

ADOPTION OF PLATFORM

FIRST FEATURE OF AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE CONVENTION

ACCEPTED BY ACCLAMATION

Another Wild Demonstration Followed Its Adoption—Then Came a Big Sensation in Speech of Webster Davis.

CONVENTION HALL, July 5.—Although the time between the adjournment of the morning session and that set for convening at the afternoon was over two hours, at no time were the galleries of the great hall more than one-third emptied. Thousands of people sat out the adjournment, being determined to miss no part of the excitement they believed was to follow.

The word had gotten abroad that there would be but one report made by the committee on resolutions and that it would be in favor of 16 to 1. There would be no fight on the floor and many delegates were as disgusted as others were cheerful and happy.

By 3:50 nearly all of the delegates were ready for business, and waiting the arrival of Chairman Richardson, who was a trifle slow in making his appearance. The delegates waited patiently to get to work and complete the business of the convention, and when, at 3:35, the chairman made his appearance, there was a ripple of applause. Many of the delegates had come prepared for the nomination of Mr. Bryan. Dozens of them carried small flags and numerous plumes of bright colored prairie grass were visible in various parts of the floor.

At 3:40 p. m. Senator Hill, of New York, who has been absent from the two preceding sessions, came through the delegates' door by himself. He was not recognized at first and had nearly reached his seat when the cry of "Hill! Hill!" broke forth. It was coupled with considerable applause, but the demonstration in honor of the senator when present lacked several degrees and this morning while he was absent.

At 4 o'clock the convention was still waiting for the arrival of the committee on resolutions and there was nothing going on with the exception of an occasional piece of music by the band. The crowd had full swing by the doorknocker and the streets were packed to the danger point. From the speaker's desk the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the National Anthem.

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The platform committee, headed by Senator Jones, D. J. Campbell, Senator Tillman and Judge Van Wyck, had just pushed their way through the dense throng and, proceeding to the platform, had taken seats flanking the chairman. Mr. Richardson stepped long and vainly for order. The portly form of Senator Jones, silver-haired and serious, advanced to the front of the stage. He held a roll of manuscript in his hands. But it was useless to talk against such a tumult and he dropped back into his seat until order was being restored.

PLATFORM PRESENTED.

"I am authorized by the committee on resolutions to present the platform agreed upon, and I will yield to the senator from South Carolina, Mr. Tillman, to read the document."

Mr. Tillman now stepped to the front and was greeted with a cheer. He read the platform in a full, round voice, easily heard throughout the hall.

As he proceeded, each plank was greeted with applause. The senator accompanied his reading with emphatic gestures, striding up and down the platform, turning this way and that, after his manner in the senate.

There was a howl of approval as he clenched his fist and fiercely arraigned the course of the administration in Cuba. But it remained for his reading of the declaration that "imperialism is the paramount issue of this campaign" to evoke a storm of enthusiasm. The delegates sprang to their feet, standing on their chairs, waving hats, handkerchiefs, umbrellas and flags, while the galleries took up the chorus and carried it along for many minutes. Senator Hill could be seen marshaling the hosts to cheer. He held a fan above his head and added his own shout to the shouting. A second time Senator Tillman read his declaration, and now even greater demonstration followed.

Suddenly there were thousands of miniature American flags were passed among the delegates, and the whole floor of the vast structure became a sea of flags. An instant later the flags swept over the galleries like a mass of flame. Bundles of them were tossed upon the seats and distributed. The scene was magnificently inspiring and the great audience was writhing in their heat. On each flag was the device: "The constitution and the flag are inseparable, now and forever. The flag of the republic is the flag of our fathers."

While the demonstration was at its height the band sent another thrill through the audience by playing "Dixie," and a melody of patriotic airs. The band played the white star from their socks, banners were raised and a triumphant procession of delegates marched about the hall. Now the strains of "America" were heard, and the audience, without a single dissenting voice, joined in a mighty and swelling chorus. Amid the music the white star was seen in a tall standard bearing the inscription: "Forcible annexation would be criminal aggression. William McKinley."

CLIMAX SPRUNG.

