

ARE NOT PREPARED TO TAMELY SURRENDER.

Populists of Principle Who Refuse to Give Up the Fight.

SILVERITES SCHEME TO GET BRYAN INDORSED.

But the Patriotic Middle-of-the-Road Men Say They Prefer a Bolt to Party Dishonor.

As the Silver Sack Has Been Tampering With the South, There Is a Promise of a Most Exciting Storm in the Convention.

THE CALL'S HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL LINDELL, ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 20.

The silver men and certain leaders of the Populists are trying to accomplish by indirection what they would not dare advocate openly—namely, the indorsement of Bryan. While swearing fealty to the party they recommend a surrender of its principles by fusing on Presidential electors.

Ignatius Donnelly, scholar and author, stands by the colors and demands an independent course. He will be one of the central figures of the convention, and around him will gather with enthusiasm the cohorts of those true People's party members known as middle-of-the-road men.

The California Populists arrived to-day and announced their 39 votes were solidly against the indorsement of Bryan or any other man.

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JOHN PAUL COSGRAVE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 20.—California came in with a whoop this morning. Her thirty-nine delegates, after having stowed away their effects in the Holland Hotel and breakfasted, marched down to the Hotel Lindell and taking up a position in the center of the crowded lobby, started the Populists' wacry of the golden State.

"Rah, rah, rah, Cal-i-for-nia. We are thirty-nine and will never vote for Bryan." The leader was N. W. Wilkins, editor of a Populist paper in California, a man of fine physique, massive frame and stentorian lungs.

"Three cheers for California," he roared, and the cheers were given with a will. This astounded the delegates to the silver convention, and it was several seconds before they recovered their presence of mind to propose three cheers for Bryan.

The thirty-nine Californians are middle-of-the-road men, only one of them being suspected of a tendency to waver. In order to keep him in the straight path he was tied by the ankles by the unit rule. The members of the delegation who arrived and registered at the Holland Hotel were: J. R. Burnett, J. P. Welch, H. Huppert, Edward McGuire, J. L. Steele, J. S. Dorsey, W. W. Browne, J. S. Waybright, E. M. Wardall, E. M. Hamilton, C. F. Bennett, J. A. Simons, Leon Leighton, J. C. Buttner, W. R. Woodard, J. R. Garner, J. C. Gore, Joseph Ashbury Johnson, E. H. Fulton, W. A. Aant, W. G. Miller and K. S. Houghton. The remainder are quartered in private residences and lodging-houses. The Californians are middle-of-the-road men pledged to straight Populism and will cast their thirty-nine ballots for a straight ticket.

The campaign was begun in earnest to-day, the lobby of the Lindell being crowded with delegates and with silver men and Democrats who are trying to convince the Populists of the errors of their ways. The peculiar feature of the National Convention is the absence of brass bands, or music of any character save that of the chin, which is very plentiful and cheap just now. A band would interrupt the political discussion which is going on and would indeed be a disturbing element. When people want to argue on practical economy they don't care about being diverted with a strain of "The May Have Seen Better Days" or "Since Willie Joined the Guards."

The crowd in the lobby consisted of a collection of various groups, ranging from ten to fifty persons in each group. In the center of each was a man foaming at the mouth and striking savagely at the air. Every once in a while he was interrupted by some man wearing a white badge with the words "Middle of the Road" on it. Then the man who foamed at the mouth barked like a mad dog and struck fiercely at the face of his interrupter.

Above the din such expressions as these were heard: "You are an ignorant ass." "You are the most ignorant man I ever saw in my life." "You were born without brains." "You ought to go to school again and learn some sense."

Then from another group were heard such expressions as these: "The market value of money is impaired by the demonization of silver," and the retort, "True money should have no market value, it being merely a representative of value."

The more they talked about money the more apparent it was that they did not know anything at all about the subject, and that a good many of the debaters had had but a very limited acquaintance or practical experience with money, whether gold, silver or notes. The silver spouters industriously argue that if the Populists

would abandon their party and go in with the Democrats and vote for Bryan so that silver might be free every man, woman and child in the community would get from the Government a barrel full of brand-new silver dollars, that poverty and all economic evils would disappear, and that therefore the Populist party would have no reason for further existence.

