

FUSION IS FORBIDDEN.

People's Party Committee Issues a Straight Forward Ultimatum.

BARKER AND DONNELLY NOT INDORSED

If Fusion is Proposed in Conventions Middle of the Road Pops Have Strict Orders to Bolt.

Kansas City, Mo., May 17.—An address to the populist party was issued here tonight by the National organization committee of the people's party with the indorsement of the National Reform Press association.

These two bodies, whose common object is to keep the populist party in the middle of the road, avoiding fusion with other political parties everywhere, had been in session here since Tuesday morning, and the adoption of the address concludes their labors.

All was not harmony among these middle of the road leaders and only after long and heated discussions was an address agreed upon. A hard fight was made to secure the indorsement of Wharton Barker and Ignatius Donnelly for president and vice president in 1900, but this the committee refused to recommend. Instead, a thorough organization of the middle of the roaders in every section of the country is urged with the understanding that they shall enter their names as candidates with the present populist organization, but that wherever fusion shall gain the day, whether in county, State or National convention, the middle of the roaders shall bolt and begin an active campaign to carry out their principles.

The alleged fusionist tendency of Marion Butler, chairman of the populist National committee, was pointed against by a clause which authorizes the National organization committee to call a National committee convention if they shall be convinced that the National committee are playing into the hands of the fusionists.

The address of the committee, in substance, follows: "That the voters of the Nation may feel assured that the people's party shall not again be betrayed in National convention or its working forces passed into the hands of the enemy, and to inspire confidence among the masses in the integrity of our party and the sincerity of our demands for independent action as a party, we respectfully submit to the populists of the Nation the following plan of action:

First, that the National organization committee hereby instruct its chairman to proceed with the formation of the people's party in all the States on the lines recommended by the Cincinnati convention of September, 1898, or some relative plan, and to appoint in each State three members of the National organization committee and with the assistance and advice of those committees, to organize a State organization committee in congressional districts, counties and voting precincts. Wherever it is positively known that the members of the National organization committee are to be selected as members of the several organization committees.

Second, that the duty of the several committees to use all means to secure the selection of delegates to the various conventions leading up to the national presidential convention of 1900 who are opposed to fusion, and, failing in this, to provide for and direct the people's party to the general convention. That, in no case, if those who are opposed to fusion are fairly or dishonestly treated in the convention they shall send a delegation to contest the seats of the fusionists' delegation in the State convention.

If the State convention is controlled in the interest of fusion and against the people's party, as soon as this is determined the middle-of-the-road delegations shall leave the convention and send a separate delegation to the State in the National convention. Should the National convention be controlled by straight populists, all delegates sent under this plan shall feel themselves in honor bound to nominate those candidates for president and vice president recommended by the referendum vote, provided, in the judgment of the National organization committee, there shall have been sufficient organization to make such a vote both practicable and representative of the will of the party.

Should the National convention of 1900 be controlled in the interest of fusion the straight delegations shall leave said convention and join the contesting delegations and there carry out the will of the populists of the nation without regard to the fusion convention.

In this case the National organization committee and the several State, district, county and precinct committees organized under the plan shall be recognized as the only committees having any authority in the affairs of the people's party.

If it should so occur that the National committee fail to issue the call for a National people's party convention within due time, in the discretion of the National organization committee, said organization committee shall then proceed to issue a call for a National convention.

We offer this plan of action knowing that it will show to every populist that we are willing to remain in good fellowship with our fusion brethren with whom we have differed in the past in accepting distant allegiance with the members of the people's party, provided, they will, with us, stand firmly on the original principles of the party and the line of action intended by its founders, who declared in Omaha in 1892 that the two old parties were jointly responsible for the miseries of the people and the unjust legislation which oppressed them;

(second) if they refuse to do so that we wish them to know that we can go with them no further, preferring to address to the grand principles of war against personal or political advancement or gain. We share the humiliation of the populist voters who have found themselves in the past forced to vote for candidates not in sympathy with each demand of the people's party platform and urge them to diligently work in the future to avert any repetition of such a complication.

We recommend that an earnest effort be made to carry out the request for the referendum vote asked for by the Cincinnati convention be made so that the fullest expression on the question may be obtained.

In order that State clubs systems of party government may be most effective we recommend that these clubs be prepared in view of National candidates and other questions between October 1, 1899, and January 1, 1900, and send a tabulated vote of same by States to Hon. Milton Park, chairman of the National organization committee, Dallas, Texas, who, as soon as practicable, shall certify the National results of same to the public.

