say: "An artillery duel between Col. Plumer's force and 500 Boers continued until today, when the British dropped two shells into the Boer force. The Boer guns have since been silent. Plumer's advance has been checked by floods."

**Webster Davis Homeward Bound.**  
LOURENZO MARQUEZ, Feb. 14.—Webster Davis, United States assistant secretary of the interior, has arrived at Pretoria, and sails on the steamer Kenzaru, via Naples, on his way home.

**Boers Occupy Spearman's Farm.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, confirms the report that parties of Boers have occupied the old British camp on Spearman's farm. The correspondent who identified the wounded Lieut. Churchill says he was shot through the right leg.

**Shelling the Women's Lager.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following dispatch from Mafeking, dated January 29: "The Boers shelled the women's lager for two hours on Saturday, January 27. Boer women, warned by spies, evidently went into the trenches, clapped their hands and cheered when the shells fell near the English women. Lady Sarah Wilson was slightly wounded."

"Major Gould-Adams and Capt. Wilson received contusions from shell fragments."

**BOERS TAKE OFFENSIVE.**

Are Constructing Trenches and Other Works on the South Side of the Tugela.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following dated Tuesday from its special correspondent at Preter: "On Sunday the Boers advanced down the Ladysmith road toward Polgiers. Three hundred horsemen with others, proceeded to a point where they began to construct new rows of trenches at right angles to the road. This was about two miles north of the drift."

"A party of Boers also crossed the Tugela now very low, about six miles below Potgieters drift, where they seized the South African Light horse, who captured them."

"Several other skirmishes have taken place and the Boers are evidently anxious about their positions. They have been throwing up defensive works from Tichard's drift and the Spion Kop range eastward to the Hlangwani and Monte Cristo hills, both on this side of the Tugela."

"They have also, if not three, wooden bridges spanning the Tugela in the bend."

**TICKET AGENT COMMISSIONS.**

Opinion That the Noncommission Agreement Will Fail.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—A special here New York, giving an interview with railroad officials on the effect of non-payment of commissions to agents, says: "Many of the high officers of the railroads are not creating a stir, but the non-commission agreement. These are the same officers who, two weeks ago, were trying to get the money for the commission by their own hands. Now they are beginning to doubt everybody now, except possibly the president, is looking for a break."

It is said that the different eastbound roads cannot long stand present conditions. Since commissions have been chopped off these roads have been running more or less. The non-commission agreement is the newest of the railroads of the country have ever been put to.

Mr. Harry Conroy died at the home of his father, Hugh Conroy, at North Yankton, and 27 years ago she well known to the Yankton editor, where she had spent most of her life, her father being one of its best known ministers.

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**KENTUCKY MATTER RESTS WITH COURTS.**

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tions for injunctions in both cases in the Kentucky suits. After citing the law showing that a federal court had no jurisdiction in such cases, he reviewed the Goebel election law as the most infamous statute that had ever come before the attention of the court, and also denounced in vigorous terms the conditions that existed in Kentucky and that are cited in the bill of facts, but he held that it was merely a matter of law with the court, notwithstanding the outrages that are alleged in the disputed statement of facts of the petitioners.

There was an immense crowd in the federal building awaiting the decision of the court.

**Does Not Affect Taylor.**  
FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 14.—When informed that Judge Taft had refused jurisdiction, Gov. Taylor gave to the Associated Press the following signed statement: "The decision of Judge Taft today, holding that his court has no jurisdiction in the case of the minor state officers, does not affect the merits of the case. He does not determine that the petitioners had no merits in their cases, but only that his court could not take jurisdiction and right the wrong. If he had held that he had jurisdiction it would have all been over; for the outrages were so glaring that the Republicans would have won hands down. The decision in said cases does not in the least affect my case."

(Signed) "WILLIAM S. TAYLOR, Governor of Kentucky."

**REPUBLICAN SENATORS CAUCUS.**

A Committee Appointed to Arrange the Order of Business.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Republican caucus of the senate today authorized Chairman Allison to appoint a committee to arrange the order of business for the remainder of the session, but the selection was not announced.

Cullom gave notice to the caucus that he would call up his bill providing a form of government for the Hawaiian islands as soon as a vote could be taken on the senatorial bill tomorrow, and that he had participated in the caucus proceedings for the first time.

At the Republican caucus there was more or less discussion of the policy to be pursued with reference to a number of measures. Most of the senators expressed themselves as favorable to an early final adjournment. Senator Foraker expressed a strong desire to secure consideration of the Puerto Rico bill, and Senator Chandler urged the necessity for action on the bill amendatory of the interstate commerce law, saying it was important that the bill should be speedily found for the control of the railroads.

Senator Sewall retorted that the railroads needed no special surveillance.

The general opinion being that the caucus should be given an early start, and a session and prompt action upon the Boer resolution.

Senator Dewey considered the Philippine question of pressing importance.

No action was taken on the suggestions, the general opinion being that the caucus should await the recommendation of the proposed committee of order of business.

**OF COURSE IT WILL BE BRYAN.**

Senator Gorman Says Nothing Can Prevent His Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Ex-Senator Gorman, who was at the capitol today for the first time since the present session of congress assembled, in an interview with a Post reporter, said that all his efforts heretofore had been directed against the renomination of W. J. Bryan as the Democratic candidate for the presidency, he believing it would not be wise, but that he was now convinced "that nothing could prevent his selection as the head of