

ST. LOUIS PLATFORM.

Mr. Heath, "Speaking for McKinley," Says Tariff Will Be the Issue.

Wall Street Attempting to Run the Convention, but Will Not Succeed.

Platt of New York Preparing a Coup to Spring at the Proper Time.

ST. LOUIS, June 8.—As yet no leaders who are to take part in the national convention have arrived. City politicians say that Marcus Hanna, the leader of the McKinley forces, will reach here next Tuesday, and that Thomas C. Platt, in charge of the Morton campaign, will come two days later.

The Republic prints a lengthy interview with Mr. Heath, in which he gives what purports to be Mr. McKinley's position on the financial question. Mr. Heath does not attempt to deny that the McKinley programme is to force the tariff issue to the front in 1896.

"Wall street," said Mr. Heath, "has attempted to run every national convention held since I have known anything about national conventions. It will try to run the Republican convention this year, and it will, as usual, fail. Major McKinley is one of those men who does not believe his judgment should be taken against the

Combined Wisdom of His Party.

Nobody has spoken for him authoritatively on the currency plank, and nobody will be able to do so, because he is willing to trust the convention and stand by its decision. The best judgment of the whole party must prevail in this matter.

"There are not to exceed four states which will insist on an unequivocal declaration for a gold standard. These states are: New York, Maine, Massachusetts and probably New Jersey. In the same way there are about a half dozen silver states which will demand a 16 to 1 declaration. In a great majority of states the one issue in the campaign is protection. You cannot talk currency to Republicans in Ohio, Indiana or Illinois. Whatever the Republican convention adopts as its platform will be the McKinley platform."

Says Platt is Preparing a Coup.

Having disposed of the McKinley currency attitude, Mr. Heath, at the request of the reporter, addressed himself for a few moments to Thomas C. Platt with the following result:

"Yes, Mr. Platt is preparing some kind of a coup. I am informed it is to be sprung either before the national committee or on the floor of the convention. He has served notice repeatedly during the past few days that he would not give up his fight until the nomination was announced, and there was no longer any opportunity to enter his protest against the Ohio candidate. Just what he intends to do is not clearly manifest at this time, but I have letters from at least one member of the national committee to whom Mr. Platt has written, in which one of his moves is named. He intends, if possible, to control the preliminary roll in the convention and to use the advantage he might obtain by that success against McKinley."

HE'S STILL A CANDIDATE.

Governor Bradley Says His Name Will Be Presented to the Convention.

CINCINNATI, June 8.—The Commercial Gazette's special from Frankfort says: Governor Bradley denies that he has withdrawn as a presidential candidate and says that his name will be presented to the St. Louis convention. He also denies that Chairman Barnett went to Washington to confer with General Grosvenor about a cabinet position or anything else in consideration of the withdrawal. The special states that a movement has been started for Governor Bradley for vice president.

Wants Bland Endorsed.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 8.—Something of a political sensation was sprung here when it was announced that Governor Stone of Missouri will arrive in this city in a few days, to remain until after the Democratic state convention, which meets on the 17th. His purpose is to look after Mr. Bland's presidential boom.

Endorsed Debs for President.

CLEVELAND, June 8.—The Federated Association of Wire Drawers has decided to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor and endorsed Eugene V. Debs as a candidate for president of the United States.

Popular Plurality Very Small.

PORTLAND, Or., June 8.—Returns show that Vanderburg (Pop.) for congress in the First district, has received a plurality of 24 over Tongue (Rep.). In the Second district Ellis (Rep.) leads Quinn (Pop.) by 227.

Jackson Refused to Fight Corbett.

NEW YORK, June 8.—J. H. Hildebrandt of Johannesburg, South Africa, according to a cable to a local sporting paper, offered to match Peter Jackson against Corbett for \$40,000, the loser to receive \$10,000. Billy Brady, it appears, accepted the offer on Corbett's behalf, but Jackson refused, giving no reason for doing so.

South Dakota G. A. R. Officers.

WATERTOWN, S. D., June 8.—The Grand Army encampment elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Department commander, John Ackley of Aberdeen; senior vice, John F. Baker, Hermosa; junior vice, R. A. Hall, Mitchell; chaplain, Rev. H. M. Springer, Watertown.

