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KEKENS PLANK FAVORED

Delegates in St. Louis Think It Fits the Financial Situation.

MCKINLEY APPROVES OF IT

Southern Delegates Beginning to Come Around to McKimley's Views—Talk of a Caucus to Form Finance Plank and Submit It to Platform Committee—Evans Closeted With Hanna.

St. Louis, June 11.—Settlement among the delegates already upon the ground appears to be strongly crystallizing in favor of the financial plank promulgated by National Committee R. C. Kekens of this city, and which was given in the United Press dispatches of Wednesday. Mr. Kekens admits that he is not the author of the proposed plank, and that it is the handiwork of a prominent Republican.

"Taken in connection with his recent visit to me, there have been suggestions that the draft has been submitted to and received the approval of Major McKinley. Upon this point, however, Mr. Kekens will not satisfy his inquirers, while in line with their previous position that the convention, rather than the candidates, should make the platform, Mr. Kekens and his lieutenants continue to regard the topic as taboed and will not touch it in any way."

CAUCUS MAY BE HELD

Representative delegates of the standing of Senators Proctor, of Vermont, Hansbrough, of Nebraska, Payne, of Wisconsin, and ex-Gov. Fifer, of Illinois, are very busy in their advisory and advisory capacity declaration in favor of a gold standard, and their talk and influence is beginning to have an effect, especially among the southern delegates, and the provisions are toward the white metal.

With the view of avoiding a prolonged debate, the committee has placed before the committee as an indication of the sentiment of the majority element of the convention.

SETTLING THE CONTENTS

National Committee Hard at Work Deciding Disputed Candidates

St. Louis, Mo., June 11.—The members of the national committee were promptly in getting together in the club room of the Southern at 10 o'clock this morning for the purpose of resuming consideration of the numerous contents.

A disposition to hasten this branch of its work was manifested by the body, and several resolutions were adopted, if the unbridled debates and discussions that marked the sessions of yesterday were to continue, the temporary adjournment will be in abeyance as the convention was ready for business on Tuesday morning.

Accordingly, when Congressman Hillborn of California asked for the postponement of the contest from the Third district of that State, in consequence of the non-arrival of some of the delegates, and the active concern of numerous delegates, the matter was referred to the committee on credentials, and the Pacific coast representative was given the option of going ahead or letting the case of the non-arrival of delegates be decided by the committee on credentials.

Because the former alternative made a ten-minute speech in support of the claims of C. M. Belsaw and W. B. Parker, whose seats are contested by Eli S. Denison and A. A. Hochheimer. Presidential proclivities did not enter into the contest, as both sets of delegates were instructed for McKinley by their respective conventions.

The argument of the Congressman was involved and technical, and Senator Thurston, Henry C. Payne, Fox and other others were compelled to keep up a running fire of questions in order to clearly elicit the facts.

Ex-Congressman A. C. Thompson of Ohio who is appearing for all of the contestants and contestants from every State who are under the wing of the McKinley leaders, presented the case of Denison and Hochheimer, taking the ground that the convention by which they were elected was the only regular and properly constituted body, and that its acts, so far as concerned the temporary roll, was final, and could be reviewed only by the committee on credentials selected by the national convention.

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CANDIDATES AND PLATFORM

Opinions As to Both from Delegates to the Republican Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., June 11.—Following are expressions of opinion on candidates and platform declarations gathered about the hotels:

National Committee Man of Ohio: "You can set it down as a positive fact that McKinley will be nominated on the first ballot, combination or no combination. Nothing can stop it. The people want McKinley and they are going to have him."

C. H. Sparks, alternate, from New Mexico: "On the financial question New Mexico is uncompromisingly for the free coinage of silver, Republicans and Democrats alike. We also want reasonable protection for our industries."

"The present tariff law may have been a good thing for the consumers, but it has

played havoc with wool growing in New Mexico. Where we formerly received 18 cents a pound it is now down to 4 and 5 cents, which is just enough to pay the herders. It has cost New Mexico some five million dollars to try the experiment of free wool."

