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SILVER'S FRIENDS GAIN A VICTORY.

Michigan Republicans in the White Metal Column.

HARD STRUGGLE WON.

Financial Plan in the Minneapolis Platform Given an Indorsement.

DEPEW'S WARNING IN VAIN.

Delegates the Convention the Party Must Declare for "Sound" Money or Fall.

DETROIT, Mich., May 7.—The Michigan Republican State Convention to-day elected four delegates at large and alternates to the Republican National Convention.

The features of the convention were the address of Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, who dropped in on the delegates unexpectedly and made a ringing speech, and the victory of the silver men in forcing the adoption of the financial plank of the Minneapolis convention of 1892.

When Chairman A. W. Smith of the State Central Committee called the convention to order at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, he announced that he had a surprise in store for the delegates, and proceeded to introduce Hon. Chauncey M. Depew of New York, who had been induced to stop off while passing through the city with his party and make an address to the convention.

Mr. Depew was received with wild enthusiasm by the delegates and spectators, and made a speech which kept the audience laughing and cheering alternately for half an hour.

He traveled through the so-called silver States and talked with many persons on the issues of the day, and everywhere the statement was made that they would have free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, but with it they must have protection or they could not live.

He declared that if the Republican National Convention did not declare for sound money unequivocally, the great States of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts, which are all now as soundly Republican as Michigan, will be put by that act in the doubtful column.

He referred to the statesmen whose names are now before the public. As he mentioned Allison, Morton and Reed in turn there was moderate applause. As McKinley's name fell from the speaker's lips there was a spontaneous rising of the delegates in a burst of wild applause which lasted a couple of minutes.

As the tumult died away one of the delegates shouted, "How do you like that, Mr. Depew?"

"When it comes to the vote, Michigan will have but thirty-two," was the ready response.

At the close of Depew's address he was given three rousing cheers.

The platform adopted to-day favors the re-enactment of the McKinley bill and the restoration of reciprocity. The McKinley and money planks read as follows:

We are united in favor of the nomination of William McKinley of Ohio by the Republican party for the office of President of the United States, and hereby instruct the delegates selected at this convention to use all honorable means to secure his nomination so long as his name is before the National Convention.

We are unyielding and uncompromising in our demand for sound money. We are in favor of the use of gold, silver and paper dollars in our currency, all maintained at parity as to purchasing and debt paying power.

legal tender, providing full and equal purchasing and debt-paying power, thereby having a parity of value, and to that end we demand a purely American system of money based upon gold and silver without advantage to either at the mints of this Government.

We demand that all paper money issued by the Government shall be redeemable in gold or silver at the option of the Government.

We are opposed to the retiring of the greenbacks, the money of the people, the savior of the Union, the money favored by Lincoln.

HARRISON STAYS AWAY.

The Ex-President Modestly Declines to Influence Indiana's Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 7.—William McKinley of Ohio today everything his own way in Indiana to-day. The hope of his opponents lay in the expectation that ex-President Harrison would address the convention this morning and create such a whirl of enthusiasm for himself that the intention to instruct, so plainly shown in the district meetings the night before, would not prevail.

The preliminary work thus finished the convention proceeded to the nomination of a State ticket, as follows: For Governor, James A. Mount of Montgomery; Lieutenant-Governor, W. S. Haggard; Secretary of State, W. D. Owen; Auditor, A. C. Daily; Treasurer, F. J. Scholz; Attorney-General, W. A. Ketchum; Supreme Court Reporter, Charles F. Remy; Superintendent of Instruction, D. M. Geeting; Statistician, C. J. Thompson.

On the currency question the platform says: We are unalterably opposed to every scheme that threatens to debase or depreciate our currency. We favor the use of silver as currency, but to the extent only and under such regulations that its parity with gold can be maintained, and in consequence are opposed to the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

BRYAN CHALLENGES CARLISLE.

The Secretary Accused of Defending a Policy He Once Denounced.

OMAHA, NEB., May 7.—Hon. W. J. Bryan to-day sent a challenge to Hon. John G. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury at Washington. In brief, Mr. Bryan says: "You have changed your position upon the paramount public issue, and are now defending a financial policy which you once denounced. The advocates of free and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1 admit your opinion, but contend that you owe it to the public to answer the arguments which you yourself made in 1878 before attempting to answer the arguments of others."

THE CONVENTION FUND.

Chicago Is Coming Up Very Slowly With the \$40,000.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 7.—The guarantors of the \$40,000 subscription to the Democratic National Convention fund held a secret meeting this morning in the office of Chairman Donnersberger of the local committee to decide on a course of action looking to the collection of the money subscribed, only \$10,000 having been paid. Ben T. Cable, the National Committeeman from Illinois, was present as the representative of Levi Z. Leiter. An encouraging view of the financial situation was taken, and one of the committee said the second \$10,000 demanded by Chairman Harry would be in hand to-morrow, when a meeting of the subscribers would be held. The men who signed the guarantee are responsible to the National Committee, and prominent Democrats laugh at the idea of the convention not being held here.

NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATS.

Commend Cleveland and Oppose Free Coinage at Any Ratio.

TRENTON, N. J., May 7.—The Democratic State Convention was called to order at noon. Assemblyman John W. Queen was made permanent chairman. The platform was then read and adopted without amendment. It is opposed to the free coinage of silver at any ratio and to the compulsory purchase of silver bullion by the Government; opposes any changes in the present tariff; favors liberal expenditures for coast defenses; commends President Cleveland's administration; pledges allegiance to the Monroe doctrine, and expresses sympathy with the patriots of Cuba in their struggle for victory.

COLORADO FOR SILVER.

Republicans May Bolt Unless the White Metal Is Recognized.

DENVER, Colo., May 7.—From present indications Senator Wolcott's indifference will dominate the State Republican Convention which is to meet in Pueblo May 14 and that he will be sent to St. Louis along with delegates in harmony with his views. As a sop to the silver wing of the party Senator Teller will be named as one of the delegates, if he chooses to accept, but the sentiment of the leaders who appear to have control of the party machine in Colorado will be to discontinue a bolt from the National Convention in the event that silver is not recognized. There will be a lively fight in the Pueblo convention, but from the reports of county conventions already held the Wolcott men



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H. H. Holmes, alias Mudgett, the Arch Criminal of Modern History, Who Was Hanged Yesterday.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 7.—Herman W. Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, was hanged this morning in the County Prison for the killing of Benjamin F. Pielzel.

The drop fell at 10:12 o'clock, and twenty minutes later he was pronounced dead by the prison officials, Dr. Sharp and Dr. Butcher.

The execution was in every way entirely devoid of any sensational features.

To the last Holmes was self-possessed and cool, even to the extent of giving a word of advice to Assistant Superintendent Richardson as the latter was arranging the final details.

At 10 o'clock the doors leading to the long corridor in which was placed the gallows were opened and, two by two, led by the Sheriff's jury, the spectators passed down. The last man had just

recent confession in which he admitted the killing of a score of persons of both sexes in different parts of the country. Almost his last words were a point-blank denial of any crimes committed except the deaths of two women at his hands by malpractice.

Of the murder of several members of the Pielzel family he denied all complicity, particularly of the father, for whose death he stated he was unjustly suffering the penalty.

There were comparatively few persons gathered on the outside of the prison during the early part of the morning and the mob which was expected would be drawn there by the execution was lacking.

All the arrangements for the burial of Holmes were entrusted by the murderer to Mr. Rotan. The place of interment has, it is understood, been selected, but those who are most likely to know where the grave is to be will not divulge the location.

Holmes retired about midnight and slept soundly during the entire time until called at 6 o'clock this morning. So sound were his slumbers, in fact, that twice he was called before awaking.

When the meal was ended, shortly before 9 o'clock, Holmes dressed himself in trousers, vest and cutaway coat of some dark mixed goods of a pepper and salt effect he had worn frequently.

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passed through the doors and the latter closed when from behind was heard the slow and measured tread of the death party.

The suspense was almost painful, brief though it was, when, preceded by Sheriff Clements and Superintendent Perkins, Holmes appeared and stepped on the trap.

On the right was Father Dailey, to the left Father McPake, and behind them Lawyer Rotan and Assistant Superintendent Richardson. The little party stood a moment looking down, and then, in response to a signal from one of those beside him, Holmes stepped forward.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I have very few words to say, in fact, I would make no statement at this time, except that by not speaking I may be made to acquiesce in my execution. I only want to say that the extent of my wrongdoings in the taking of human life consisted in the death of two women, they having died at my hands as the result of criminal operations. I wish to state also, however, so that there will be no misunderstanding hereafter, that I am not guilty of taking the lives of any of the Pielzel family, the three children of the father, Benjamin F. Pielzel, of whose death I am now convicted, and for which I am to-day to be hanged. That is all."

As he ceased speaking he stepped back, and kneeling between Fathers Dailey and McPake, he joined with them in silent prayer for a minute or two.

Again standing he shook hands with all about him and then signified his readiness for the end. Holmes was the coolest of the whole party. He even went to the extreme of suggesting to Assistant Superintendent Richardson that the latter should not hurry himself.

"Take your time; don't bungle it," Holmes remarked as the official exhibited some little haste, the outcome of nervousness. These were almost his last words. The cap was adjusted, a low-toned query, "Are you ready?" and an equally low-toned response, "Yes, good-by," and the trap was sprung.