It was at this juncture that the climax was sprung upon the great assembly. A huge flag, having been hung around the roof between the trusses, and as the signal was given the ropes were cut and slowly it unrolled its white and crimson folds as it fell gracefully and sweetly down the center of the speaker's desk. The banner was an enormous affair, being fully fifty feet long, and about one-half wide. Upon the white star from their socks, banners were raised and a triumphant procession of delegates marched about the hall. Now the strains of "America" were heard, and the audience, without a single dissenting voice, joined in a mighty and swelling chorus. Amid the music the white star was seen in a tall standard bearing the inscription: "Forcible annexation would be criminal aggression. William McKinley."

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QUIET DAY FOR LINCOLN

NOMINATION OF MR. BRYAN HAD BEEN MOST FULLY DISCOUNTED

MR. BRYAN IN JOCEOS MOOD

Remarked, When Informed of His Nomination, That It Was Suddenly—Nomination for President Gives Out a Statement.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 5.—News of the nomination of William J. Bryan for president did not arouse the tumult for enthusiasm that it did four years ago, when the convention at Chicago stultified his party. His selection today as his party's standard bearer had been so long foreseen that anything short of a unanimous call would have been a surprise. Added to this is the fact that about half of Lincoln's Democratic voting strength is tonight in Kansas City. However, there were hearty congratulations showered upon the nominee by an abundance of red fire and noise when the news became generally known.

At the Bryan home there was no marked demonstration. Mr. Bryan was resting on a lounge in the parlor with only the family present, when State Senator Talbot, in the telegraph room above, shouted: "You're nominated, old man."

Then Mr. Talbot came hurriedly down stairs and as Mr. Bryan reached the door he said: "I'm not joking; 'Talbot, this is terribly sudden.'"

Late tonight Mr. Bryan repeated what he has said so many times before, that he was unable to say whether or not he would go to Kansas City. State Senator Talbot, who has heretofore affiliated with the Republicans, gave out a statement tonight, saying he would vote for Bryan.

BARREN OF INCIDENT.

The early day was barren of incidents at the Bryan home. Although Mr. Bryan did not sleep last night he was up early this morning. He was fully apprised of the proceedings of the committee on resolutions and the victory of the radical silver men was plainly gratifying to him. He told the Associated Press correspondent this afternoon before the convention reassembled after the noon adjournment that he was hopeful the fight would not come up on the floor of the convention at all. Mr. Bryan apparently was in a happy frame of mind. He answered the question of a neighbor as to whether the convention had nominated a president yet that it had not. "Not even a candidate," said he jokingly. "But that is a secondary matter."

Mr. Bryan devoted little time to his visitors today. When the convention reassembled this afternoon and the delegates began coming on a private visit, he read them in a room by himself. There were a few callers, but to them Mr. Bryan had no comment to make on the news. A signed statement by Mr. Towne was received by Mr. Bryan and he was asked for some expression, but declined to speak. Mr. Bryan spent much of the time during the recess of the convention in his library, presumably preparing a speech.

MAKES A STATEMENT.

When the convention reassembled he remained alone with the operators as the reports came in. Tonight he gave out the following statement:

"I am very much gratified to learn of the adoption of a platform which is clear and explicit on every question. The controversy over the silver plank was not a controversy between men, but rather a difference of opinion as to the method of stating the question."

"Our only Democrats to deal with a simple reaffirmation would have been sufficient. But we have to do with Republicans who are not content with a reaffirmation and endeavor to twist it into an evasion or abandonment of the silver question."

"Our appeal is to the patriotism and conscience of the people. We must take them into our confidence if we expect them to have confidence in us. Our platform deals honestly and fearlessly with every question before the public, and since we have nothing to explain we can spend all our time in assaults upon the Republican policies. The industrial trusts have alarmed many who were not with us in our former fight against the trust in 1896. We shall not disappoint them. We shall not cease our efforts until the money trust is destroyed."

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When the appeal had subsided Chairman Jones, of the platform committee, said he had been instructed to move that the platform be adopted by the convention by a standing vote. The motion was put, and amid a roar of cheers and applause the platform was adopted without a word of dissent. The new Democratic platform was read in the adoption of the platform was followed by a standing shout which made the building ring from one end to the other.