PROCTOR DOES NOT WANT IT

Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont: "I do not want to be Vice President of the United States. My name shall never be presented for that office before the Republican national convention. Republicanism of my State is five to one for McKinley; he will surely win on the first ballot."

The Vermont Senator says the Republican platform should be so phrased that nobody the world over could mistake, distort or argue its meaning and that meaning should be unqualifiedly for a single money standard. He does not expect a single delegate to bolt, no matter what the declarations of the convention regarding money.

James Francis Burke, assistant secretary of the national committee: "Quay's name will be presented and will receive sixty votes on the first ballot. Further than that I don't know what his course will be. The Vice Presidency will go to Reed if he will have it; if not, I presume some Western man, who is sound on the money question, will be the nominee. I do not think there will be any bolt by the free silver wing of the party, and prospects are bright for an over-all success."

National Committee Man David Martin of Pennsylvania: "I think the platform will be an out-and-out sound money one," he said. "I don't think there is any doubt about that. We don't concede that there will be any bolt, and I hardly think there will be a bolt. I do not think we have anything to fear."

C. PERRY CARSON'S OPINION.

Perry H. Carson, colored, national committee man from the District of Columbia: "I am for Allison, and will support him as long as his name is before the convention. The Iowa Senator has a fighting chance, when it comes to counting the votes. I am for a straight sound money platform, protection and good time. I am not decided as to Vice President. There will be no bolt."

National Committee Man G. A. Hobart, of New Jersey: "I am for McKinley. My first choice for second place is Thomas B. Reed, and if he will not accept, then I am heartily in favor of some young Republican for the place, no matter what State he hails from."

"As for myself, I am being mentioned for the place, and while I am too modest to speak about my own affairs, still my name is being presented to the convention. I am, as well as the New Jersey delegation, for sound money."

National Committee Man Childs, of Vermont: "Vermont will be loyal to McKinley. All this talk about our favoring some other candidate is nonsense."

WANT ALLISON TO WITHDRAW

Leaders in Iowa Anxious to Make a Deal With McKinley

Des Moines, Iowa, June 11.—It has been known for some time in inner political circles that a number of leading Republican managers of Iowa were attempting to induce Allison to permit the withdrawal of his name from the list of Presidential candidates.

At one time it was about decided at Allison's headquarters here that it would be desirable to make a deal with McKinley, and a delicate sort of way he failed to entreat a deal of this proposition. This was ten days ago, and the matter was temporarily dropped. It has revived again, and the Iowa leaders are in communication with the leading St. Louis politicians.

The Allison following in Iowa consists of old political leaders, and they fear now that with McKinley's nomination they will be relegated to obscurity, and the active managers of the McKinley movement in Iowa will become the men of consequence in the State. They think they can retain the case of the withdrawal of Allison by inducing Allison to withdraw and getting concessions from McKinley ahead of the nomination.

It is the price of Allison's withdrawal, it is said they will ask the nomination of Senator Gear for Vice President. Gear will consent if he receives enough encouragement outside the State.

GOV. BRADLEY'S STATEMENT

Made No Terms Nor Would Accept Vice Presidency or Cabinet Place

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HOBART A POSSIBILITY

His Name Prominently Mentioned for the Vice Presidency

St. Louis, June 11.—Garrett A. Hobart, of New Jersey, was the object of considerable attention in the opening meeting of the National Committee yesterday. The suggestion of his name in connection with the Vice Presidential nomination has been very favorably received, especially since Senator Proctor, of Vermont, himself regarded as a prospective candidate, came out fairly and squarely last night in favor of the New Jersey man.

Mr. Hobart is stopping at the Flanter's, where his delegation will be quartered when the Vice Presidential nomination on Sunday. In a talk Gen. Hobart said:

"New Jersey's delegation comes to St. Louis instructed, but I think the majority of the members will vote for McKinley. He is certainly the first choice of the people of our State, and the delegates, I believe, realize this and will vote accordingly. For Vice President the delegation has been instructed for me. I shall make no active

WITH BOTH FEET.



Platform Possibilities at St. Louis.

READY FOR THE INQUEST

Randolph and Neale Will Not Be Present.

