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THE POPS PROVOKED

They Captured the Chicago Platform, but They Object to What Man Sewall.

THE STRUGGLE FOR BRYAN

Everybody is Yet at Sea as to What Action the Convention Will Take To-Morrow.

A NUMBER OF PLATFORMS

St. Louis, Mo., July 21.—A couple of months since it looked as though the political situation in this presidential year would be becalmed. McKinley's nomination was conceded; the demagogue was at sea regarding a candidate, and the populists were about in the same condition. But the signs of the times were wrongly interpreted, and as a result the present summer witnesses one of the most extraordinary political conditions in the history of the country.

The forecast of the republican nominee has proven correct; the democratic national convention, instead of being at sea regarding an available candidate, was confronted with a plethora of them, and the next two or three days in this city are likely to witness the most extraordinary complications of an extraordinary political year that the most vivid imagination could conjure.

Two national conventions open to-morrow—that of the silverites, who throw all other issues to the winds, in order that the white metal may lead, and the other the populists, who are equally enthusiastic in favor of the 16 to 1 doctrine, but who nevertheless hold that it should not be given overwhelming precedence, to the exclusion of the nationalization of railroads and telegraphs, individual ownership of land, government control of banks, equal suffrage, the referendum, and the many other radical reforms that go toward making up the platform of the people's party of the United States.

The morning before the opening of the two conventions finds but little change in the situation, so far as the straight-out, middle-of-the-road populists are concerned. They have been mollified by the intimation thrown out by the chairman of the national democratic committee, that if they endorse the ticket he is prepared to give them a representative on the executive committee of the democratic party. The utmost concession the extremists suggest is the nomination or endorsement of Bryan upon a distinct populist platform of their own devising, and the substitution of a populist in the place of Sewall. The real test of strength between the Bryan and the anti-Bryan forces will come at to-day's meeting of the national committee.

A COMPROMISE PROPOSITION

E. J. Jeffries, one of the Michigan delegates to the convention, has prepared a compromise proposition, which he believes will be acceptable to both factions of the party. It proposes that in the states west of the Mississippi river, where the populists greatly outnumber the democrats, only populist electors shall be voted for. In Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and other doubtful states of the middle west, democratic electors also shall receive the combined vote of the two parties, in proportion as democrats are stronger there than populists. In the south, both parties may contend for the supremacy, without any attempt at a combination. If when the states are counted, the combined ticket shows a majority, then the party casting the larger vote in the combination shall take the presidency and the other, the vice-presidency. This plan provides that the populists shall nominate their own ticket, which will not include the names of either Bryan or Sewall.

IN SECRET SESSION

The national committee of the national silver party met this morning at the Lindell hotel, but after a brief session, a recess was taken until 1 o'clock, this afternoon, when a secret session was held at Dr. Mott's room at the same hotel; George P. Kenney, of California, presided.

THE ONLY TWO CONTENTS

There are but two contents of importance, those from Colorado and Illinois. The former has involved the entire state delegation; the latter has twenty-seven delegates from Cook

county, (Chicago). The Colorado content was headed by ex Governor Waite, but, he having declared in favor of the Bryan nomination, his colleagues have dropped him for another leader.

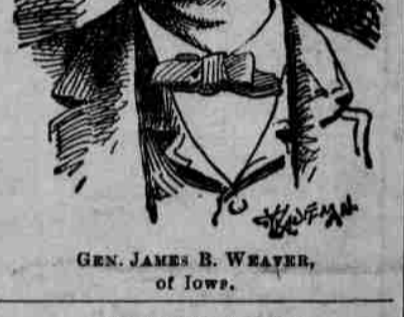
INCREASED REPRESENTATION

After the matter of the membership of the committee itself had been determined, the committee proceeded to consider the applications by a number of states for an increased representation in the convention. In making up the table of delegates for this convention, the national committee was compelled to act upon data contained in the various political Almanacs. In the case of a number of states, this information proved inaccurate. The committeeman from each southern state demonstrated by certified copies of tabulation of votes in his state that the populists are entitled to an increase in the number of delegates from one to five, the latter number being allowed Texas. The several Territories are allowed six delegates instead of four. Oklahoma is given the same right of representation as the states—that is, one delegate for its delegate in congress, one for each 2,000 voters, which made its total representation nine. It was then taken.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

On the matter of a temporary chairman, the two candidates are Gen. J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, who represents the Bryan-Sewall element, and Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who is opposed to the endorsement of the democratic ticket.

