

TO OUST WATTS.

Democrats Circulating a Petition to State Committee.

IS BEING NUMEROUSLY SIGNED

And will be Presented to the Meeting at Clarksburg.

THE POPOCRATS OBJECT TO HIM

On the Ground that He is at Heart a Sound Money Man and an Administration Democrat—Also Alleged that He is too Close to the MacCorkle-Chilton Faction—The Only Hope of a Fusion with the Populists is to Take Watts Off the Ticket—If that is Done What Are Watts' Friends Going to Do—Maybe they Will Saw Wood, and Maybe They Won't. Anyway the Situation is Interesting.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 23.—Information of a startling political nature is furnished the Intelligencer correspondent from a very reliable source. It concerns the Popocratic candidate for governor, Cornelius Watts, and is to the effect that a strenuous effort is on foot and a great influence will be brought to bear on the Popocratic state committee at its meeting at Clarksburg September 3 to have Watts taken off the ticket.

This movement has taken the form of a petition. This petition sets forth Watts' well known shakiness on the money question, and eggs that he stated while in Washington, D. C., before his nomination, when asked about free silver would die out in a month.

The petition further discusses his position on the money question and avers that he is too much mixed up with the MacCorkle-Chilton faction.

It also prays the committee that Watts be taken off the state Democratic ticket, providing the Populists withdraw Ralph Snyder, and both parties agree upon another man. A petition of this character was shown to a prominent railroad man out the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Saturday night, and he furnished the Intelligencer correspondent with the information herein set forth.

Whether the petition is being liberally signed cannot be told, but it is reported that a goodly number of names appear upon the one shown the railroad man referred to.

The indications are plain that the Clarksburg meeting and conference of the state Democratic and Populist committees will be a highly important and memorable occasion in state political history.

ATKINSON AND DOVENER

Address a Rousing Meeting at Weston. Good Speeches Heard by Thousands.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WESTON, W. Va., August 22.—Yesterday was Republican day at Weston and between 3,000 and 4,000 persons were present to hear Hon. George Wesley Atkinson and Captain B. R. Dovenor discuss political issues.

The meeting was held in the court house yard, where a temporary stand and seats had been erected.

Mr. Atkinson led off with one of the best speeches of his life and spoke for more than an hour. At many points he was enthusiastically applauded by the large crowd. His discussion of the money question was especially able and convincing. He produced the standard dollar, the trade dollar and the Mexican dollar and fully explained why the Mexican coin, although containing more silver than our own is of less monetary value and made it clear to the mind of his hearers that free, unlimited and independent silver coinage at 16 to 1 must result in the depreciation of our own dollar.

Congressman Dovenor's speech, two hours in length, was highly interesting and instructive throughout. Though at least one-half of the large audience were standing, scarcely a man left from the grounds until the last word had fallen from his lips. A local free silverite who wanted to propound some questions, was briefly disposed of to the delight of all present.

The speaker reviewed the tariff and money questions in his usual masterly manner and again demonstrated his superior ability to deal with those questions. A night meeting was held in the court house, which after a brief speech by R. Ad Hall, chairman of the county executive committee, was addressed by Captain Dovenor. This was another splendid effort and was well received. It was full of argument from start to finish. His references to the "bound money" tendencies of the Register in days of yore, provoked no little applause. The meeting closed with these rousing cheers for McKinley.

Captain Dovenor will leave here in the morning for Contingence, where he will speak. Mr. Atkinson, accompanied by George C. Cole, Republican nominee for state senator in this district, left last night for Cowen, where both will speak.

WALKER APPOINTED

District Attorney Pending the Action of President Cleveland.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MARTINSBURG, W. Va., August 22.—Pending the action of the President, Chief Justice Fuller has appointed S. W. Walker, of this city, United States district attorney, in place of C. C. Watts, who resigned to accept the Democratic nomination for governor.

Berkeley Democratic Ticket.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MARTINSBURG, W. Va., August 23.—The Berkeley county Democrats made nominations for county officers yesterday, as follows: For sheriff, J. W. Doid; for county commissioner, James H. Fulk; county clerk, George W. North; circuit clerk, W. B. Colston; delegate to legislature, Moses Abington; prosecuting attorney, George W. Johnston; assessors, W. T. McMillen and F. A. Potts; county surveyor, C. P. C. Hinkler.

Rev. Dr. Snyder D. H. Shields, formerly pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church here, has taken the stump for McKinley and Hobart.

General Jos Wheeler has been nominated in the Eighth Alabama congressional district.