NEW CLEW IN THE CASE

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HANDKERCHIEF AS A MOOSE

Suicide of Peter O'Neal at St. Elizabeth's Asylum.

HE WAS A VIOLENT PATIENT

Confined in a Cell-Like Room Owing to His Condition—He Had a Mania for Killing Other People, But Had Never Hinted at Taking His Own Life.

Peter O'Neal, one of the most violent patients in the government insane asylum, committed suicide last night by hanging himself to the guard on the door of his cell-like apartment in the main building of St. Elizabeth's.

The body was discovered about 6 o'clock this morning by one of the attendants, who was making his rounds, unlocking the sleeping rooms and calling the inmates to breakfast.

The man was hanging down against the door. His features were black and distorted, and his hands tightly clenched.

O'Neal used an old handkerchief to hang himself, lengthened by tying a suspender to it. It is not known at what time the deed was committed, as O'Neal was confined in a separate room, owing to his violent condition.

WAS AN UGLY PATIENT.
The madman had never intimated by word or act that he intended to take his life, but was always in a surly and combative mood, and was a suicide certificate.

Peter O'Neal, Jr., was admitted to the institution March 25, 1885. He came from an influential family, and has a father and brother in New Haven Conn., who have been telegraphed for. He was regarded by the asylum authorities as an ugly patient.

Dr. A. C. Pateron, under whose charge O'Neal had been for a year in "Howard Hall" the place of detention for desperate lunatics, said that he had never intimated any homicidal tendencies and frequently made desperate attacks upon his fellow-inmates.

NEVER EXHIBITED SUICIDAL MANIA.
He had never, however, exhibited a suicidal mania. His hallucination was that every one about him had leagued themselves against him and were always trying to annoy and torture him.

He imagined armed forces were constantly about him, and became so violent that he was frequently placed in strait jackets and kept confined in a separate room, guarded by himself at night. It was in this room that he hanged himself.

O'Neal was a powerful fellow and it required the strength of several attendants at quarters to handle him when the violent moods came on.

MR. BUXTON STILL HERE.
Not Allowed to Leave Today—His Wife Recovering Very Fast.
The Garfield Hospital authorities this afternoon stated that they could not tell when Mr. Buxton would be able to go to Gaitheburg.

He is very much improved, but not today in shape for the inquest. Mrs. Buxton has rapidly grown better, and spent several hours today in the open air around the hospital. She will accompany her husband.

Another meeting of the colored citizens who have organized for the defense of the suspects, Neale and Randolph, and who believe them innocent of the crime charged against them, was held last night at the Capital Savings Bank, No. 609 F street northwest.

The meeting sanctioned the action of the defense committee in employing Attorney Ashley M. Gould to defend Randolph and Lawyer Peters for the defense of Neal. The delegates then rose and sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The next annual meeting of the board will be held at Birmingham, Ala., at a date to be decided upon by the committee on arrangements.

This afternoon the delegates visited the interesting points in and about the Capitol. Most of them will leave for their homes tonight.

John Hays Hammond Released.
Secretary Oney this morning received a telegram from Vice Consul Knight at Capetown saying that John Hays Hammond and the other reform leaders had been released. They were fined \$25,000, with no banishment.

THEIR LABORS ARE ENDED

Adjournment of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

LARGE SUM APPROPRIATED

It Will Require Nearly One Hundred Thousand Dollars to Carry on the Work This Year—What Has Been Accomplished in the Past—Will Meet Next Year in Birmingham.

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CLOSING SCENES IN BOTH HOUSES

Senators Had Little to Do But to Be Patient.

DISTRICT CHARITIES INQUIRY

Vice President Appoints the Committee Which Will Conduct the Investigation—Customary Announcement Taken to the President—District Bill Signed—Few Measures Passed.

The Senate met today at 11 o'clock, for the last time this session, and a few minutes later went into executive session.

Before the doors were closed, however, a bill granting a pension to the widow of Gen. William H. Gibson, of Ohio, was passed, and the Vice President announced his signature to the District of Columbia appropriation bill, the last of the general appropriations bills.

The doors were reopened at 11:20, but no business was transacted for some time, the body evidently being in the condition of "waiting for something to turn up."