It is understood that General J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, will be chosen temporary chairman of the convention. Thus far, the opponents of Bryan have not united upon their man for the place.



GEN. JAMES B. WEAVER, of Iowa.

A CONFERENCE HELD

The middle-of-the-road people held a conference in their rooms at the Laclede hotel, this morning. Only delegates were admitted to the rooms, which were crowded. Speeches were made by advocates of a separate ticket, and the middle-of-the-road people were urged to stand together and oppose the nomination or endorsement of Bryan.

POPULIST NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The national committee of the populist party met at 10:30 o'clock, this morning, to perfect the temporary organization of the convention. Chairman Taubeneck presided and about fifty members were present.



H. E. TAUBENECK, National Chairman and anti-Bryan Leader.

NO PROMISES MADE

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, was quite confident, this morning, that the endorsement of Bryan would be the outcome of his talk. Senator Jones denied that he had made any statement offering to place a certain number, or any number, of populists upon the democratic executive committee.

"No promises of any kind have been made by me," said Senator Jones, "but I have said, all the time, that in this fight for the cause of free silver, republicans, democrats, populists and silverites must stand together. So far as I am personally concerned, I propose to do all I can to bring about this union of forces."

BRYAN MEN NOT SO CONFIDENT

Some of the Bryan men are not so confident, to-day, of their ability to control the convention. Congressman Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, says that the outlook for Bryan is not so encouraging and he is disposed to hedge a little on his prediction that Bryan would be an easy winner.

PLETHORA OF PLATFORMS

Notwithstanding the superabundance of platforms, which individual delegates have prepared to unload upon the committee on resolutions, the sentiment grows stronger that the Nebraska platform, adopted in Omaha, July 4th, 1892, will form the basis of that committee's recommendation.

IT LED TO A BOLT

This was the platform that ex-Governor John P. St. John, of Kansas, attempted to force upon the prohibitionists in Pittsburg, last June, and which being rejected, led to the bolt of the free-silver prohibitionists.

MOST BLOODY DEEDS

Two Awful Tragedies Occur in Which Human Blood Flowed Freely Enough.

A DEADLY CLOUD BURST

New York Banks Conclude to Dump Several Millions of Gold into the Treasury.

BRYAN LEAVES LINCOLN

HALIFAX, N. S., July 21.—The American barkentine, "Herbert Fuller," which sailed from Boston, a few days ago, for Rosario, arrived in Halifax harbor, this morning, with the bodies of three murdered people on board. The remainder of those who left Boston on the vessel were immediately thrown into prison. The three persons whose murder was evidently the result of a bloody outbreak on the part of some of the members of the crew are: Captain Nash, his wife, and the second mate, Brunberg. The horrible triple murder occurred on the night of the 13th instant. The affair is, so far, wrapped in complete mystery, notwithstanding that seven other men were on board at the time it occurred, besides a passenger named Monk.

The Body Embalmed

ROME, Italy, July 21.—The body of the late Colonel Daniel E. Hungerford, father of Mrs. John W. Mackay, was embalmed to-day. After the services in the Protestant church of St. Paul, to-morrow, the body will be laid in the cemetery, and later, removed to the United States, where it will be deposited in the mausoleum of the Mackay family.

An Upward Jump

WALL STREET, N. Y., July 21.—The decision of the New York City banks to turn from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000 gold into the treasury, led to an active and higher opening for stocks. Prices jumped 1/2 to 2 1/2 per cent., under liberal purchases for both accounts. Chicago gas, sugar and the granular led in the upward movement.

Cleveland's Centennial

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 21.—The principal features of to-day's exercises of the Cleveland centennial were the opening of the log cabin and a centennial concert by the Ninth regiment band of New York. Visitors are pouring in by the thousand for the celebration, to-morrow, of Founders' day, a feature of which will be the military and civic parade.

