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## JUST LIKE A DIME MUSEUM.

### Some Democrats Disgusted With the Exhibit at Chicago.

### PAID SPIELERS LABOR INDUSTRIOUSLY.

### Tactics That Cause the Big Gathering to Be Styled a Hayseed Convention.

### BYNUM NOW PREDICTS DEFEAT FOR THE PARTY.

### Says the Nomination of a Silver Candidate Will Be as Far as the Democrats Will Go.

"The Call's" Headquarters, Chicago, Ill., July 3.

Bland is still on top. Interest is now beginning to develop on the Vice-Presidency. Ex-Governor Penoyer of Oregon and United States Senator Stephen M. White of California are prominently mentioned, White having preference because of his sound conservatism, good business sense and uncompromising Democracy. If a nominee for Vice-President should be selected from the Pacific Coast Senator White will undoubtedly be the man.

Democrats who have fought, suffered and bled for their party are disgusted with the dime museum now being exhibited as the Democratic National Convention. They say that, composed as it is of an advisory board of Populists, Republicans, socialists and anarchists, it cannot appeal to the loyalty of the Democrats of the nation with the voice of authority.

Congressman Bynum of Indiana told me to-day that if the Democrats adopt a silver platform and nominate a silver man for President and Vice-President that will be as far as the so-called Democracy of the present convention will get. He meant that the ticket would be defeated. The ignoring of the tariff is sure in the present discussion, Mr. Bynum declared, to be a fatal political error.

Senator Hill of New York arrived tonight. When the reporters called upon him he exhibited alarming symptoms of paresis, alleging that he was fatigued. He may be less fatigued to-morrow.

JOHN PAUL COSGRAVE.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 3.—The menagerie of Populists, Republican boaters and disgruntled reformers from the Democratic ranks was in full cry to-day, and made the air in the lobby of the Palmer House as hot and muggy as that of a steam bath. The paid spiers were out in the full force of their chains, each the center of a perspiring crowd, each very hot, very angry and with a very menacing attitude, emphasized by the brandishing of a clenched fist in front of the nose of the person addressed.

The name of Jackson or Jefferson is not mentioned once. The spectators on the balcony in the entresol catch occasionally arising from the hubbub the names of Teller, Bland, Matthews and Hill, but the word "tariff" is not on the Democratic campaign list this year. It is simply a silver-plated sheet of brass full of sound and shining which signifies nothing.

So conspicuous, indeed, is the spurious and misbegotten complexion of this convention and its hungry camp followers that it has become a common subject of remark not only on the part of outsiders, but of that of the delegates themselves.

James H. Eckels, United States Comptroller of Currency, who is here in the interest of the sound money men, says: "If Democracy is to be given over to Populism, Socialism and Farmer Alliance doctrine it ought to be run decently and in order, and not in a manner which makes the outrage doubly shameful and unprecedented."

Mr. Eckels also deplores the action of the Illinois delegation in bowing down before the dictation of Governor Altgeld and agreeing to rescind the two-thirds rule, and predicts that the dictatorial spirit of the Illinois delegation and of Governor Altgeld will be resented by a majority of the convention. He deplores the fact, also, that more attention is now being paid to the advice and wishes of undemocratic organizations and individuals who never have been Democrats than to organizations and individuals who are now and always have been loyal to the party. He reasons correctly when he says that this introduction of a mongrel element into the Democratic convention will be repudiated by all good Democrats at the polls.

Mr. Eckels is not alone in his opinion of the present gathering and its methods. By almost universal consent the affair which is advertised to take place in the Coliseum next Tuesday is being called the hayseed convention. This appellation is accepted by the friends of the Senator from Colorado, himself a disgruntled Republican; by Senator Stewart of Nevada, a Republican, and Senators Lee Mantle and Dubois, both of whom were Republicans up to the nomination of Major McKinley and the adoption of the protection plank, and who left the party for the party's good. Otherwise they would never have had the audacity to intrude their suggestion into the Democratic party, much less to ask that a Democratic National Convention should nominate a Republican as its Presidential candidate. But that is what they are doing, and nobody seems to be offended because of this cold-blooded proposition.