PLATT FOR GOVERNOR.

Looks Like He Will be Nominated by Acclamation—The Tide Has Set His Way, but a Bolt from the Convention May Result—Platt Says He Will Decline.

SARATOGA, Aug. 23.—Thomas C. Platt will probably be the nominee of the Republican state convention for governor of New York. His name will be presented to the convention. Every other candidate will withdraw and he will be nominated without debate. The Associated Press correspondent showed this statement to Mr. Platt late to-night. He thought for a few minutes, ran his thin, almost effeminate hand through his beard and said slowly and distinctly: "I am not a candidate and I do not want the office."

"But, Mr. Platt, suppose that the convention is stampeded for you?" "I don't think it will be. I do not want the nomination. I prefer plain citizenship and I shall decline to stand for the nomination. I have told this to all the persons who have spoken to me about it."

It was, however, a significant fact that late to-night Edward Lauterbach and Lemuel E. Quinn were working among the delegates and Mr. Platt had not instructed them to do so. Ex-state Senator Sam Cott was also advocating the nomination of Mr. Platt and he asserted that Mr. Platt, while adverse to the nomination, would take it if the delegates offered it to him in the convention. Lieut. Governor Saxton said to-night: "In my opinion, the nomination will go to Mr. Platt. The tide has been set that way strongly and I don't think Mr. Platt can stop it."

Mr. Hamilton Fish, who is a candidate for governor, said: "If Mr. Platt will stand for the nomination, I will withdraw and second it. I am for Mr. Platt."

Mr. George W. Aldridge, who is also a candidate for governor, is credited with making a similar statement and it is certain that if Mr. Platt's name is presented all other candidates will withdraw.

Congressman Quigg said late to-night: "Mr. Platt will be nominated by acclamation."

John Milholland, who is the leader of the "McKinley League," and a bitter opponent of Mr. Platt, said when asked what the attitude of his faction of the party would be if Mr. Platt were nominated: "It would not be a proper thing for me to say at this time what we shall do. I think from the looks of things that Mr. Platt will be nominated."

There was another story about to-night. It was that Mr. Platt would allow the agitation in his behalf to proceed until to-morrow night in order to demonstrate his popularity among the delegates and that then he would call upon his lieutenants to withdraw his name. There are many who believe that this is so and that Mr. Platt's name will not go before the convention.

At a late hour Mr. Platt reiterated his refusal made to the Associated Press. As if to emphasize this latter view of the situation, Mr. Platt said further to-night: "Not only will I refuse to accept the nomination, but I shall not in any way interfere with the candidates for governor. They must fight it out for themselves."

The state convention promises to be full of interesting incidents, verily and even vicious personal attacks and allusions and a breach in the party that will probably lead to a third ticket. If the "McKinley League" was organized to place Mr. Warner Miller on the outside of the convention, it is said to-night that Senator John Raines, who made the personal attack on Mr. Miller in the meeting of the New York state delegation at St. Louis, will be the chairman of the committee sitting in judgment upon Mr. Miller's claim. Upon the report of the committee on credentials in this convention, if it be adverse to Mr. Miller, there will be a fight in the convention and if the convention acquiesces in such a decision, it is said to-night by Mr. Miller's followers and the McKinley League, that there will be a separate convention.

Prior to the advent of the Platt boom, the candidates for governor made these claims: George W. Aldridge, 269; James A. Roberts, 155; Hamilton Fish, 150; Charles T. Saxton, 150; James W. Wadsworth, 50; Archibald B. Baxter, 40; Frank S. Black, 25; T. E. Ellsworth, 9; John W. Palmer, 23; and Warner Miller, 28.

The number of votes in the convention is only 753, so that somebody has grossly misrepresented the situation. The "McKinley League" was not asked while the Platt boom was growing. Large placards containing extracts from the "report of the committee of twenty-five," under the caption "How Platt Carried New York County," were posted on a building directly facing the United States hotel, where most of the politicians are stopping. These extracts charged divers and sundry kinds of political fraud, padding of enrollments and such.

Mr. John Milholland, who caused the placards to be erected had a boy attempt to nail some near Mr. Platt's headquarters in the hotel, but the proprietor interfered.

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UPPER MERID HOOK, N. Y., August 23.—The fact that William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for the presidency, will lunch with Senator Hill, the leader of the party organization in this state, became known to-day to the little party of politicians inhabiting the Red Hook hotel and inspired more anticipatory discussion among them than any other incident of the candidate's eastern trip.

