

VICTORY IS SURE IN 1900

Bryan's Prediction Made in a Speech at Lincoln Yesterday.

GREAT GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE Friends of Silver Must All March Together.

Some of the Friends of Silver Are Afraid that the Republicans Will Steal the Bimetallism Thunder, But So Far as Bryan is Concerned, He is Willing to Leave His Thunders on the Front Porch, So That it May Be Within Easy Reach of Those Who Desire to Parloin It.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 6.—The Lansing theatre was completely filled today with friends of silver men when the state bimetallism conference was called to order.

Mr. Bryan said the warm reception accorded him prompted him to paraphrase an old saying which would read: "It is better to have run and lost than never to have run at all."

He reviewed the campaign from the Chicago convention till the close of the polls. He showed the great gain of the silver party since 1884 and believed that with the efforts to be made during the next four years there could be no question of a victory in 1900.

He spoke for nearly an hour and at the close the audience rose and gave him three hearty cheers. The conference adjourned at afternoon.

There was a little clash at the opening of the afternoon session over the permanent chairmanship, which was compromised by the selection of Judge C. R. Scott, of Omaha, a free silver and Populist.

Bliss Talked to McKinley His Lips, However, Are Sealed as to What Actually Occurred at the Home of Hanna.

New York, Jan. 6.—Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss, who returned yesterday from Cleveland, where he met President-elect McKinley by appointment at the home of Chairman Mark Hanna, said today:

He had been intending to call on Major McKinley ever since the election. A month ago I expected to meet him in Cleveland, but was unable to get away from home.

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Seven nuns were smothered in the smoke. Their names are: Sister St. Dominique, de Paul (Elise Gosselin, of St. Louis, Chrysothome), Sister Providence (Emma La Tourneau, Quebec), Sister Ursule (Corinth Garneau, of St. Poye), Sister Anne (Laura Pudo, of Herbertville, de Deschambault), Sister St. Dominique (Marie Louise Girard, of Roberval), Sister St. Louis (Rose Gosselin, of St. Louis), and Sister St. Anne (Laura Pudo, of Herbertville, de Deschambault).

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