In all these contentions the middle-of-the-road men, who are easily distinguished by the white ribbon which they wear, stood firmly to their principles. They let the spouters talk, but will not admit a solitary proposition. They say that there are other things more important, so far as the welfare of the people is concerned, than the financial question. There is the governmental ownership and control of railroads, which important issue seemed to be altogether forgotten in the present controversy.

Toward evening the silver men began to grow more jubilant, and it became whispered about among the councils of the miners that Taubeneck, Weaver and other leaders of the Populists would be able to fix things all right for the silver people. While it was felt that to insist upon the indorsement of Bryan might provoke a storm it was deemed prudent to attain the same results by that roundabout method known as whipping the Democratic devil around the Populist stump, and the silver cohorts therefore set about to achieve by subtlety and indirection what they did not dare openly advocate.

"All these little differences will be settled up," said a delegate from Tennessee to me this afternoon. "The bad feeling between the Southern Democrats and the Southern Populists will be patched up by concessions which will be of advantage to both. This mob down here on the floor don't know anything about it, but then things have all been fixed up by the leaders and will be presented on the floor of the convention, backed by a strong following. The details are now being arranged. It is proposed, in order to prevent any treachery, that the Populists should put up two of their people for President and Vice-President and nominate their quota of Presidential electors in each State. Then, if after election the Democrats should fail to keep their promise, the Populist electors can cast their votes for the Populist candidates for President and Vice-President."

"What are the Populists going to get out of this?" I asked.

"Well," said the Tennesseean, hesitatingly, "I have not learned all the details yet, but they are being arranged and will no doubt be satisfactory to both parties."

It will be remembered that early in the fight several Populist leaders who came on the ground a week ago spent considerable time chasing Democratic leaders all over the country, for no other purpose I can imagine than to tempt the Democracy to make an improper proposal to the Populists. With the arrival of Senator Jones of Arkansas and Governor Stone of Missouri, the political partners of Governor Algeid and boosters for William J. Bryan and the deceiving Democracy, the pursuit ended and the details of this gigantic conspiracy were at once entered upon. The object of the conspiracy was the destruction of the People's party by throwing the weight of its influence for the Democratic nominees.

At first this was designed to be accomplished by the indorsement of Bryan and Sewall, but the temper of the delegates was found to be such that it would not be discreet to make the proposition. Then it was decided to accomplish the same end indirectly, and the assistance of Populist leaders who could be induced by promise of political preferment and things to betray



THE BOSS OF THE ROAD.

[After a design by Thomas Worth.]

their party was enlisted, and this is the way they are going about it. Senator Peffer in pursuance of this conspiracy, whether he be a member of it or not, says in a public card:

"There are two things upon which Populist delegates are all agreed. First, to maintain our party organization and machinery; second, to combine the anti-gold vote of the country on one candidate for the Presidency through a judicious selection of Presidential electors. Everything else will be made to bear on these two points."

"A judicious selection of Presidential electors" is the milk in the cocoanut of the conspiracy. Why all this beating about the bush? Why does not the Senator say as every other true Populist: "Let us put up a straight Populist on a Populist platform and fight for our principles, and let the Democrats and Republicans swallow each other if they want to."

Chairman Taubeneck of the National Executive Committee has worded his card very cunningly, but rather inconsistently. His first sentence establishes confidence; his second sentence is a confession. "I am most unalterably opposed to doing anything to our National Convention which will disintegrate and destroy the People's party. I am perfectly willing to do all that is fair and honorable to unite all the elements opposed to the gold standard upon one set of electors, and I think this can be done without surrendering our party organization or any of our principles."

"Cyclone" Davis of Texas comes to the front in a still longer card, in the concluding sentence of which he lets the cat out of the bag, as follows:

"But if the Democrats are placable enough to lower their patriotic pride and counsel with us plebeians we can then form a union on electors that will give more votes on the electoral college than the indorsement of Bryan and still leave each party on its own platform."