Every one assumes that Senator Hill has resolved to support the nominee of the party, else, they argue, he would hardly invite him to sit at his table. And the lunch is taken as a practical announcement of Hill's determination which is expected to be followed by a more formal declaration of the senator's attitude. Mr. Bryan will arrive in Albany Tuesday afternoon, and will have two hours for refreshments before the speech which he is billed to make. He will spend two hours, according to the program, which has been arranged for him, at Wolfert's Hotel, the handsome residence which Senator Hill bought of Fritz Emmett, the actor.

This visit having been arranged that

A GOLD DEMOCRAT

Will Succeed Hoke Smith in the President's Cabinet.

THE RESIGNATION A RESULT

Of the Pledge He Made Speaker Crisp to Support the Nominee of the Chicago Convention—Personal Relations with Mr. Cleveland Not Severed—With Mr. Smith it is a Case of Forcing Down a Dish of Raw Crow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 23.—The news that Secretary Hoke Smith had resigned and that his resignation had been accepted by the President, which was exclusively announced by the Associated Press yesterday afternoon, created a considerable stir in political circles here to-day, although the probability of Mr. Smith's retirement had been, in a measure, anticipated ever since his paper, the Atlanta Journal, declared that it would support Bryan and Sewall. Mr. Smith still declined to discuss the subject to-day, but it is known that the personal relations between the President and Mr. Smith have in no wise been disturbed.

Mr. Smith's resignation, his friends say, grew out of his differences with his chief on the question of party policy and his delicate desire not to embarrass the President at such a time. Beyond the question of his conception of party loyalty in acquiescing in the will of the majority, Mr. Smith during his campaign for the gold standard in Georgia against ex-Speaker Crisp had given a personal pledge that he would, if elected, support the nominee of the convention. As an honorable man, his friends say, he felt it his duty to redeem that pledge. He informed the President of his position and intentions and to avoid embarrassments, placed his resignation at his disposal.

It is said that Mr. Cleveland remonstrated. The correspondence on the subject, it is believed, would no doubt be very interesting, but it is doubtful whether it will ever be given out. It can be stated, however, with great positiveness, that the step which Secretary Smith felt himself compelled to take, has not in any way affected the warm regard the President and Mr. Smith entertained for each other. There has been a good deal of gossip about Mr. Smith's successor to-day. It seems altogether unlikely that John M. Reynolds, the assistant secretary, will be promoted. It is regarded as much more probable that a new man will be selected, probably from the middle west, Indiana, Illinois or Missouri. The names of ex-Governor Francis, of Missouri; ex-Congressman Bynum, of Indiana, and ex-Congressman Ben Cable, of Ohio, are mentioned as the most likely candidates. All are pronounced gold Democrats.

WEST FOR MCKINLEY.

Workmen Organizing in So-Called Silver Strongholds—Delegation of Voters to Call To-day.

CANTON, O., Aug. 23.—Although this has been a cloudy, rainy day, Major McKinley and Mrs. McKinley took a short drive this afternoon with National Committeeman Charles G. Dawes, of the Chicago headquarters. Mr. Dawes said the campaign work was now well begun and that there was an increasing demand for tariff literature. Major Dick, who was with Chairman Hanna at Cleveland, and is now secretary at the Chicago national headquarters, called at the McKinley home to-night and lunched with Major and Mrs. McKinley. He says the Chicago headquarters are running smoothly and are well down to business. Major McKinley's letter of acceptance will not be published before Wednesday or Thursday. The Mayor has had a constantly increasing number of visitors and his mail has grown to mammoth proportions.

Monday a farmers' delegation from Knox county, and a train load of East Liverpool potters are scheduled for a call. Despite the constant demands on his time, Major McKinley continues in good health and Mrs. McKinley appears better than for years. Among the delegations to reach Canton during the week is a party from the National League convention at Milwaukee. The Republican clubs continue to send in greetings. Notable among them are these:

GALSBURG, ILL.—The railroad men's McKinley club, employees of the C. & B. Q. railway, 500 strong, for sound money and protection, send you their greetings. (Signed.)

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HE WOULDN'T "CRUCIFY" LABOR; OIL, NOT



Candidate Bryan: "Now, hold still and help me make money more plentiful—for the other fellow."

—Chicago Inter Ocean.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Crowds of People Visit the Cleveland Encampment.

