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WEATHER FOR TODAY. WASHINGTON, July 27.—Forecast for Thursday: Minnesota, South and South Dakota—Fair, warmer; southern winds.

Table with columns: Place, Ther., Place, Ther. St. Paul 76, Duluth 74, Minneapolis 74, etc.

DAILY MEANS. Barometer, 59.91; relative humidity, 69; weather, clear, maximum thermometer, 81; minimum thermometer, 60; daily range, 21.

A LABEL ON AMERICANS. Mr. Moreton Frewen is an English busybody who has been writing letters to the English and American press for years past in favor of the free coinage of silver.

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refuse to believe that there is any man in this country, East or West, outside the ring of crazy anarchists, least of all any man who ever would send a message such as this to a representative of the British race. Truly, it would be a brave thing that we should hear talk about British gold, and be urged to a rebellion against a British financial system, and asked from every platform if we cannot legislate for ourselves, independent of Great Britain, while a champion of that cause was foretelling the coming of British ironclads to force us, through dire misfortune, to the depreciated currency that has been a necessary resort in other periods of war and revolution.

CREATING AN OPPORTUNITY. In his Market hall speech Mr. Towne said that the gold standard people were right in saying that the government could not create values, but that it was also true that it could and should create opportunity. In their failure to distinguish between governmental creation of value and opportunity the gold standard advocates missed their mark in all their arguments.

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after sufficient consideration, and took occasion, in 1894, to express their opinion of the manner in which the Democrats failed to put their policy into operation. But that is another matter. Now the Republican party—granting the contention as to the "appreciation" of gold and its effects—striving might and main to keep prices low, and the Democrats—granting that name to the Chicago convention—are supporting a policy whose avowed purpose is to increase prices. Was there ever so swift and complete a reversal of positions by parties in the same length of time? To be sure the Republicans deny that their position on the money question has or will have the effect stated, and we think they are correct, but they adhere to their policy of making things dearer through taxation, while the combination propose to make them dearer through the doors of the mints and the presses of the bureau of printing and engraving. No wonder, in all this maze of contradictions, that there are weary Democrats who are asking, in the language of Cobb, of Alabama, "Mr. Speaker, where are we at?"

NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH. To the Editor of the Globe. In your issue of July 3, in your answer to Mr. Kellogg, and also in an article in today's issue on "Primary Money," there appear many statements that are not true in their high time or one or the other. In your reply to Mr. Kellogg you would have him understand that there is no silver bullion in the mints except what is held for silver certificates. There is no silver bullion in the treasury, and the amount of silver certificates is \$31,478,981. On the same page you state that the amount of silver certificates is \$31,478,981. On the same page you state that the amount of silver certificates is \$31,478,981.

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the chairman of the convention, some four or five hundred of the Populist delegates, among them the one hundred and three delegates from Texas, literally as wild and untractable as the Texas steer which occurred in the case of some pasting herd while being transported to market. Under the example and leadership of Texas, which had some excuse for being boisterous, as it could hear nothing of the whooping and shouting of the other delegates, a very large portion of the time. Every little while the Texas crowd would conclude to hold a caucus of its own, and when the sergeant-at-arms would come to restore quiet they would forcibly thrust him aside and go on until they got ready to suspend operations themselves. There was a seeming rivalry for leadership of the Texas delegation between J. M. Davis, better known as "Cyclone" Davis, and "Stump" Ashby. Davis passed the time on the chairman's platform, while Ashby was part of the time on the platform watching Davis, but a considerable part of the time he was in the sub-conventions of the Texas delegation. He is credited with being a Methodist minister and at one time a clown in a circus. At one time he was a typical Texas, as was evidenced by one of his announcements when he was trying to bring the delegation to order. "Sit down, sit down," he exclaimed, "I'm not a Texas, but I left my gun in Texas."

On the second day of the convention the confusion was so great that a motion was made to employ "repeaters" who should station themselves sufficiently near the chairman to hear the motions and then proceed to the distant parts of the hall and repeat them to the delegates. The motion was evidently objectionable to the Populist ear, for the motion was overwhelmingly voted down, but at the next session the chairman inaugurated a "repeaters" system as though nothing had happened. Under that plan when the chair was about to put a motion he would announce it so that the central body of the delegates could hear and then the "repeaters" would announce it in different portions of the hall before he put it. When he had some motion to put that he did not want to put, he would tell the "repeaters" to repeat it, and then the 103 Texans would rise up in a body and yell that they had not heard the question, and a demand that it be taken up again. Confusion would thus be created all over the hall, and after about five minutes business would again be resumed with the question at hand. This system, according to the wishes of the chairman, boisterous scenes were so frequent as to lose their interest and become almost monotonous.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY. One of the banes of the old party conventions has been the careless indifference of the delegates to the candidates usually selected, during the closing moments of the convention. Oftentimes many of the delegates are absent and it is generally a hit or miss affair. The Populist delegates were entitled to credit for originality, if nothing else, and in accordance with this original idea they made the vice presidency the leading feature. When Senator Allen was nominated, the delegates were 194 majority the permanent defeat of the "Middle-of-the-road" faction was supposed to have taken place.

Every standing committee report had a minority report. This report was generally emanated from, and at all events was always supported by, Texas. The minority report of the committee on resolutions, made vice president prominent by providing that officer should be nominated by the president. The "Middle-of-the-road" men centered their opposition to Bryan by opposing the nomination of Bryan. Bryan was merely a cover, and the war was waged on him, with the hope that it would lead to the overthrow of Bryan. Bryan was another faction which honestly opposed Sewall and sincerely favored Bryan. A third faction wanted Bryan and Sewall. The obstreperousness of the Texas delegates to the anti-Sewall ranks, and these all joining was what enabled them to reverse the order of the resolutions, and to designate a center shot at the Bryan forces, but it nevertheless dignified the vice presidential position, and I fancy will bear the fruit of making the old parties in the future extend to the nomination of another officer which honestly opposed Sewall and sincerely favored Bryan.

