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TO KNOCK OUT BRYAN

Gold Democrats Object to Bryan Electors.

PROTEST TO SEC'Y. KINCAID.

Objections Raised to Keep Silver Electors off the Ticket.

Thomas G. Green and others of the national Democratic party have filed a protest before the secretary of state late Saturday night against placing the names of N. L. Butler, Harry Watkins, N. L. Olmstead and E. Hofer on the official ballot as Democratic electors.

At the Democratic convention held in Portland April 9, 1896, E. Killfeather, J. M. Carroll, W. W. Oglesby and J. J. Whitney were nominated as Democratic presidential electors. None of these, except Oglesby, who afterward withdrew, ever qualified by filing their names and acceptance with the secretary of state; neither were the names filed by the chairman and secretary of the Democratic convention. F. A. E. Starr and George C. Stout, assuming to represent a committee of the Democrats, have endeavored to file the name of N. L. Butler, E. Hofer and Harry Watkins and M. L. Olmstead in place of Killfeather, Carroll and Whitney, who failed to accept, and Oglesby, who withdrew.

The protestants first claim that Starr and Stout have no authority to act, but that they first should have been empowered by D'Arcy and Noiland, chairman and secretary of the Democratic convention, and were not so authorized. It is also claimed that there could be no substitution until the nominations and acceptance were first filed.

If the petitioners make the protest stick, Bryan will have no electoral ticket at all in this state, as the time for filing an individual nomination (30 days prior to election) has passed. The full text of the protest is as follows:

THE PROTEST.

"To the secretary of state: As counsel for and in behalf of Thomas G. Green, Robert Catlin and others, who as national Democrats, united in the petition duly filed with you, nominating for presidential electors and as national Democrats, Lewis B. Cox, Frank A. Seufert, Curtis J. Trenchard and Alexander M. Holmes, and as counsel for and in behalf of the political organization known as the national Democratic party of the state of Oregon in behalf of which party the foregoing petition referred to is filed, I object and protest against any certification by you to any of the county clerks of the state of Oregon the following-named persons as Democratic nominees for the office of presidential elector to-wit: M. L. Olmstead and E. Hofer, certificates for the pretended nomination of whom as Democrats was filed with you by F. A. E. Starr and George C. Stout, purporting to sign said nomination, respectively, as chairman and secretary of the Democratic state central committee; N. L. Butler and Harry Watkins, certificates for the pretended nomination of whom as Democrats for the office of presidential electors was signed by F. A. E. Starr and George C. Stout, purporting to be respectively signed as chairman and secretary of the Democratic state central committee; and I do protest and object against your certification of the said parties above named, or either of them, as the nominees of the Democratic party for presidential electors, save and except the certification by you of Lewis B. Cox, Frank A. Seufert, Curtis J. Trenchard, and Alexander M. Holmes, as national Democrats, under the petition of nom-

ination filed with you on the first day of October, 1896, by Thomas G. Green, Robert Catlin and others.

A brief filed with the protest recites the law in the case, some of the salient points of which are as follows: "By the law of Oregon, it takes two things to complete a nomination. There must be a proposition, upon the one hand, by a convention or assembly of some party tendering a nomination and this nomination is complete only when the nominee signifies his acceptance and files it.

On September 10 Starr and Stout say in a certificate that they have been appointed by the Democratic party, in its convention held April 9, 1896, to fill vacancies occasioned by death, resignation or otherwise of the nomination, which it is said were previously made by the Democratic party; and they say in this certificate that neither J. M. Carroll, E. Killfeather, W. W. Oglesby or J. J. Whitney, who, it is said, had been in fact nominated by the Democratic party in convention (neither Starr nor Stout were authorized to certify to this fact, because they were not officers of the convention as contemplated by section 31 of the act,) had filed their certificate of nomination or acceptance. This is true, unless possibly as to Oglesby; but, if true, the very truth of the fact prevented their acting, because no nomination had been made by the convention, and, without a convention nomination—namely, nomination and acceptance—no committee of the convention could act.

"Furthermore, at this particular time the Oglesby withdrawal had not been made, and, therefore, even as to Oglesby, there was no power to act, because, until the withdrawal, no committee can act; in other words, the committee undertook to act before even Oglesby had withdrawn. As a result, therefore, when Starr undertook to act, there was nothing for him to act upon.

"It follows also that no one who has even been certified as a nominee by any convention can resign, because the secretary of state does not know officially who has been nominated; not only this but it must appear also that this nomination has been accepted to entitle him to withdrawal; for, until accepted, he is not a candidate, and therefore has no power to withdraw.