It seems to be looked upon as a matter of course that anybody on the outside, whether Republican, Populist, socialist or anarchist, may walk into the Democratic circus like a little man after paying his money at the door. Hence Mr. Teller's friends have pitched their headquarters near the center of the Democratic ring, and are flaunting their banners defiantly in the face of the Democracy just as

though it were the proper thing, and not even a whisper of protest is heard save from such lifelong sturdy and self-sacrificing Democrats as Congressman W. D. Bynum of Indiana and others of the same character who never bolted their party, and in earnest voices, though few, are demanding the reaffirmation of the oldtime Democratic principles and the return to time-honored and respectable methods. Congressman Bynum spent the greater part of to-day in the headquarters of the Indiana sound-money delegation in the Palmer House. Of the thirty delegates from the State twenty-six favor free coinage and four are for the present gold standard. But these four claim to represent the true Democratic sentiment of their State. They have accordingly flung their banner to the breeze, having engaged the finest parlors in that aristocratic hostelry, and have gathered around them a handful of representatives of the old party—men whose words must be listened to with respect if not with assent.

Among the leading gentlemen is Congressman Bynum. I had a talk with him to-day and found him to be very outspoken as to his opinion of the nondescript character of the present convention. He is a big man physically as well as mentally, and stands high in the regard of the people of his State as well as his fellow-members in Congress. He is such a man whose words would have great weight in a Democratic convention, but in the present revolutionary committee it is not likely that he will be given a hearing at all. He was especially severe on the element which controlled the Indiana State Convention by which the present silver delegates were chosen. He said that the State Convention was made up of Populists, cranks and disgruntled Democrats, who dominated the convention all through, while they turned down every honest, self-sacrificing Democrat of any prominence of the State.

"The men who are here in the sound-money cause," said Bynum, "are the men who have carried on the battles of Democracy and who have helped it to succeed in the State of Indiana. They were not given a voice in the convention to show how they disregarded all their party obligations. I will say that they ousted the chairman of our State committee and will not allow him to be a member of the National delegation from Indiana to this convention. We are here to represent the solid Democrats of our State, for it seems to me that Republicans and Populists are the leading spirits here. They seem to have a greater voice in the affairs of the National Democracy than men higher up in the party who were born Democrats. You know whom I mean—Dubois, Pettigrew, Stewart of Nevada, Congressman Schaffner of Colorado and others of the same political complexion—all of them Republicans. They have set up their headquarters here in the Democratic camp and are booming a disgruntled Republican for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket. What ought to appear stranger still is the fact that their advice, instead of being repudiated and ignored, is on many points of procedure and policy accepted with thanks."

"There is another organization here, not a Democratic one, but a hodge-podge of Republicans, Populists and other people of the same fry, called the Bimetallic League, an organization formed in the interest of the silver miners. It has also set up its tent in the doorway of the Democratic council-chamber and is assisting the nondescript politicians of this peculiar convention in ignoring all the time-honored and sound tenets of the Democracy. There seems to be no disposition to reform the very undemocratic manners of the political dictators. The same men who were here four years ago shouting for sound money and Cleveland are shouting against him now and in favor of the free-coinage of silver. The reason for their change of tune is that most of them have been disappointed in their political ambitions, and they have now started on a campaign of rule or ruin."

"What will be the upshot of it all?" I asked. "They will adopt a 16 to 1 free coinage platform," responded the Congressman, "and they will nominate their candidates for President and Vice-President." The speaker paused here.

"Well?"

Mr. Bynum reflected for a few seconds and then said: "That is as far as they will get."

The speaker added that the substantial men of the Democratic party were not ready yet for the free coinage of silver. "It is a departure from Democratic principles and the platform. The tariff is a very important issue at this time with the working people of the United States. Many new and thickly settled manufacturing centers have been recently developed in the gas belt, and the tariff will be an issue of considerable importance to them. If there was not a deficiency in the revenue of the Nation that issue would not cut any figure at all, but because of the deficiency the tariff proposition has forced itself to the front."