Ignatius Donnelly, the talented author of "Atlantis," "Cesar's Column" and "The Great Cryptograph," stands pat like a true Populist, and says:

"We believe the People's party is important to all the people of the world on other questions than that of silver. If we move all our forces into the Democratic boat and the Eastern wing of that party gets possession of that boat and scuttles it and we all go to the bottom together it would require diving-bells and derricks and grapple-irons to ever put the People's party back where it now stands. We are ready to put our Democratic friends on the back and call them good boys and tell them that in four years more they will be as enthusiastic over the demand for Government ownership of railroads as they are for free silver, and when they resolve (in the language of the Omaha platform) that wealth belongs to him who creates it, and that every dollar taken from labor without an equivalent is robbery, and that if any man does not work neither shall he eat, then we will talk about dissolving the People's party and joining their crowd."

A report was current this morning that Mr. Donnelly had declared for Bryan, but when his true sentiments were read later in the day in the middle-of-the-road headquarters, he was cheered again and again. The editor of the Missouri World, published at Chillicothe, in this State, said:

"There are many reasons against indorsing Bryan and Sewall. One is that the Democratic platform promises no relief except from silver, and the other is that the Democratic party does not keep its promises."

Fasted on the walls of the middle-of-the-road headquarters is a manuscript letter from John G. Maughmer of South Bend, Ind.:

"This will inform you that I am and have been a middle-of-the-road reformer for twenty years. I was a delegate to Cincinnati May 19 and 20, 1891, also to the Omaha National Convention; was chairman of the meeting of the Chicago Blue and the Gray, and I now appeal to you in all honesty and ask of you in the name of God and suffering humanity not to allow the Democratic serpent to swallow me up, as I am an old veteran and lost a leg that my country might not be divided, and so am unable to attend the convention. But I hope that you will see to it that if our party should succeed in committing suicide its remains should not be disgraced by allowing a Democratic monument to be erected over its grave."

In reviewing the whole situation this fact is apparent: that whether the Bryan Democrats succeed in capturing the convention there will be a straight Populist ticket put in the field, with straight Populist candidates and a straight Populist platform.

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ULTIMATUM OF THE SILVER MEN

Their Ticket Must Be Bryan and Sewall or Nothing.

IT IS NOT ACCEPTED.

Straight Populists Prepared to Bolt the Convention if They Cannot Rule.

TO NAME THEIR CANDIDATES.

California White-Metal Men Arrive and Shout for the Nebraska Orator.

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The silver men to-night issued their ultimatum to the middle-of-the-road Populists. It is Bryan and Sewall or nothing.

The Populists were willing to place Bryan at the head of their ticket, but reserved the right to name the Vice-President, allowing the electors to vote as they saw fit in the Electoral College. This proposition was made through the National Committees to Senators Jones, Allen, Stewart and Tom Patterson, who have the Bryan interests in their keeping.

Patterson told the committee plainly that Bryan would accept no compromise. That settled it. The middle-of-the-road people will now bolt the convention in case Bryan and Sewall are nominated or indorsed and place a straight party ticket in the field.

The California silver delegation arrived this evening. All are shouting for Bryan. Excitement is running high to-night.

HAVE CANDIDATES READY.

Middle-of-the-Road Populists Are Prepared to Bolt and Nominate Vandervoort and Burkett.

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Wind and whisks were the features of the convention preliminaries about the hotel corridors to-day. The scene at the Lindell was a particularly noisy and bewildered one. Here the delegates congregated in large groups. The Bryan forces predominated. They were headed by Senator Allen, the noted Populist of Nebraska. He holds the world's record as a long-distance speaker. He sustained his reputation to-day. He talked many of the "middle-of-the-road" boys into the ditch. He was ably seconded by a large and influential Bryan delegation from his State. All wore Bryan badges, Bryan buttons and talked Bryan with restless energy. The silver men pounded the anti-Bryan forces all about the hotel and out into the streets.