"The law nowhere provides that, where any nominee of the convention qualifies by acceptance, any committee may name a candidate. And it is the duty of the secretary of state to apply the law as he finds it and not to determine what the law ought to be."

"ZERA SNOW,

Attorney for Protestants."

TAKING SNAP JUDGMENT.

The gold standard Democrats have taken snap judgment to knock out the Bryan electors in Oregon. When they thought it was too late (less than thirty days) to get up a petition for the regular Democratic electors, they come in with a protest against the Bryan electors appearing on the ticket as Democrats at all.

It is only 29 days from today, and as the secretary of state was not supposed to get mail on Sunday the protest really came a day too late for fair consideration, or for any hearing on the merits of the matter, or for the other side to make any showing whatever.

ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL.

On receipt of the above protest from the national (gold standard) Democrats, Secretary Kincaid wired Chairman Starr, Attorney General Idleman and Zera Snow to appear and present arguments on the merits of the matter.

State Chairman Starr and Idleman came up from Portland on the overland Sunday night. Hon. Wm. H. Holmes and Hon. P. H. D'Arcy, of this city were summoned and they re-

CASTORIA.

The following is an extract from the

maintained in the secretary's office until a late hour and adjourned to meet Monday morning.

THE OFFICIAL BALLOT

must be arranged and sent out in official form by the secretary of state according to law October 4, and not later than October 5. The force in the secretary's office have the official ballot all prepared and addressed in registeral letters to the county clerk of each county.

If the secretary is enjoined, the printing of the ballots will be delayed and confusion will result. If the injunction is successful, and the Bryan electors do not appear on the official ballot as the regular Democratic electors, the gold standard electors will alone appear on the ballot as Democrats and many will vote them under misapprehension.

If after argument today it is decided by the secretary to send out the official ballot, with the Bryan electors on the same as Democrats, the four Bryan electors will appear as "Peoples, Democratic, Silver Republicans." If the goldbug contention prevails, they will appear as "Peoples, Silver Republicans."

ATTORNEY GENERAL IDLEMAN

takes the technical position that as the Democratic electors never accepted there was no vacancy to fill, a mere peccadillo, and yet the entire basis of the gold Democratic contention. Zera Snow, in a letter to the secretary, says they are fortified by Mr. Idleman's opinion to the effect that there were no vacancies, and hence the Democratic state central committee had no power or authority to fill the vacancy by naming the four union Bryan electors as Democratic electors. Attorney General Idleman was not originally consulted by Secretary Kincaid, because he feared he was hand in glove with the gold Democrats and so it now appears.

ANOTHER PLAY.

The goldbug managers this morning telegraphed the secretary demanding that the Bryan electors appear on the ticket in three different groups, as Democrats, as Peoples, and as Silver Republicans, thus dividing their strength at the polls. But this was so ridiculous Kincaid would not entertain it at all.

THE SETS OF ELECTORS

as they will appear on the official ballot are as follows:

McKinley: John F. Caples, T. T. Geer, F. L. Smith, S. M. Yorlan.

Bryan: N. L. Butler, E. Hofer, W. H. Spaugh, Harry Watkins.

Prohibition (no candidate): D. Bowerman, C. J. Bright, Leslie Butler, C. E. Hoskins.

Gold Democrats: Lewis B. Cox, Alexander M. Holmes, Frank A. Seufert, Curtis J. Trenchard.

A PETITION

was finally agreed upon by the secretary of state and Attorney-General Idleman as the complete remedy to the objections of the gold standard Democrats. So 250 names will have to be enrolled at Salem before Tuesday evening of this week. The petition has been prepared to meet all the technical objections, and while it is not necessary as a matter of law, the precaution is no doubt a wise one and 250 signers will have to be procured at Salem. Any voter, be he Republican, Democrat or People's party, no matter what other petitions he may have signed is eligible to sign the petition that names the four Bryan electors as Democrats. They are already named by three conventions and by three sets of petitions, but now must be named a fourth time, and the voters will be found at Salem to sign them up before the sun goes down Tuesday evening, October 5th. Let the voters come in from all directions and sign at THE JOURNAL office and other places.

THE LAST EFFORT

by the gold Democratic managers in the employ of Mark Hanna, if they fail to keep the Bryan electors from appearing on the regular ticket as Democrats, will be to enjoin each county clerk from printing the Bryan

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BRYAN MARCHING ON.

His Saturday Speeches and Movements.

BRYAN VERY CONFIDENT.

Certain to Be Elected by a Large Majority.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 4.—William Jennings Bryan gives the following signed statement concerning the coming election:

"I have no doubt of my election. I base my confidence upon the fact that the free coinage sentiment is growing every day. The people are studying the money question, and the study of it is convincing the people generally that there can be no permanent prosperity as long as the gold standard is maintained.