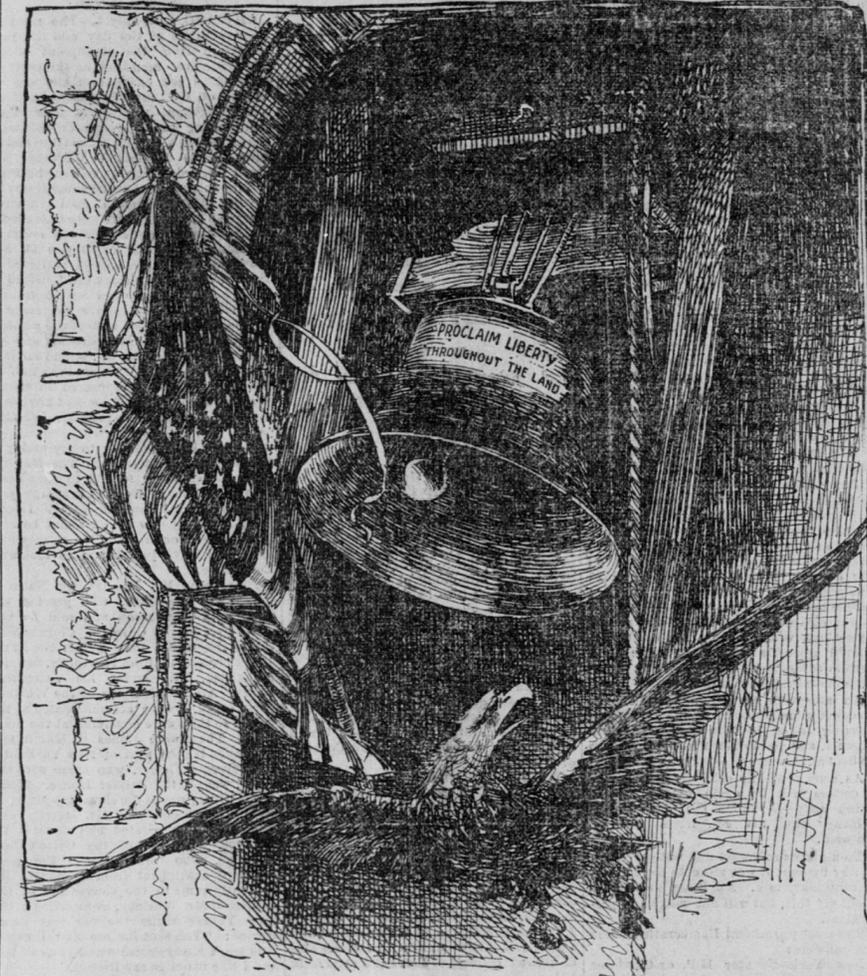
"Do you think that the people of the United States have been and are satisfied with the operations of the Wilson bill?" was my next question.

Bynum replied: "Some manufacturers are satisfied with the Wilson bill and some are not. Woolen manufacturers are complaining more than any others. The whole woolen industry is complaining more than any other I know of. The iron men don't seem to complain any, nor do the glass men."

"Our object in coming here and establishing headquarters is to raise our voice in protest against the threatened disruption and destruction of the Democratic party by the Populists, Republicans and anarchists, who seem to be in control of its organization. We have united our forces in order to effect a concerted action in the crisis with which the Democracy is now confronted."

From what I have heard and observed around the different Democratic camps since I have been in Chicago I am of the opinion that the voices of such steadfast, determined and respectable Democrats as Congressman Bynum and his associates will not be heard, and that the gag will be applied by the silver men in accordance with the programme prepared by Governor Altgeld.

Major Towles of the Bimetallic League, one of the nicest old gentlemen connected with that organization, told me half an hour later that from all he had been able



to learn he did not believe that anybody did pronounced silver men would be allowed to serve upon any committee or in any capacity whatever in the convention. He qualified this statement with great particularity by saying that he did not speak ex cathedra, but that was his impression. It was his impression also, not derived from any particular delegation or person, but absorbed from the environment, that if the National Committee should appoint a temporary chairman who was not a pronounced silver man, he and the committee would be turned down by the big silver majority in the convention, and another man of the convention's own choice seated in his place.

New York's gold headquarters were opened this morning in parlor 8 of the Palmer House, with a brave display of flags and bunting, interspersed with portraits of Hill, Whitney and other prominent leaders of the Democracy of that State. At present it is their intention to offer Hill as a vicarious atonement upon the altar of gold as the temporary chairman of the convention. This will be done for New York by the gold majority of the National Committee, and they expect that the convention will crown Mr. Hill's bald forehead with a garland of roses and seat him on the throne in the big Coliseum, Michigan; but the presentation of his name will give the friends of sound money an opportunity of discussing the proposition upon the floor of the convention and

of warning the Democracy of the Nation of the peril in which it stands by its repudiation of sound money. But notwithstanding this carefully prepared plan I do not think that the advocates of sound money will be given a hearing at all. The Altgeld gag will be applied to them. The chairman of the convention and the manipulators of the silver fight on the floor will so arrange matters as to choke off debate upon every proposition, and they will do this in parliamentary manner as well. For instance, should a gold man offer an amendment to the platform some silver leader immediately after the question has been stated by the chair will move to lay the amendment of the gentleman from New York on the table. A motion to lay on the table not being debatable, the question will be put, the motion will be carried with a whoop, and the gentleman from New York will take his seat with a very red face and a bewildered air. In any other case the previous question will be called for and debate will thus be cut off.

By such tactics as these very carefully prepared Governor Altgeld and his colleagues expect to rush the business through within two days. The Governor does not believe in a grand-stand finish. He prefers the Napoleonic tactics of massing all his forces upon the enemy's weakest point and crushing him at one charge. This programme will be carried out to the letter, notwithstanding the protest and remonstrances of the advocates of sound money. There can be only one result.

