

# TOWNE FOR PRESIDENT

**Conference of Silver Men and Populists Decide to Present His Name.**

**Intended as a Movement to Counteract the Endorsement of Bryan.**

**Fusion With Democrats on Electors Favored by the Party Leaders.**

St. Louis, July 20.—Hon. Charles A. Towne of Duluth, who represents the Sixth Minnesota district in congress, and who was one of the delegation who walked out of the Republican national convention in St. Louis with Senator Teller, will be put forward as a presidential candidate by prominent Populists at the convention next week. A



CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. TOWNE.

conference held last night decided upon this course as the next best means to counteract the movement for Bryan. At the conference were six prominent silver men and ten leading Populists who came together informally to

**Discuss the Political Situation.**

It was also decided that with his name should be presented a platform of principles which has been prepared by "Cyclone" Davis, the Populist leader of Texas. It is not known exactly what this platform is, but it will no doubt conform closely to the one adopted in Omaha.

Charles A. Towne is only 38 years of age and is serving his first term in congress. Last winter he delivered in congress one of the most brilliant speeches ever heard there. When he returned home to Duluth from the St. Louis convention Congressman Towne was met by 10,000 people who gave him an ovation as the result of his action there.

**FUSE ON ELECTORS.**

**Populists Willing to Unite on Silver in That Way.**

St. Louis, July 20.—"If the Democrats will give us our share of the electors there will be no difficulty in the way of united action for silver," said Sergeant-at-Arms McDowell of the Populist national convention, in the course of an interview. Talks with other leading Populists showed this to be the situation, there being a well defined feeling against endorsing the Chicago convention ticket. The Populist plan is to divide the electors in each state according to the strength of the Populist and Democratic parties. The stronger candidate to take all the electors after the election. This, they contend, will insure the election of a silver man, whereas, if each party puts up a separate candidate and did not fuse on electors, the silver vote would be divided and the fight for silver lost.

**PENNSYLVANIA SILVERITES.**

**State Convention Held at Philadelphia and Delegates Chosen.**

PHILADELPHIA, July 20.—The state convention of the American Silver party was held here last night. Eighteen delegates at large were chosen to the national convention to meet in St. Louis on July 22. Among those selected is Congressman Sibley. Fourteen of the delegates are from Philadelphia, two from Montgomery and one from Luzerne county. Resolutions were adopted congratulating the Democratic party in making a stand for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a 16 to 1 ratio. The delegates were instructed to vote for Bryan and Sewall as the candidates of the American Silver party.

**Taubeneck Not in Chicago.**

CHICAGO, July 20.—It was reported from St. Louis that Chairman Taubeneck of the Populist national committee had left St. Louis for Chicago, intending to consult the leaders of the Bryan party for the purpose of effecting a compromise that would permit the nomination of Bryan or rather his endorsement. Committeeman Smith, who is a close personal friend of Mr. Taubeneck, said that the chairman had not come to Chicago and is not expected here.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK.

**NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.**

The treasury gold reserve has again sunk below the \$100,000,000 limit.

Secretary Morton, father of Arbor Day in the schools, now suggests a "Bird Day" observance.

Secretary Olney has demanded that Peru reimburse Victory MacCord, an American citizen mistreated by that government.

Washington gossips are already discussing the personalities of Mrs. Sewall, Mrs. Hobart and Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. McKinley.

**UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.**

Fifty thousand lives were lost by Japan's tidal wave.

Four people were swept over a dam in the Kaw river, Kansas, and drowned.

The new Northern Pacific depot at Missoula, Mont., has been destroyed by fire.

By a railway collision near Chicago, five persons were killed and others injured, three fatally.

The warehouse of the Security Warehouse and Storage company, Minneapolis, was burned with its contents, the loss exceeding \$100,000.

Rev. Robbie Lee, Miss Addie Tillman and another lady were killed by lightning at Revard, N. C. Miss Tillman was the oldest daughter of Senator Tillman.

**FINANCE AND TRADE.**

The sugar crop of Cuba last year was 937,222 tons. This year it is 201,644 tons, a falling off of 735,578 tons.

The First National bank of Hillsboro, O., has closed its doors. It is understood creditors will not suffer loss.

A contract has been made by the Great Northern and a Japanese company for a line of steamers between Seattle and Tokio.

Agricultural department July crop report: Average condition corn, 92.4; winter wheat, 75.6; spring wheat, 93.3; combined spring and winter wheat, 83.4; oats, 88.8.