Still the latter were firm and defiant. They declared they would bolt the convention if Bryan were indorsed. They will then put a straight ticket in the field. Paul Vandervoort of Nebraska is mentioned as their choice for the Presidency, though a little boomlet was started for Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota shortly after the breakfast hour this morning. Both names will probably be presented to the convention, and should that body fail to make a nomination apart from Bryan the "keep-off-the-grass" Populists will leave the hall and take to the middle of the road.

Colonel Frank Burkett of Mississippi is mentioned for second place on the ticket with Vandervoort. This combination is said to have the united support of the ultra wing of the Populist party. When

it was sprung this morning it rather staggered the silver leaders for the time, but they soon recovered and commenced hammering the Vandervoort boom with great vigor. Vandervoort is the only Populist from Nebraska who does not favor Bryan. He is highly regarded by the middle-of-the-road faction because of his extreme views on all things Populistic. Before joining the People's party Mr. Vandervoort was a Republican. He left his party, however, in 1892 and is now president of the Reform Press Association and editor of the New Nation, a party organ published at Omaha. Mr. Vandervoort has had a varied and exciting political career. He served as a Republican in the Nebraska Legislature and was several times the party candidate for United States Senator.

"I am certainly opposed to the indorsement of Bryan," said Mr. Vandervoort to me to-day. "I am not now conceding anything and after the election will be time enough to talk division of electors. If we should make any compromise we could never deliver one-half of our votes. Our people will not stand being traded about any more, as they have been in the past. The Populists have had enough of that kind of business. The course of the National Committee has got us in this muddle and now since we are where we are the only way out of it all is to keep in the middle of the road."

Colonel Frank Burkett, who is expected to be put up for Vice-President, is from Oklahoma, Miss., and was candidate for Governor in that State last year. He is a member of the National Committee and Vice-President of the National Reform Press Association and editor of the Oklahoma Messenger.

"I am unalterably opposed to the indorsement of Bryan," he said. "I myself served four years in the Confederate army and was in the Democratic party for twenty-five years. I once thought Abraham Lincoln was the man who upset the country and brought on the rebellion, but of course I was mistaken. I was one of the bolting delegates in the Democratic Chicago Convention in 1892. After I came home from that convention my house was burned and I still carry a scar left by some one shooting me in the dark. Even if we should indorse Bryan it would do no good so far as the South is concerned. The Democrats have always treated the Southern Populists like dogs and to now indorse the Democratic nominees would mean social ostracism and ruin of business for us Southern Populists. I am in favor of putting up a straight ticket, and in case we get the proper recognition, to throw our electoral vote to the Democrats."

The silver men do not seem to be worrying over the change in the situation. They will harmonize the anti-Bryan forces in the People's party if they can. If they fail in this they will then drive them from the council chamber. They say that the vast majority of Populists will vote for Bryan anyway and if they cannot run the machine in their own way they will attempt to destroy it. Many of the silver leaders want Bryan nominated by the People's party in case they cannot secure his indorsement.

Thomas M. Patterson of Colorado thinks this way. He will even allow the Populists to make a platform; one that is not too radical and one on which Mr. Bryan can stand. But if the middle-of-the-road people have their way they will make the platform so extreme that it will make Bryan's hair stand on end. Patterson, however, has been working hard all day to have his ideas carried into effect. He has had frequent conferences with Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Senator Stewart, the shrewd and venerable silver boss. The Colorado editor says that Bryan will accept the nomination of the Populist party. This is embodied in an address which he has issued to the leaders of the obstreperous anti-Bryan faction. The address opens with the statement that the Bryan people agree with Chairman Taubeneck that the all-absorbing question with the Populists is and should be how they can assist in the speedy restoration of silver to its former place and at the same time maintain and advance their party organization.

The Bryan Democrats, in the address, state that they believe that the People's party is necessary to the country, and that should it become disbanded or inconsequential for want of members, the money power would soon resume complete sway over both the old parties and the masses and he should be made our standard-bearer in this campaign.