FIFTY THOUSAND VISITORS

Witness the Dress Parade—First Battalion From West Virginia Arrives—The Crack Divisions Present—General Carnahan Speaks of the Knights as a Military Organization—Would Respond to the Call of the Government in the Time of Need.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, August 23.—Great crowds of visitors were attracted to the Knights of Pythias encampment to-day, it being estimated that fifty thousand spectators witnessed the dress parade of the second Ohio regiment this afternoon. This is the only full regiment yet at the camp, but it is expected that all the Ohio Knights will be here by to-morrow. Among the divisions which arrived to-day were those from Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Lancaster, Pa., and Muncie, Ind., and the first battalion of the first regiment from Charleston and Parkersburg, W. Va.

To-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock Director General Day, of the centennial commission, will formally turn over the camp to Major General Carnahan. The exercises at the camp this afternoon consisted of the dress parade and a sacred band concert. This evening many of the visiting knights attended service at the Epworth Memorial Methodist Episcopal church and listened to an appropriate sermon by the pastor.

Among the attractions at the camp is Lafayette, Ind., division of the uniform rank which has won more prizes than any other division in the country, even though it has not competed in prize drills in eight years. There is also present the crack division from Hastings, Mich. Both of these divisions will be in the parade and competitive drill. Major General Carnahan, in speaking to-day of the Knights as a military organization, said it was part of the unwritten law of the order that the Knights should respond to the call of the government in time of need, especially if it was necessary to repel an invasion by a foreign foe. The knights were not in any sense guardsmen, he said, and they would not take part in internal dissensions unless it was necessary to preserve order and uphold the laws.

Supreme Chancellor Richie, in speaking to-day of the policy of the order, said there would probably be no change. "The same lessons that it teaches men to-day," he said, "will be good for men a thousand years hence. No great question of policy will be debated at the present session of the supreme lodge. The German question and the saloon question were both finally settled and in a definite, decided and plain manner."

The Rathbone sisters, one of the auxiliary orders of Pythianism, has its headquarters at the Woodliff House. The most important business to come before its meeting is the election of a supreme senior. The leading candidates for the place are Mrs. J.B.S. Neubert, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Nellie Scattergood, of Michigan, and some lively electioneering in their behalf is already going on.

It is expected that the headquarters of all the other auxiliary societies will be opened before to-morrow night.

LATER—Mr. Chamberlain died at 11:25 to-night.

THE LOCAL KNIGHTS

Leave for Cleveland on a Special Train Over the C. & W.

Five passenger coaches and two baggage cars made up the special train that carried the West Virginia Knights of Pythias to Cleveland, over the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railway, yesterday morning, and it can be safely stated that no jollier party ever left Wheeling.

There were three hundred of the brave knights in the party, and over one-half of these wore the handsome uniforms of the order. Meister's full band accompanied the party and will hold the music end of the trip up to the highest notch. Courier de Leon division No. 1 and Shanley division No. 31 met at the Ohio Valley lodge room on Market street at 8 o'clock and headed by the band, bid escort duty, meeting the Piedmont, Grafton, Fairmont and Parkersburg companies at the depot. After they had received the last company, the line formed and they marched to Bridgeport, where the train was waiting. The start was made at 11:30 a. m. and the trip was made to Cleveland in five hours and ten minutes.

The Knights will return in about a week.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, Generally fair.

Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed at C. Scheepf, druggist, corner Fourteenth and Market streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. .... 70 3 p. m. .... 83 9 a. m. .... 75 7 p. m. .... 83 12 m. .... 75 Changeable.

Sunday. 7 a. m. .... 73 3 p. m. .... 82 9 a. m. .... 77 7 p. m. .... 78 12 m. .... 81 Changeable.

Old Kentucky Dance of Death.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 23.—A special to the Courier Journal from Lebanon, Ky., says: Last night at a negro dance about five miles from here, Charley Warner accidentally stepped on the dress of George May's partner. Warner apologized, but May became enraged and opened fire, killing Warner and Charley Pipes instantly and fatally wounding Rud Hardin. May escaped and is still at large.

DESPITE THE RAIN

The Blessing of the Corner-Stone of the New Catholic School

WAS WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS.

Who Listened Attentively to Appropriate Addresses Delivered by Archbishop Keen and Dr. Charles A. Wingenter—A Creditable Street Parade and Interesting Ceremonies at the Cathedral—When Finished the Building will be a Fine One.