Disastrous Cloud-Burst

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 21.—Reports from Frankfort, Ky., state that a cloud-burst, this morning, at 4 o'clock, on Benson's creek, four miles from Frankfort, resulted in the drowning of at least ten people. The drowned are: James Bradley, farmer, wife and five children; Mrs. Bryan, widow, and two small children. Other bodies may also be found. The Louisville and Nashville bridge was swept away and great damage was done to property in the county.

Bryan in Demand

LINCOLN, Neb., July 21.—Every preparation has been made for Mr. Bryan's trip to Omaha, to-day. He will leave Lincoln at 6 o'clock, this evening, and return to-morrow. Last evening, a delegation from Keokuk, Iowa, called on Mr. Bryan and invited him to make an address there. He said to them that he could not make any further plans until after he was notified officially of his nomination; but he would endeavor to comply with their request.

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A Michigan Farmer Kills Three of His Children and then Suicide.

ATTICA, Mich., July 21.—At 8 o'clock, this morning, Gorman Swain, a farmer living near here, killed his three youngest children, Frank, aged eleven, Lucy, nine, and Jimmie, seven, by cutting their throats with a butcher knife. He then set fire to the house and shot himself in the heart. The three eldest children slept at a neighbor's house, last night, and by so doing probably saved their lives. Swain was undoubtedly temporarily insane.

The Royal Wedding.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 21.—A dispatch from London says: The finishing touches are being given to-day to the arrangements for the wedding to-morrow of the Princess Maud of Wales and Prince Charles, of Denmark. Fashionable streets, as well as the portions of the city inhabited by the wage-earning element, especially from the Bank of England west, are gaily decorated. There will be four carriage processions to the Chapel Royal, and the ho-polloi will be kept to the sidewalks by the combined efforts of the police of the district and mounted detachments of the grenadier guards, the first life guards and the royal artillery.

Commercial Law League.

OMAHA, Neb., July 21.—Members of the bar whose forte is commercial law, together with credit-men and law-journal publishers, are arriving here to large numbers to attend the annual convention of the "Commercial Law League of America," which will be in session for the next three days. The objects of the organization are "to promote uniformity of legislation and practice in matters affecting commercial law; to elevate the standard and improve the conditions of commercial law business; to encourage honesty and foster among its members a feeling of fraternity and mutual confidence."

The Jameson Trial.

LONDON, England, July 21.—The trial of Dr. Jameson and his fellow officers, in the Transvaal raid, was resumed, this morning. The court rejected a motion made by Sir Edward Clarke, senior counsel for the defense, yesterday, that the indictments against the defendants be quashed. A jury was then sworn in and the defendants pleaded not guilty. Sir R. E. Webster, attorney general, opened the case for the government.

W. E. Palmer is preparing to put up a cement stone tank and irrigation windmill in his new orchard, two miles south of the depot, at San Antonio.

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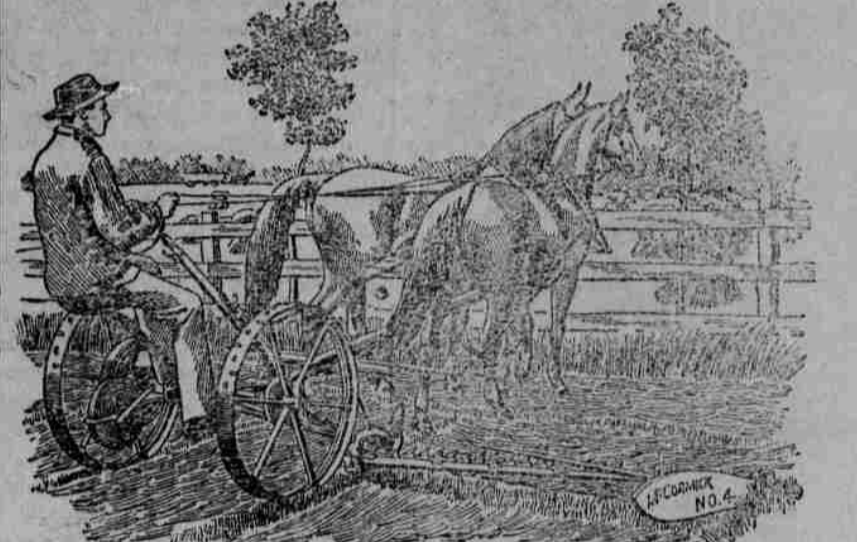
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