The business interests of the Security bank and the National bank of Mitchell, S. D., have been consolidated. Business will be carried on by the latter bank.

Land sales of the Northern Pacific company during the fiscal year just closed amounted to \$1,641,551, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 over sales of the previous year.

Since the beginning of operations in Titusville, Pa., in 1859, the enormous total of 709,713,404 barrels of crude petroleum have been produced in the country, of which 516,657,260 barrels represent the product of the Pennsylvania and New York oil fields.

**FOREIGN NEWS.**

Diaz has been re-elected president of Mexico.

The English government may be forced to withdraw the Irish land bill.

The deceased wife's sister bill has passed its third reading in the house of lords, 142 to 104.

It is reported from Havana that Antonio Maceo died from wounds received in a recent engagement.

The quarrel between the French and English over the Newfoundland fisheries has broken out again.

The house of commons has agreed to the amendments made in the house of lords to the diseases of animals bill.

The body of Paul Jones, General Meredith has discovered, is buried in a Paris cemetery now covered by houses.

The official census returns for Winnipeg show an increase in population of 6,010 since 1891. The population is now 81,649.

A Dublin syndicate fenced in the Giant's Causeway and charged an admission fee. Tourists tore down the barrier.

Eighteen Mexican officers have arrived at Havana to offer their services to the Spanish government in the operations against the insurgents.

The Vienna Allgemeine Zeitung announces that Baron Hirsch's widow has donated £4,000,000 to promote the emigration of Russian Jews to Argentina.

The Italian cabinet has resigned because of a disagreement in the discussion of military measures. Di Rudini has been asked to form a new ministry.

The British house of commons will probably pass the deceased wife's sister bill, which has gone through the house of lords. This is a culmination of 40 years' agitation.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the unveiling of the great national monument to Emperor William at Porta, Westphalia, on the summit of the Wittekin mountain.

A scheme is on foot to erect a gigantic model of the globe, surrounded by staircases, for the Paris exposition. The scale will be one five-hundredth of nature, and the globe will take two years to build.

The resignation of the Tupper admin-

stration has been accepted by the governor general, Lord Aberdeen, and Hon. Mr. Laurier has been entrusted with the reins of power. He has not yet announced his ministry.

The conviction of forgery of Hermann Friedmann, director of the Rhenish-Westphalia bank has thrown light upon a big usury scandal involving 17 large Berlin and Hanover banks. The state attorney is preparing to prosecute.

The Frankfurt Zeitung states that the czar and czarina will soon start for Kieff, and that they will go from there to Vienna and Darmstadt to meet the emperors, afterwards going to London and Copenhagen on board the czar's new yacht, the Standard.

**LABOR NEWS.**

The scale of wages demanded by the striking flour handlers at West Superior was granted by the contractor, but the strikers insist upon further concessions.

The 21st annual convention of the Green Glass Workers' Association of the United States and Canada began at Streator, Ill., Monday, with about 100 delegates.

The commission appointed by the last Indiana legislature to investigate the feasibility of the proposition to work convicts on the public highways, has reached the conclusion that the plan would be impracticable.

No agreement was reached at the conference in Youngstown, O., between the Amalgamated association wage scale committee and the rolling mill operators. This means that the present shut down will continue indefinitely, as nothing was said about another conference.

**NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS.**

Messrs. Rhodes, Hammond, Phillips and Farrar are between them said to be worth \$100,000,000.

Princess Maude of Wales and Prince Charles of Denmark will have three houses and \$70,000 a year.

Rudyard Kipling's greatest ambition is said to be to serve as a war correspondent. The next big battle will take him into the field.

General A. R. Lawton of Savannah, Ga., who has just died, was one of the oldest graduates of West Point, having left that institution in 1838.

Prince Bismarck is arranging the manuscript letters from monarchs and princes in his possession, which will be published in book form after his death.

It is rumored that M. James Tissot, the English painter, when he has quite completed his plan of illustrating the gospel by his water colors, will enter a Trappist monastery.

**SPORTING NEWS.**

Young Griffo and Jack Everhart fought a 20-round draw at the Empire Athletic club, Buffalo.

James Stansbury, the Australian, won the sculling match with "Wag" Harding, the English champion, on the Thames.

Mrs. A. E. Rhinehart, an enthusiastic wheelwoman of Denver, has achieved distinction by riding ten centuries in ten days.

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