Yesterday afternoon the corner stone of the new Catholic boys' school at the corner of Fourteenth and Byron streets, was laid amid much pomp and ceremony, and notwithstanding the rain which came up just about the time set for the ceremonies to begin, the crowd that was present numbered several thousands. All the local Catholic societies turned out and paraded from the St. Alphonsus church, on the South Side, where they formed, at 4 o'clock, in the following order: Mr. Garrity, from the Benwood Division, A. O. H., Chief Marshal, First Division.

Hackett's Band, of Bellairs, Knights of St. George of St. Alphonsus Church, Knights of St. John, of Benwood, St. Alphonsus Society, St. Stanislaus Society, Second Division.

The Liberty Band, Benwood Division, A. O. H., Grand Opera House Band, Knights of St. George of Cathedral, Mullin Division, A. O. H., Parke Division, A. O. H.

The procession moved promptly at 4 o'clock, marching up Market street to Twelfth, up Twelfth to Eoff, down Eoff to Fourteenth and up Fourteenth to Byron, where the exercises took place.

As the head of the procession reached the platform it halted and the command open order was given and between the lines made by the societies, marched Archbishop John Joseph Keen, Father Bouton and the entire local clergy dressed in the garb of their respective office, preceded by the altar boys and members of the boys' sodality.

The joists of the first floor of the new building had been placed in position, and a large platform erected on them for the occasion. The front platform, where the chief and prominent members of the church sat, was protected from the rain by a large canvas canopy. A handsome large American flag floated from a staff in the centre of the platform, and others were attached to the canopy on either side, making a very pretty picture.

As the clergy took seats the bands played appropriate airs, after which Rev. Father Bouton called the assembly to order and Archbishop Keen stepped forward to address the people.

Archbishop's Address. The archbishop began by saying that the overhanging clouds and threatening weather warned him that he must be brief in his remarks, and that he would not keep the people standing in the rain long by delivering a lengthy address. "The blessing and the grace, in itself," said the archbishop, "is a very short ceremony, but to the Cathedral and the Catholics in general it has a great deal of significance. For nearly half a century this spot has been marked as a place of education and the children of the Cathedral have been instructed here for years. But as times move we must move with them."

"I see many before me whose heads indicate that they can go back with me forty or fifty years, when educational advantages were not what they are at present. In the state of Virginia for instance, that state which has had the benefits of so many opportunities, education has been sadly neglected, and the educational advantages in that state are few indeed. The Catholic church wants to keep pace with the times. She is the foster mother of education, as her history will show. We, here in Wheeling—I mean you here in Wheeling—(laughter) want to be in unison with the rest of the country and therefore you have decided to erect this handsome new structure."

"The youths of this city have elegant educational advantages now, and the Catholic church has done all it could do to promote the existing conditions in that line. The Cathedral parish has been foremost in this respect, but it must move onward with progress.

The Teachers. The speaker here referred to the character and quality of the teachers who are to take charge of the school and said he would guarantee that they would do their work well. He has seen them in other cities and has observed the results of their work, and had only the words of the highest praise for them.

He urged the people of the city to give the new school their support, and said that in order that the work done here shall show good results, the members of the Catholic churches must cooperate with the pastor and teachers. The aid must be of a financial nature as well as sympathy, and as their former bishop has appealed to the laity to give their generous support to the boys' school, for, while there are educational facilities around you, there is something lacking in them and that is that in the education of the youth we must develop the religious element. Teach the child its duty toward Almighty God. That element is lacking in other schools, and we must build christian schools in which to educate our children. If we want to see the country prosper, we must give our attention to christian training in our schools."

"If you will read the declaration of one of America's foremost men, the beloved father of his country, you will find that in his dying words he warned the citizens of this fair land of ours, not to separate religion from education."

Bible in the Schools. The archbishop referred to a society that claimed as its object the protection of the schools and the reading of the Bible therein. In answer he desired to say that the Catholics were a unit in the belief that the Bible must and shall be sustained in the schools and that christian training and education shall go hand in hand.

The speaker closed his remarks by saying that it is the duty of every Catholic to send their children to this school and give it their support and that as an educational institution the new boys' school would be a pride to the city and the diocese of Wheeling.

At the conclusion of the archbishop's address, the clergy and the altar boys descended from the platform to where the corner stone lay and Archbishop Keen blessed it according to the ritual. After which they reascended and Dr. Charles A. Wingenter addressed the people, as follows:

Dr. Wingenter's Address. "To you who have gathered to-day to witness the blessing and the laying of the corner-stone of this new school let me say that this is no meaningless and no common ceremony. This corner-stone is as full of meaning as the struc-