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The friends of Mr. Bryan, however, emphatically disagree with Mr. Taubeneck as to the means by which these ends are to be secured. To nominate an independent ticket, one in opposition as much to Bryan and Sewall as it would be to McKinley and Hobart, would not only make it impossible to restore free coinage of silver during the lifetime of the youngest in the coming convention, but it would practically annihilate the People's party so far as followers are necessary to make a party. The friends of Mr. Bryan admit that it is true that should the Democratic party be successful the Populists might not be in a position to "demand" appointments to office from Bryan. Yet the Bryan people want the Populists to understand that they need not doubt Mr. Bryan's sense of justice and recognition of obligation or patriotic duty well done by members of the People's party.

In the address it is said that the claim of Mr. Taubeneck that the Populist party should be an ally and not an annex of the Democratic party is an indorsement of the Democratic party, coupled with the plain assurance which its leaders have that the Populists and free coinage Republicans will flock to Bryan and Sewall by hundreds of thousands, whatever the Populist National Convention may do, it may be considered out of the question that the Democratic party, having already nominated its candidates and adopted its platform, will make the co-partnership arrangement which is the basis of Mr. Taubeneck's plans. Besides, it is added, the Democratic National Committee has not the vestige of the power necessary to enter into such

agreement, even if they desired to do so. Senator Allen of Nebraska, who is a tall, well-built man with a clean-shaven, handsome face, said to me to-day:

"I am as thorough a Populist as anybody, but the nomination of a third ticket will only result in the election of McKinley. Whether Bryan is indorsed by the convention or not he will receive the Populist vote of the entire West, and if the party is sincere in its desires to secure the reforms it declares for, Mr. Bryan will be its nominee. I appreciate how the Southern delegates feel about the matter, but this is a time when party prejudices should be subordinated for the good of our common cause."

Jerry Simpson, the sockless statesman, arrived from Kansas to-day. He is for Bryan.

"I am confident that we will nominate Mr. Bryan," said Mr. Simpson. "Any way that is what the convention should do. The rank and file of the party is for Bryan, and he should be made our standard-bearer in this campaign."

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J. P. KELLY NOMINATED.

Fifth District Democrats "Vindicate" the Junta Aspirant.

WINS ON THE SECOND BALLOT.

Made a Congressional Candidate by the Vote of Santa Clara County.

HIS SELECTION MAY MEAN A BOLT.

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Santa Clara County did the business. It held the key and kept it for Kelly. Its twenty-three votes went solidly to Clunie on the first ballot. Up to the second ballot nobody but the "dead inside" people knew what Santa Clara people would do. It voted for Clunie on the first ballot, not as a joke, but to cache its votes in a safe and harmless place until the first ballot made sure the situation. Santa Clara, though first alphabetically, was put last in the roll that its twenty-three votes might command the situation. On the second ballot the Santa Clara vote was so nicely played that it was the very last one, that of Sam Rucker, which gave the nomination to Kelly.

Lawyer Kelly is the jolly, liked-by-the-boys fellow who two years ago secured the nomination, to be repudiated by the Democratic State Central Committee during the campaign after the story of his connection with the street-sweeping contract "sack" became public. Kelly for months has been getting up early in the morning to secure a "vindication," and to-day he was vindicated by Sam Rainey and the Mint brigade.



Joseph P. Kelly, Democratic Nominee for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District.

Kelly having been nominated with the help of the boss of the administration forces and the supporters of gold in the convention, he is expected to become almost fanatical in his support of limitless silver. He is the handwork, as a candidate, of the San Francisco Junta, which is out against bossism and for pure, high-class politics.

An analysis of the vote shows that James H. Barry's strength came from the reputable element in the convention. The open and hearty encouragement he has received from all sources was of the same high character. The "push" and the machine quietly nominated Kelly, Barry, independent, honest and outspoken, was to be beaten at all hazards. The convention showed what party influences controlled the Democracy of the Fifth District.