Senators were gathered in knots about the chamber, chatting and laughing, while the Vice President leaned over his desk, chatting with the senior Senator from his State, Mr. Allison.

The galleries were almost empty, only a handful of spectators being in the public galleries, while the ladies, Senators and diplomatic galleries were absolutely deserted.

Only nineteen Senators were on the floor—eleven Democrats, seven Republicans and one Populist—all equally busy doing nothing.

RESTUMED THE DRIFTING

At 11:40 o'clock a batch of House bills was laid before the Senate and referred to the proper committees, after which the Senate resumed its former drifting condition—the only other ripple to disturb its pacidity being the appearance of a page boy, at 12:15, with a large basket of flowers for Mr. Wallhall, from the citizens of Congress Heights, D. C.

At ten minutes before 1 a committee, consisting of Mr. Sherman and Mr. Smith, was appointed to cooperate with a similar committee from the House to investigate the President that Congress was ready to adjourn unless he had some further communication to make.

The Vice President announced the appointment of a joint committee, consisting of Senators Harris, Faulkner, and McMillan, to investigate the President and reform institutions of the District of Columbia; to inquire as to what need there is for Congressional aid, and how much, if any, of such appropriations is now diverted into sectarian channels.

At 1:20 the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock.

FOUGHT HIS RESCUER

Desperate Suicide Tries to Kill a Man Who Interferes.

Lebanon, Pa., June 11.—George Smith, a German tramp, is in jail for a desperate attempt to commit suicide and a murderous attack on the man who saved his life. Smith had been lingering in the vicinity of Palmyra, Tuesday he left the town, flourishing a revolver and making threats. Wellington Yoder followed the man and found him along the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad tracks a mile and a half from town with an ugly gang in his hand.

Yoder asked him what he was doing and he replied: "I am going to kill myself." Thereupon he slashed at his own wrists. Yoder leaped upon him to disarm him, and a terrible struggle took place. Twice the tramp made desperate lunges at Yoder's face with his bloody razor, and each time Yoder succeeded in warding off the blows. Finally Smith, weakened by loss of blood, was subdued and disarmed. Yoder compelled the man to return to Palmyra, where he was put in jail.

Smith is about 45 years of age. He refuses to give any reasons for his conduct. He is expected to recover.

FOREST FIRES RAGING

Several Square Miles of Colorado Woods Will Be Burned Over.

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 11.—An extensive forest fire is prevailing on the northwestern slopes of Pikes Peak, near Timberline. The smoke rises a mile high, and a hot fire from the mountain is burning over the peak, its broad summit is livid with the glare of a sea of fire fiercely burning in the pine tops.

Strong winds are stirring the column and driving the fires across abysses to new material. The damage cannot well be estimated. Evidently several square miles will be burned over.

The mountains just now are full of prospectors, and doubtless some of these are in jeopardy, but fortunately no extensive camp is near. The greatest damage may be in the effect of the destruction of the forest will have upon irrigation. The spectacle is most imposing.

FOR HIS SISTER'S HONOR

Shooting Affray in Which Two Florida Men Were Killed.

Dade City, Fla., June 11.—A shooting affray occurred in the woods between Lafayette and Trilby Tuesday, in which Drayton McKimley and C. J. Baulerson lost their lives. It appears that McKinley thought Baulerson too intimate with his sister.

McKinley went to see Justice of the Peace George Pinkston relative to a warrant for Baulerson's arrest and found him in the woods building a fence. While talking Baulerson rode up, also to see the justice relative to the case, but he had heard about the case. McKinley spoke to him, saying "Good morning," at the same time drawing his rifle and sending a ball through Baulerson's body.

Baulerson immediately returned the fire with a shot-gun, shooting McKinley in the chest. McKinley died in a few hours and Baulerson died yesterday morning.

Dying From a Snake Bite.
Lancaster, Pa., June 11.—A young son of Carpenter Brenner, residing near Highville, in Manor township, now lies at his father's house in a critical condition, suffering terribly from the effects of a copperhead snake's bite. The boy was picking strawberries in his father's patch Tuesday afternoon, when he was bitten on the arm by the snake