Then followed a stirring and dramatic scene. The plank in the platform denouncing England's policy toward the Boers had called out immense applause, and the speaker's enthusiasm was cheering for the crowd. Mr. Richardson, the Republican leader, ascended the platform and stood facing the thousands of spectators. The speech of Davis was arranged in dramatic fashion to announce his allegiance to the Democratic party and the Democratic platform and to the ticket of the convention.

In dramatic fashion Mr. Davis began his address. He denounced as a "malicious lie" the statement that he had been forced to leave his office under the administration. He played in flaming and brilliant sentences the "cruelty" and "aggressions" practiced by Great Britain upon the Boers of South Africa. He spoke in terms of intense satisfaction that the Democratic party had incorporated in the platform a plank so cordially and enthusiastically indorsing the cause of the Boers, which was the cause of liberty and justice. "He felt," he said, "that this great republic should not follow in the steps of an empire that was crushing liberty to death in South Africa. He felt it to be his duty to ally himself with the Democratic party. His account with the Republican party he regarded as fully balanced. He owed it no further obligations. These sentiments met with warm applause. In conclusion, in announcing his intention of supporting the Democratic party and its ticket, Mr. Davis said with great emphasis:

"I stand upon this platform and shall support William J. Breckinridge."

It was a curious and laughable mixture of the syllables of Mr. Bryan's name. But the crowd knew what he meant and cheered him wildly.

MR. DAVIS CONGRATULATED.

As Mr. Davis concluded the band struck up "Hail to the Chief," and while it was rendering the air he held an impromptu reception upon the platform. Chairman Richardson, who was the first to grasp his hand as he concluded, then Senator Jones. Others crowded around him until he had great difficulty in retaining his feet. He left the platform as soon as he was able, and on his way out he was given shouts of approval by those whom he passed. The band passed from "Hail to the Chief" to "America," and the convention adjourned.

The band would play no more. Sergeant-at-Arms Martin rose to his feet and waved desperately for silence.

HUMOR OF LIFE IN THE CONVENTION CITY

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CURIOUS POSITION.

Later Mr. Danforth called, and State Committee Chairman Frank Campbell, Eugene Wood, Frederick Schraub and John Carlisle urged that he withdraw. Mr. Danforth's position was a rather curious one. He claimed that he could get the votes of Virginia, Florida and Alabama and that there was a possibility of securing the votes of New York. He was told that Mr. Keller had the votes of New York, Louisiana and California, with a prospect of more, and that a defeat was liable to place him in a bad position.

It was urged on the part of the friends of Gov. Hill that the defeat of Mr. Danforth would be credited as another defeat of Mr. Danforth's friends. In the conference held just to the contrary. They claimed that if Mr. Danforth received more votes than Mr. Keller he would demonstrate Mr. Hill's domination over Mr. Croker. Mr. Hill was urged to take up Mr. Danforth's case, but up to the hour of midnight he had not determined to do so. In fact, when approached individually by the Associated Press he said that he believed Mr. Stevenson would be the nominee of the convention. It is a fact that Mr. Stevenson is the candidate of the conservative element represented by Mr. Hill.

It is the belief of many tonight that Mr. Danforth will not be a candidate, and that Mr. Stevenson may be the conservative nominee. It is further believed that Mr. Towne will be the radical silver favorite, but it is generally conceded that Mr. Stevenson will come near getting the majority of the votes.

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At some time in his life almost every man seems to have been at least a temporary sojourner in Kansas City. Many of the delegates and visitors now swelling the crowds at the hotels once wrote "Kansas City" after their names on hotel registers. Some of them have gone on to the localities and places which were famous in the good old boom times, but they find that most of the glory has departed. It is said to be no longer a place of grand and battlements of historic battle row, and so many of the clay bluffs have been tipped over into the adjacent gulches that the topography of the town is greatly changed.

Even the street on which faces the union depot is only a pale shadow of its former self. In the early eighties the station, then, as now, an enormous building, was filled continually with hundreds of immigrants passing through what Kansas City people perhaps rightfully called "the gateway of the great West."