Time-conscious Democrats who thus drooped and trampled under (while they may not walk out of the convention as did some of these advisers in St. Louis) will go home and indicate the candidates and the platform in such an un-Democratic Vice-President Stevenson is still in the minds of the silver delegates that he is not always in favor of free coinage, but practically there are only two in the fight—Bland and Boies. The quantity of dispatches tele-

graphed by the newspaper correspondents to the journals represented by them, the number of words sent in such special letters running away up into the millions. They add that from present indications the Chicago convention will beat even this record, and I have no doubt that the San Francisco CALL will be an important factor in this race, so far as the Pacific Coast is concerned.

The political cartoonists are still engaged in having fun with this most remarkable gathering. The Inter-Ocean portrays Boss Altgeld with an old-style revolver in his belt labeled "Ambition" tying a bunch of enormous free-silver and bossism firecrackers to the tail of the weary Democratic mule. Back of him is a barrel with Debs' face drawn upon it filled with firecrackers. The subhead is "Democracy's enfant terrible; he doesn't care whether he brings up in the hospital or not if he can only sky that neighborhood." The jocose grin on the face of the Governor is in striking contrast to the weary, sleepy expression of the disgruntled mule.

The Tribune has a strip running across the page representing incidents in the career of "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman of South Carolina. In one place he is represented with his pitchfork trying to pry up the silver dollars committed to the floor of a fashionable saloon. In another place he is seen with the same instrument fishing for the cherry in the bottom of his cocktail glass.

Delegates arriving from the Eastern sea coast and high altitudes and from the balmy West are suffering very much from the heat and many cases of prostration have been reported at the hotels. Yesterday eight well-seasoned residents of Chicago were sunstruck on the streets. One of them died instantly and the others were taken to the hospitals, and yet the mercury did not rise above 87 degrees Fahrenheit. This would be counted very cool weather in many parts of the San Joaquin Valley in California, where men and women pick grapes all day with the mercury standing between 102 and 110 in the shade during the whole season and where sunstroke is unknown. The CALL's staff of correspondents are feeling very well and keeping as cool as possible.

JOHN PAUL COSGRAVE.

### GARLAND HAS BACKERS.

The Ex-Attorney-General's Name Added to the List of Silver Candidates for the Presidency.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 3.—The name of A. H. Garland, Attorney-General under Mr. Cleveland's first administration, has been added to the list of candidates for the Democratic silver Presidential nomination. The Garland boom is not of the instructed sort, but in the Arkansas delegation, which is instructed for Bland, the Kentucky delegation, which is instructed for Blackburn, in the Tennessee delegation and other delegations, it is claimed that he has personal friends who are putting in quiet but effective work in his behalf. His supporters only intend to name him as a candidate in the event that the leading men become so deadlocked that it may be deemed the part of wisdom to cast them all aside and take up some new man with no antagonisms and adverse record to contend against. They claim that ex-Senator Garland was an original silver man with a clear record on that subject in the United States Senate and that he gained a wide acquaintance with public men and affairs during his service in Washington, which fully qualified him for the nomination.

### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Harity Calls a Meeting for Monday to Settle the Temporary Organization.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 3.—Chairman Harity has called a meeting of the National Committee for Monday next, at which the matter of the temporary organization will be settled. B. B. Smalley of Vermont, replying to the question, "What will the committee do?" said: "Why, do as they have always done. The members can do nothing else. I am going to support the nominee of this convention, but I don't propose to be told by anybody how I shall discharge my duties as a member of the National Committee. I have no responsibility after that is done. I recognize the fact that I am but one of a small and powerless minority, which can only wait and see what the triumphant majority will do."

### BOIES LOOKS CONFIDENT.

With Beaming Countenance He Departs for the Scene of Strife at Chicago.

WATERLOO, Iowa, July 3.—Governor Boies left for Chicago to-night at 7:30 o'clock unescorted. As usual, he had nothing to say, but his countenance beamed with a smile that betokened confidence in the result of the convention. Mr. Boies has spent the past week handling and answering the great volume of mail matter that is arriving from all sections of the country. It is understood that he will not enter the convention as a delegate at large, having delegated that duty to Judge Van Wagenen of Grand Rapids.

### BLACKBURN'S AMBITION.

Would Probably Be Satisfied With Second Place on the Democratic Ticket.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 3.—While it is generally believed that Blackburn's name will be presented for first place on the ticket, the Kentuckians will keep an eye out for combinations by which they may receive second honor. It is known the Senator would be content with this recognition, and not only that, but would be glad to have it. It may be expected that the bulk of effort by his friends in Chicago will be directed to this end.

### PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 3.—Judge Yerkes in the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day, overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of James E. Gentry, who was convicted on Saturday last of the murder of his fiancée, Margaret W. Drysdale—known on the stage as Madge York—and sentenced Gentry to be hanged. The prisoner bore every appearance of great suffering and cried bitterly while the Judge was pronouncing the death sentence.

### Will Not Be Able to Gain the Support of the Democrats.

### MUST RUN INDEPENDENT IN THE RACE.

### The Chicago Convention Will Not Go Outside the Party for a Torchbearer.

### BLAND MEN DO NOT FEAR THE COLORADAN.

### Gold Advocates Make a Poor Showing and May Eventually Take to the Woods.

THE CALL'S HEADQUARTERS, THE AUDITORIUM ANNEX, CHICAGO, ILL., July 3.

The vigor with which the Teller men are urging his candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination by the National Democratic Convention is causing much speculation among the other forces. It is not believed possible, however, that the Colorado silver statesman can secure the coveted prize. There are too many white-metal candidates in the field for the Democracy to search outside for a chief torchbearer. Still the matchless energy of the Teller people must be admired; even if they do not succeed in having him nominated for President by the convention they will have considered that they have won a great victory, and will doubtless gracefully retire and go before the country on an independent silver platform. It was lately thought that the Teller boom had been punctured, but when Senator Stewart of Nevada got into town he plugged up the holes, filled the balloon up full of fresh air and started Teller up afresh.

Senator Stewart was asked if he would have the Democracy boom the silver party of the country and he replied:

"It was a silver party under Jefferson and Jackson. If you mean by a silver party a party which is in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, without asking permission of the mother country, then I would not prevent the Democracy party from returning to the usages and customs of the better days of the Republic by repudiating the usurpations of Cleveland, which are consolidating the powers of the Government in the executive, nor would it interfere with the return to an economical and honest administration of the Government. All these things would be done by the true Democracy, which would return to the money of the constitution and follow the teachings of Jefferson. This ought to be done willingly by every Democrat in the land unless he can discover something in Cleveland's administration which would have been approved by Jefferson. In short, if Democracy is instrumental in rescuing the United States from the government of an alien gold syndicate through the instrumentality of banks, money-changers, stock-jobbers and gold gamblers it must repudiate not only the administration of the man from Buffalo, but also that of his predecessors for the last twenty years, and become a Jeffersonian party by observing the principles which he inculcated and repudiating the alien rascality and imbecility of the servants which the money of aliens has been putting in the White House for the last two decades."

"Do you find much sentiment here in favor of Senator Teller's nomination?"

"Nearly every man I met here was for Teller if the other fellow was, but he did not know what his neighbors thought about it, and he did not want to say until somebody else had said before him. This is the language of the multitude, but later in the day I saw a goodly number of men who seemed anxious to have it known that they were in favor of Teller and success and opposed to taking any chances of defeat. I think when the delegates get together and talk it over they will come out all right and nominate a candidate who will make Hanna think his candidate has the habit of the crawfish, which crawls backward."

The Bland men are not very much alarmed over the turn the boom has taken. They still believe that their candidate, who is now in the lead, will have no trouble in winning out. Consequently they look with indifference upon the aspirations of other candidates.

"We are not worrying over the sentiment which is being developed in favor of Teller," says Senator Farris, the Bland boomer of Missouri. "Now, he is a great man, and should he ever become President of the United States, the bimetallic system of money adopted by the Democratic fathers in harmony with the constitution would be restored as early as possible. The election of Mr. Teller would be a great victory of the masses over the classes, and no man would rejoice more over the triumph than Mr. Bland. If the free-silver delegates to the convention think that (Teller) is right on the financial question, and that he would poll the largest vote, Mr. Bland's personal interest will not stand in the way of success. But the friends of Mr. Bland believe that he is the strongest man before the country to-day and feel that he can be elected."

W. A. Clark, the Montana millionaire and chairman of the delegation from that State, arrived at the Auditorium Annex to-day and engaged an expensive flat on the parlor floor of that magnificent hotel. Mr. Clark is mentioned as a Vice-Presidential possibility. When I saw him to-day, however, he casually observed that Montana had no candidate. The members of the Montana delegation, however, would be very glad to have Mr. Clark nominated for the second place on the ticket. He is a liberal spender and would not be averse to going down into his sack to help the Democratic cause, especially because of the party stand upon the financial question. There are six delegates from Montana and they come unpledged