There were numerous exciting and interesting passages during the debate relative to this report on resolutions, but the Friday night session, lasting until after midnight, when the vice president was nominated, was especially musical. The terms Populist ought to be used, and the delegates certainly seemed to be in this gathering. The South was especially prolific in oratory. In fact, the South produces in the political arena more good material than the North. Time was when orators abounded in the North much more than at present. Prior to the great development of the newspapers and the use of the telegraph, the transmitting political documents, campaigns were conducted from the stump. Of late years the Northern newspaper has argued the case for the stump speaker while in the South, the newspaper not being so greatly developed, the stump speaker still thrives and fattens on the wind he creates. That is the entire reason for the long night session which culminated in the nomination of Tom Watson for vice president.

When Hall, of New York, nominated Sewall, a Texas man asked if he would stand on the Populist platform until November. "Yes, sir, and until hell freezes over," was the quick and sharp response. A Kansas man announced that if Watson was nominated they would "confront the legions of Wall street and hell by a new party." A Louisiana man styled Watson "The plumed knight of the People's party," and furnished besides these gems.

It is worthy of note in passing that the silver convention was composed almost entirely of Republicans. It was in view of this fact that Dr. Frank Powell, of the St. Paul, proposed to give the organization the distinctive name of "National Bimetallist party," so that the wanderers from the Republican fold could feel that they were in an organization of their own and had not become either Populists or Democrats. With the comforting feeling thus secured that they were a national organization, they met and with a national committee to represent them in the campaign, the silver men drifted out and their convention began.

WHY IT WAS A MOB. The Populists' convention was a veritable mob, do not use the term "mob" in the sense of a personal reflection upon the individuals composing the convention, but as the only word which accurately describes the body as an aggregate. Evidently, from the theory that the "People's party" is necessary to have all the people attend, in order to hold a convention, the silver men gathered together as made as to bring nearly fourteen hundred together. This was nearly five hundred more than the delegations to either the Republican or Democratic conventions, and was too large for the satisfactory conduct of business. If the political parties would make their conventions composed of the exact number in the Senate and House of Representatives, and elect their delegates by a party vote, pooled as at a regular election, they would have a representation of their party and a convention, and would not have a mob, with deliberation and properly record the will of the party.

stage scene for five or ten minutes more, nearly the entire convention being up among the trees, and came to the rescue with popular airs. Such little by plays of greater or less degree were not infrequent throughout the convention, and I give them not as specimens of oratory but as depicting the proceedings.

THE LIGHTS WENT OUT. All this time there were rumors going about the hall, which subsequently proved true, that Bryan had been nominated, and that Sewall was not nominated. These reports delighted the "middle-of-the-road" crowd, while they filled the Texas and those who favored Bryan and a Southern man, from continuing their course. It was the intention to have read the telegram as soon as the vote was received, but the lights went out simultaneously with that announcement the arc electric lights went out, and for ten minutes the convention was in darkness and the greatest confusion. The extinguishing of the lights was a wholly simultaneous with Watson's nomination, seems scarcely possible to have been an accident. If they had gone out just before the nomination of while something was pending, it would have been different, but they were extinguished as the sentence of the chair announcing the result concluded and when the lights were again turned on, business was absolutely complete and before any one could begin to read Bryan's telegram. The only thing that argues against design in the matter was the fact that the lights went out when the lights were restored, but if they had been extinguished by design, the plotters might easily have concluded that the darkness would have thrown the convention into confusion, and confusion that no further business would be transacted that night. If so, they reasoned well, for the moment the lights came back the chair put a motion on the floor which no one could oppose, and himself, and declared it carried and an overwhelming roar of negative votes. It was this episode which enabled them to hold the ticket with Bryan on the next day.

SOME OF THE ORATORS. There was, I think, more speaking in this convention than in any other one I have ever attended, but there was nothing notable in the oratory or any which will live in history. The speech of Gen. Weaver, of Iowa, nominating Bryan, was the best of the convention though his voice was not strong enough to be well heard throughout the convention hall. He commanded fair attention, but he was not strong enough to be well heard throughout the convention hall. He commanded fair attention, but he was not strong enough to be well heard throughout the convention hall.

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a conference is liable to be held this week, and a similar one is due in North Dakota prior to the Wednesday convention of the Democratic Party in Grand Forks. The planning on the governor in Minnesota is to endeavor to unite on Lind and of course on the Sixth district, while Donnelly is talked of being elected in the Third district. As Heavtle only had 280 majority over the Democrat and Populist candidate two years ago, while the present majority is only six hundred in that district over Harrison four years ago, the Populists think they could win and are hoping to make the best of the Democratic silver forces. This convention effort and those encourage similar movements in other portions of the country.

CHAMPION NOISE MAKERS. Of the many national conventions I have attended I have never seen the equal of this one for noise, turbulence and confusion. The shouting and every body. While it was noisy, it was not noisy on occasion for the many turbulent scenes which occurred. The large delegation from Texas was rebellious and noisy, and their example seemed to be contagious with many others. Many of them were armed with deadly weapons, and in view of the excitement which occurred there was no one to restrain them, so some hot head did not fire a shot or use a knife, which would have brought on a bloody encounter. In the fight over the resolution standard, when the Bryan applause was in progress, the "Middle of the Road" woman endeavored to aid in retaining it and fainted away in the attempt, while several men who knocked down during the affair. In recalling this and numerous other outbursts which it would be tedious to recount, I wonder that every body left that hall alive.

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