By way of giving to these strangers a welcome to a strange land, the buildings across the street from the station were crowded with saloons, cheap restaurants, and other places of low repute, and the offices of loud-voiced men who sold cut-rate tickets over the westward lines. The whole front of the street for blocks was plastered like the front of a circus sidewalk with glaring signs in all known colors.

The signs are still in place, but the big station building is no longer always full of possible customers, and the sad-eyed proprietors sit like spiders in the front of their webs waiting for the flies which do not come.

The helpful spirit of the hospitable West is everywhere in evidence. Other cities have their real estate and clothing dealers who sell their goods on consignment, but in Kansas City, at least, one man who goes much further in his desire to help his fellowmen. In all the street cars appear large cards asking him who reads to pick up a stray dog or a different domestic animal which suits his fancy and then hurry to the advertiser, who will purchase the animal for him and take his pay on the monthly installment plan.

In order to emphasize the advantages of his offer the enterprising advertiser states that any man who is a good judge of live stock can select any cow, horse or other animal, and the advertiser will pay for it in six months' time. Thus it will be seen that in the course of a couple of years the advertiser can get his money back and become the proprietor of a thriving dairy farm without the expenditure of a cent.

Here is a Kansas City editorial opinion of "The Bath House" and "The Bath House" is not only a politician but is keenly interested in dress reform. Being a gentleman of great pelfitude, it is his opinion that the adornment of the masculine figure should be simple and dignified, and that hats and haberdashers should not be restricted to certain fixed forms.

"Bath House," as he is familiarly known, has a district predilection for colors. This is revealed not only in his own wardrobe, but in the colors of his hats and shoes.

They have been sitting on the deadly microbes in Rome, Italy. That expression can be used in any language, and scientific men, has treated disapprovingly the microbes from all points of view, and particularly that microbes which women bring into the house more microbes than masculine boot soles. The microbes we have always with us and in all places, but a long skirt will drag through the dust, if it does not bring death and disaster in its train, is because healthy nature is almost invincible. Tailors in England are saying that the radical dress reformers have done well. Women are so much afraid of being considered radicals that they do not dare even to wear a moderately long skirt, and time and attention to her under petticoat. It should be as trig and dainty as can be made without being vulgarly over-trimmed or conspicuous. Then she will be afraid to lift her dress skirt well up from the ground. The great trouble with the woman who attempts this, careful observation shows, is that she is afraid to lift her dress skirt without lifting her underskirts as well. And what a sad state of affairs is this, my countrywomen! The more dignified and staid the woman who attempts this, the more ridiculous she looks. This is a matter worthy of serious consideration. It is even worthy starting a club about it—the club would then only stick to business, which it would be morally sure not to do.

"I bring up my daughters with a system of mirrors," says the wise woman, "nothing is surer to free them from vanity or ostentation of their appearance or to keep them trig and well groomed."

The new swinging hammock is a delight. It is straight like a couch, with the head only slightly raised, and is suspended by four ropes from the four corners of the room. It is a simple and useful piece of furniture, and it is a pleasure to sit in it. It is a very little energy and a hammock comes in, act netting, or fish mesh, besides in Japanese matting, and with or without the mosquito net. They are charming and delightful, and as the other materials are for that matter, this hammock is set up, a timid woman says with a slipper matting hammock she would think it necessary to have the little railing at the bottom carried down the sides of the hammock are not expensive, ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$5.50. A hammock couch this is called.

The summery-garden-party-looking hat fashionable women are wearing now is a soft, crumpled affair of crinoline, which, especially in white, is delightfully cool. It is more, looks like a hat of Tuscan straw and trimmed with chiffon and laces, and every one has a black velvet bow, or two, to give it character and to emphasize the pretty features of the face of the hat. Some small hats are made of pretty light shades of taffeta stitched. The hats set well back of the face, and have more or less of a tendency to rise at the left side.

Many little shoulder scarfs are being worn this year. They are made of soft things, not much wider than a sash, as they are seen when not in use, though, of course, not as long. They come in delicate shades and all sorts of pretty soft materials, and make a pleasing addition to the costume. They are useful, too, for even so slight a protection over bare shoulders or an unlined frock when warm rest of the hat. It is needed to prevent a cold. They are much more sensible and are prettier in many ways than larger wraps.