Holmes' neck was not broken, and there were a few convulsive twitches of the limbs that continued for about ten minutes. "But he suffered none after the drop," said Dr. Scott, the prison physician.

The trap was sprung precisely at 10:12 1/2, and fifteen minutes later Holmes was pronounced dead, though the body was not cut down until 10:45. When it was laid out on the stretcher occurred the only incident approaching the revolting in connection with the affair.

The knot had become jammed and the efforts of the doctors failed to loosen it as they attempted to remove the noose from about the neck. The head was twisted about from side to side in the attempt, and finally it was decided to cut the rope. Superintendent Perkins objected, however, and the knot was undone after several minutes of trying work.

After the body had been viewed by the physicians and the manner of death determined the stretcher on which it lay was wheeled out of the corridor into the jail-yard. Here it was placed in an ordinary cheap pine coffin, wide enough and deep enough to have held two men of Holmes' size. The coffin was put aboard an undertaker's wagon and conveyed to the Roman Catholic Cemetery of the Holy Cross.

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Accomplices Have a Horse and Carriage Waiting for the Fugitives.

MADERA, CAL., May 7.—William Laverone and "Jack" Roberts, who were captured last week at a cave near Bates, after a stubborn fight had been made on their part, and surrendered only after miners had drilled holes in the ground and were putting in giant powder with which to bring down upon them tons of earth and boulders, have escaped from the county jail.

Ever since these two outlaws have been confined in the jail the officers have endeavored to use the utmost precaution to prevent their escape, as they were regarded as the most reckless and daring criminals the jail has ever sheltered.

The firmness of the prison had been proven by the escaping of "Mormon Jimmy" Lawson, who at last succeeded in getting permanent lodgings in the penitentiary after he had made three successful breaks for liberty.

Howard Wells, the jailer of the county, has been locking the prisoners in one cell, while at nights he slept in the corridor. Richard Magoon, who is under arrest on a charge of murdering "Jack" McGurk, occupied one of the cells, but the door from his cell into the corridor of the jail was left open, as he is an old man and somewhat feeble.

During the day the prisoners had dug almost entirely through the partition-wall which separated them from Magoon, and in the night, as soon as Wells was asleep, they finished cutting the hole in the wall and crawled through into Magoon's cell, where they warned the old man to keep quiet or they would kill him. Roberts then took one of the loose bricks and went in to where Wells was sleeping and struck him over the head with the brick. The jailer, though stunned, grappled with Roberts in the dark and attempted to overpower him. He bent the outlaw over the bed and, drawing his revolver, attempted to shoot him; but it was so dark that he shot himself through the hand and Roberts in the arm. The pistol was knocked out of Wells' hand, and, to prevent Roberts from getting it, he kicked it under the bed, where it was found this morning.

Laverone then came to the assistance of Roberts and the combined efforts of the two succeeded in overpowering the jailer, who was gradually growing weak and faint from the loss of blood, the wound in the hand bleeding profusely. When the prisoners succeeded in getting the keys from Wells they got his shotgun and \$10 in money and then unlocked the outer door. Roberts held Wells under the cover of the shotgun, and in a few moments Laverone arose up in a buggy. Roberts got in and the two drove off in the darkness.

Mike McCluskey, who lives some distance from the jail, had heard the calls of Wells, but he did not get to the jail until after the prisoners had escaped. He found Wells lying on the floor, where he had fainted from loss of blood. McCluskey gave the alarm, and Wells was taken to a hotel and placed in the care of a doctor. He will be confined to his bed for some time.

A posse was soon organized by Sheriff Westfall, and it has been out all night and to-day. The posse traced the buggy tracks north from town, across the Fresno River on to the plains, where the track was lost.

The officers say that the escapes must have had accomplices, for they are positive that they were not in possession of any tools with which they could have dug through the walls of their cells. This view is strengthened by the fact of Laverone procuring a horse and buggy so quickly after he got out of the jail. The preliminary examination of the bandits on the charge of robbing M. Ashley of \$250 and a gold watch had been set for to-day.

The officers believe that the prisoners headed for the foothills, as they know the ground well in the vicinity of Raymond. Dispatches have been sent in all directions, out so far this has resulted in nothing.

BLOODBOUNDS ENGAGED.

Deputy Sheriff Timmins and His Men-Hunters Join the Chase.

FRESNO, CAL., May 7.—Deputy Sheriff L. P. Timmins left this evening for Madera with his three bloodhounds to take up the chase of Outlaws Laverone and Roberts. The Deputy Sheriff has raised the dogs from pups, and this is the first time that he has taken them into active service. He has trained the hounds diligently for some time, and expects considerable of them in the present chase. The dogs have been tried a number of times, and have been very successful in following trails. They will find the escapes and Timmins will do the fighting, if any is necessary. The results are looked forward to with great interest here.

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