William L. Peck, Chairman. "Joe A. Jones. "L. H. Stebbins. "L. H. Weiler, Secretary."

MAZET COMMITTEE.

James Mahoney On Stand—Hamilton County Democrats Vainly Argue.

New York, May 17.—At today's session of the Mazet investigation committee James Mahoney, with whom Mayor Van Wyck admitted he had had some business transactions, was put through a long series of questioning. Mahoney admitted being a boom-maker, but declined to answer the question as to whether he is conducting pool rooms here.

Former Police Commissioner Hamilton, whom Mayor Van Wyck yesterday designated a "blackmailer," declared that what the mayor had said was absolutely false.

Several witnesses who have been doing detective work testified that a large number of pool rooms are now being run in this city.

The press association appointed W. V. Houghton of Missouri, Abe Seiburger of Kansas and Frank Burkett of Missouri delegates to the Mississippi congressional congress, soon to meet at Wichita. The editors will leave tomorrow for Colorado Springs.

Alabama Legislature. Appropriations for Mileage and Per Diem Only Business Passed. Montgomery, Ala., May 17.—After being in session fourteen days the legislature adjourned this evening.

The body was convened in extra session by the governor to repeal the call for a constitutional convention and to propose amendments to the constitution to be voted on at the next election and to pass primary election laws. The only act passed during the fourteen days was to repeal the call for the convention and appropriate money to pay their salaries and mileage. A number of amendments were offered, but none of them could command enough votes to make them effective.

Lexow in Chicago. Chicago, May 17.—The old question "Is there gambling in Chicago?" was the first matter taken up by the Baxter legislative investigation committee, which began its "Lexow" work here today. The committee will investigate charges that the city administration extended protection to gamblers who are on good terms with those in authority. Several witnesses testified today that there are many gambling houses now doing business in the downtown districts.

Four Were Killed and Three Fatally Injured. Manchester, Iowa, May 17.—The details of the cyclone which passed over the northern part of this county last night are most harrowing. As a result of the storm four people are dead and three others fatally injured.

The storm continued three miles north of Greeley about 8:30 o'clock, making a line due east for six miles, then veered due northeast for four miles, demolishing everything in its course. Every farm house in the track of the storm for a width of forty rods is either totally destroyed or wrecked.

At Bigelow, where a family took shelter in the cellar, a young baby was torn from the mother's arms and carried twenty-five rods without injury.

At the Klaus cemetery only one monument is left standing and some of the tombstones were found two miles away. The Klaus school house was blown to pieces and the Methodist church is a wreck.

The Ridenour family took refuge in the cellar. Three are injured. Mr. Ridenour was lifted bodily out of the cellar by the force of the wind.

The Sheppard family were in the house, which was smashed to kindling. Two of the sons were carried 400 yards and one killed outright. The father died this afternoon. The other children all die.

C. M. Merson, J. B. Jacobs and George Lang were returning from Elk Point and were caught directly in the path of the storm. Jacobs and Lang jumped out of the wagon and were carried up into the air and their bodies came to the ground mangled almost beyond recognition. Merson whipped his horses out of the wind and jumped from the wagon and escaped with slight injuries. The team turned and ran into the storm and both horses were killed. The storm exhausted itself a mile north of Coleburg.

The damage is beyond estimation.

Canadian Commission. Impression is That a Meeting Will Be Arranged for Fall. Washington, May 17.—As the result of a conference held at the foreign office in London between Lord Salisbury, Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Hay, it can now be predicted that the high joint commission to adjust issues between the United

JUDGE WALTER COLQUITT.



The New Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He is a Son of Ex-Governor Colquitt of Georgia.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S IMPORTANT NEWS.

THE PHILIPPINE SITUATION.

Lawton has captured San Isidro, the second native capital, and is driving the enemy into the mountains.

Large numbers of natives, with their families, are returning to San Fernando. In the attack on San Isidro the natives lost 200 killed and many wounded.

Washington officials reiterate the statement that the natives are whipped and are about to surrender. At the same time the American forces are having hot fights.

MacArthur has driven the enemy in front of him back from Calumpit and Dagupan.

The alleged English officers when arranged for organizing to start a revolution in the Transvaal are said to look like loafers and not like industrial conspirators.

Britishers at Cape Colony think the Transvaal affair was trumped up by Boer authorities.

Delegates to the peace conference have arrived at The Hague. De Staal of Russia will preside.

Manchard, the French explorer, has arrived at Jibouti, East Africa.

Cecil Rhodes says he was in ignorance of the proposed Transvaal rebellion. Englishmen say the charges are trumped up to offset the Uitlanders' position.