Stricken With Paralysis. I. A. HARPE, Jr., July 5.—Edward Prentice, editor-in-chief of the Kansas City Star, was stricken with paralysis today, and is supposed to be in a serious condition.

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RHEUMATISM

ATHLETE TO-DAY CRIPPLE TO-MORROW

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NEW YORK, July 5.—More than \$2,000,000 damage has already been done and a number of persons have been severely injured, the Standard Oil company works of the Standard Oil company at Constance Hook, Bayonne, N. J., early this morning. Twenty-three large oil tanks, fifteen union tank-line cars, the crude oil refinery, the compound sweetening plant, a Hungarian tenement and a saloon have been utterly destroyed, and the contents of twenty-three huge oil tanks are still burning in a sea of flame covering over a hundred acres.

The crash of a lightning bolt as it struck one of the connecting pipe lines at 12:45 o'clock this morning was the signal for the outbreak of fire. Instantly a great mass of flame appeared above tanks 4, 6 and 18, and swept in all directions. These tanks contained 1,200,000 gallons of oil each. Tank No. 6 was split in two.

The flaming oil immediately set the new refinery on fire and swept across the railroad tracks of the National Storage company, setting fire to the trestle and track. The whole mass of flame leaped into the air for hundreds of feet, and as the blazing oil leaped and spread down on the ground carried the flames with it.

SEA OF FLAME.

This sea of flame ran around the Hungarian tenement house in the rear of the tanks. In an instant the structure was doomed, the occupants barely having time to get out of the building alive, and crept toward the ground to escape from the blazing sea that was chasing them faster than any prairie fire.

At about the yards the flames were burning, and in a short while ten tanks were burning. The Bayonne fire department was almost helpless. The private fire department of the works, the fire apparatus at the other end of the burning tanks and also the company and the apparatus of the Tide-water Oil company fought huge streams on the blazing mass. As this had but little effect on the flames, the men turned to the use of high-pressure water, and at the edge of the flowing and burning oil, in an effort to push it back.

In a few minutes a sheet of tugs was flying across the bay. Heavy volumes of gas-charged smoke, which frequently ignited, lifted huge suspended charges of magnesium, drifted across New York bay, and the sea of blazing oil was steadily creeping toward the docks, and also the works. Here lay over fifty vessels, including tank steamers and barges. Lines were made fast to these and they were pulled out into the bay.

TO SAVE PIERS.

The flames had crept down to the water's edge, and even upon the water itself were great patches of burning oil that flapped their flames about and set fire to some of the docks. The tugboat captains did what they could to save the piers, and then formed a semi-circle around the burning oil and threw out logs to prevent it from spreading.

By this time the flames on the tanks had gained such headway that by the middle of the day there were twenty-one tanks burning. The burning fluid had its way, and as it crept on to the small buildings in the yards, they were consumed. The Union Tank line and four cars of Central Railroad of New Jersey were burned. The new refinery, which was partially destroyed, originally cost \$1,200,000, and recent improvements had added considerably to its value. About one-

A Barlesque Show. St. Louis Globe Democrat. She was sitting there thinking what her future might have been if she had not married "George," she said, "what in the world would you do if you were a Mormon and had a lot of wives?" He puffed his pipe in thought. "I would take them on the road as a barlesque show."

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Wants a Woman Who Knows How to Live.

They have been sitting on the deadly microbes in Rome, Italy. That expression can be used in any language, and scientific men, has treated disapprovingly the microbes from all points of view, and particularly that microbes which women bring into the house more microbes than masculine boot soles. The microbes we have always with us and in all places, but a long skirt will drag through the dust, if it does not bring death and disaster in its train, is because healthy nature is almost invincible. Tailors in England are saying that the radical dress reformers have done well. Women are so much afraid of being considered radicals that they do not dare even to wear a moderately long skirt, and time and attention to her under petticoat. It should be as trig and dainty as can be made without being vulgarly over-trimmed or conspicuous. Then she will be afraid to lift her dress skirt well up from the ground. The great trouble with the woman who attempts this, careful observation shows, is that she is afraid to lift her dress skirt without lifting her underskirts as well. And what a sad state of affairs is this, my countrywomen! The more dignified and staid the woman who attempts this, the more