"The gold standard makes a dearer dollar; a dearer dollar means falling prices, and falling prices means hard times. The people who profit by hard times are relatively so small in number that they would amount to nothing at all but for the fact that they are aided by a considerable number of people, who not having studied the money question themselves, have received instructions from a few financiers.

"The number of Republicans who have declared for free silver outnumber the Democrats who have deserted the ticket, and while the number of silver Republicans is increasing all the time, the number of bolting Democrats is all the time decreasing. While I have no doubt as to my election, I believe that the advocates of free coinage should work from now to election day to make the majority in the electoral college so large that no party will ever dare to propose submission to a foreign financial policy. (Signed.)

"WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN."

FROM SATURDAY SPEECHES.

"Our opponents are attempting to array the laborers in the city against the laborers on the farms. They are trying to divide those who toil into two classes and play one class against the other. They tell us that we are raising class issues; and yet the Republican party in this campaign has done more to array classes against classes than any party ever did in any campaign in the history of this country; and worst of all, my friends, the Republican party in this campaign is attempting to compel the laboring men of this country who work for wages to vote against their own interests under threat of losing their jobs. They tell you the interest of one man is the interest of all. I tell you there are questions which arise where men's interests differ.

"You will have an opportunity to hear the issues of this campaign discussed, because Illinois is rich in those who are prepared to do yeoman service in behalf of the common people. There is none more able and willing, or more courageous, than your candidate for governor, John P. Allgeld."

THE PENSION QUESTION.

"When our campaign opened our opponents thought they could ridicule us out of existence, and then when they found that the ridicule would not work, they began to abuse those who favored free coinage. They began to call them all sorts of names,

and, when they were not making much progress, I understand that down in the state of Indiana, our opponents resorted to misrepresentation. I am informed that the Republicans have circulated in this state an editorial taken from the Omaha World-Herald criticizing pension appropriations. That editorial appeared in the World-Herald some two years before I had any connection with the paper, and those who are circulating it know they are circulating something I never wrote, which I was not responsible for, and was in no manner connected with. So desperate has become the Republican campaign that those who claim to want an honest dollar are not willing to deal honestly with a political opponent. [Great applause.] Upon the pension question, as upon all other questions, my record can be found by any one who will read reports of the congressional proceedings or the platforms upon which I have run." [Great applause.]

BRYAN AT MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 5.—Bryan arrived this morning at 7:30. Thousands of people were at the Poplar street station. The famous Chicka-saw guards and Neely Zouaves escorted Mr. Bryan and the Memphis committee to the hotel, where breakfast was taken. A feature of the demonstration to the depot, was several instantaneous aerial salutes, equalling the noise of a 20-pound cannon, given by General Peter Tracy, in honor of the distinguished visitor.

Bryan at 10 o'clock was escorted to the base ball park by the committee. Ten thousand people gave him a rousing reception. He was introduced by Senator Harris. In the speech Bryan said: "While I appreciate the honor conferred upon me, not only by the nomination of my own party, but by the additional nomination of the other two parties; I say to you, here, my friends, that my interest in the cause of bimetalism is so deep that I would without a moment's hesitation, resign my nominations in favor of any person in this county, who can better carry this cause to victory."

AT MARION'S CAPITAL.

L. W. Guiss, J. G. Reeves and Mina Wright as trustees of Home Rebekah Lodge No. 58 of Woodburn, today filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The society's property is valued at \$75.

E. K. Hall has filed notice with County Clerk Ehlen of the location of the "Lillie Irene" mining claim in Gold Creek Mining District of this county.

Justice Court.

The replevin suit of James I. Dozier vs E. W. Capps, constable of Woodburn precinct, in which a couple of hundred sacks of wheat were involved was heard in Justice H. A. Johnson's court Saturday before a jury consisting of J. A. Baker, E. H. Flagg, W. H. Cook, E. F. Osburn, J. F. Staiger and Charles Calvert. J. A. Carson appeared for the plaintiff and John Manning and W. M. Kaiser for the defendant. The trial began in the forenoon and was not concluded until late in the evening when the jury returned a verdict in favor of the constable.

A PROTECTIONIST.—A bit of conversation between two patients at the asylum a few days since was overheard. It seems even those whose minds are badly deranged, are much interested in the result of this presidential campaign. One of the patients remarked something about protection, as usual trying to avoid the issue of the present campaign, when patient No. 2 responded: "An honest man never wants protection. It is only the rogues and unfair men that ask for protection in order that they may better carry on their sculdugery."

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