Tremendous Rainfall.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., June 8.—There was a tremendous rain during the night, the fall amounting to 4.67 inches. The railway tracks were washed badly and trains were late. The storm was limited to the territory between Barnesville and Alexandria, but extended north.

Boers Again Postpone Action.

PRETORIA, June 8.—The executive council, after a long discussion, has postponed the final decision regarding the release of the four reform leaders, Colonel Francis Rhodes, John Hayes Hammond, Lionel Phillips and George Farrar, until June 11.

Kansas Town Inundated.

ABILENE, Kan., June 8.—The lower portion of Abilene has been inundated by a cloudburst, fully 5 3/4 inches of water falling. All trains are delayed and Lower Abilene is in bad shape. The rain was general over the country and was the heaviest in years. Hail accompanied the rain and wrought much damage to crops.

An Acetylene Test.

WINNEBAGO CITY, Minn., June 8.—D. J. Reynolds has left for St. Paul to appear before the underwriters' association with his acetylene gas generator and burner. He will exhibit his device and explain its workings to the association, in order that they may pass upon its safety.

SPORTING NEWS.

Arrest of the principals caused a postponement of the Maher-Slavin fight.

Several world's records were broken at the inter-collegiate field games at New York.

Kid Lavigne of Michigan defeated Dick Burge in a fight in London, thereby becoming lightweight champion of the world.

Meteor won the race for the big yachts in the regatta for the Royal London Yacht club. Britannia was second.

The Louisville Fair and Driving association announces that it will hang up \$40,000 in stakes and purses to be contested for during the fall meeting.

The Chicago road race was won by H. J. Lynch of the Illinois Cycling club in a hot finish, with C. Levin of the Pizera club, beating him by half a wheel. G. W. Bell of the Irving Park club was third. Time, 1:19:56. Distance, 25 miles.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

Victims of the St. Louis tornado were buried Sunday.

Fifty horses were cremated in a lively stable fire at New York.

The cattle in the interior of Mexico are perishing for lack of pasturage.

An aged Massachusetts steam bicycle inventor is killed by his own motor.

Austin Corbin, the New York capitalist, was killed in a runaway in New Hampshire.

In a panic among hungry peasants at the feast in Moscow over 8,000 people were trampled to death.

A severe explosion of gas occurred in Buckridge colliery, near Shamokin, Pa. Six miners are reported dead.

An 9-year-old son of Henry Acklam of Racine, Wis., was torn to pieces by two bull dogs while returning from school.

The village of Kreiholz, in the Bernese Oberland, has been partially destroyed by landslides. There are no fatalities reported.

Twenty-eight people were drowned by a storm and cloudburst at Seneca, Mo. Other towns in that state and Illinois suffered severely.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS.

General Campos was arrested in Spain to prevent him from dueling.

Hon. James S. Clarkson is seriously ill in his apartments at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York.

Henry M. Stanley who has been seriously ill at Madrid, has recovered sufficiently to start for London.

President Cleveland will spend three weeks fishing in the Brule river in Wisconsin, the coming summer.

There are renewed rumors in London of Ambassador Bayard's retirement from the court of St. James.

George Meredith has been asked to let himself be made lord rector of Glasgow university, but declines.

Mrs. John Hayes Hammond is said to be dying, her illness being a direct result of worry over her husband's difficulties.

Dr. Lopponi, physician to the pope, says: "If nothing unforeseen happens, the holy father's constitution is so sound that he may well attain his 100th year."

Viscount Tamura of Japan was not required to take an examination for admission to the naval academy at Annapolis, but he did so and made a creditable showing.

Prince Christian of Denmark, eldest son of the crown prince and ultimate heir to the throne, is engaged to the Princess Pauline, only child of the king of Wurtemberg.

General George W. Jones, Iowa's first senator, and now in his 92d year, is very seriously ill at his home in Dubuque. He caught cold while in Chicago on Thursday of last week.

Hall Caine tells the stay-at-home Englishmen that he saw a little of President Cleveland while in America, and that he found him "a lover of England and a lover of peace."

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