It is announced from Hot Springs, Va., where President McKinley is resting, that he will have no extra session of congress, so far as present indications are concerned.

The people's party organization committee at Kansas City issued an address forbidding fusion under any circumstances with either of the other parties.

General Merriman requests two troops of cavalry to handle the strikers in the Cour d'Alene district.

Conflict between Federal and State authorities at Huntington mines may cause bloodshed.

Houston reduces good ordinary below 40c, New York all grades 1-10c, otherwise spot cotton is unchanged.

Cotton futures in Liverpool 15 1/2-16 1/4. New York closed 4 to 5 and New Orleans 5 to 6 points higher.

Stocks showed a rally, the Flower holding recovering their recent decline.

Wheat advanced 1/2 cent, corn 1/4 cent. Pork declined 15 1/2-17 1/2 and lard and ribs 2 1/2-3 1/2.

Taxpayers held a mass meeting in the market hall and passed resolutions. The ladies have collected \$516 for the public square.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson pays a visit to the front and sugar raising districts of South Texas and expresses himself as greatly pleased with his trip.

His past-life addresses and so far as possible to forward the same with their remittance from time to time. Temporary receipts have been provided until the handsomely engraved souvenir receipts are ready for issuance.

Bishop McCabe Elected Vice Chancellor. Washington, May 17.—The semi-annual meeting of the trustees of the American University was held today at the Arlington hotel. Among those present was Bishop Charles C. McCabe of Fort Worth, Texas.

Bishop Hurst, the chancellor of the university, announced the receipt of \$90,000 from a friend who is not made public, for the founding in connection with the college of a chair of languages of the Thomas Cole college for missions.

Bishop McCabe reported the \$25,000 as recently subscribed for the endowment of the university. President McKinley was elected to membership in the board of trustees.

A Next Address on the Anniversary of Norway's Independence. Chicago, May 17.—The Norwegianists of Chicago today celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of the Norwegian declaration of independence. A banquet was held tonight, representatives of all the Norwegian societies of the city sharing in the programs. Among the speakers was Colonel William J. Bryan, who took for his subject "Our Adopted Citizens in Peace and War."

He said in part: Our Nation, because of its material and governmental advantages, has drawn to its shores a multitude of ambitious, enterprising and industrious immigrants and those coming from all parts of Europe, have brought with them the ideas and customs of their respective countries. Here in free America the process of assimilation and selection goes on. So long as we believe in the omnipotence of truth we must believe that out of this clash of ideas and customs will come the

survival of those ideas and customs which are proven to be the best.

From this we can reasonably expect the development of an American civilization which will be superior to any which has preceded it—a civilization which will encourage and protect the individual in his progress toward physical, mental and moral progress.

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CUBANS COOLING DOWN.

Even the Rabid Newspapers Are Advising Moderation.

CESSATION OF WILD TALK DESIRABLE.

Manifesto of Gomez and Brooke's Order Have Been Exchanged—A Strike Caused Bloodshed.

Havana, May 17.—Cuban emotion has taken a swift turn toward moderation. All the political groups and the fifteen daily newspapers of Havana realize today that a cessation of wild talk was desirable. Even the acrobatic members of the late military assembly went about soothing their excited followers.

The meetings of the National league tonight, though largely attended, was orderly, all the speakers advising calm reflection before any movement is begun, lest violent incidents might be precipitated by rashness.

The manifesto of General Gomez was read today by Governor General Brooke and the latter's forthcoming order on the subject of the payment of Cuban troops was read by Gomez. Approvals were exchanged. The paper was expected to contain this evening containing the manifesto, but as a matter of fact Gomez is not yet ready.

Not a Piece for Wage Earners, but Nice for the Rich Man. New York, May 17.—Major General Henry U. S. V. until recently military governor of Porto Rico, arrived on the transport McPherson from San Juan, P. R., today. General Henry is enthusiastic about Porto Rico, its people and its possibilities.

"It is a wonderful country," he said, "but we will have to go slow in bringing about reforms. Over 15,000 men are at work on public improvements, and we are spending over \$100,000 per month in this way. This is more money than the men received from Spain all their lives."

"The Porto Ricans are anxious for a territorial form of government, but the question is, how are they going to get money if the customs duties are wiped out? We are spending large sums and I introduced a water supply in San Juan in five weeks after I took hold. The Spanish had been at work on the same thing for twenty years. San Juan is a clean town as any city of the South American republics. The people all look forward to being Americans."

"Porto Rico," he said, "is the place for a central rather than for a poor man. At present there are thousands of the poor class without employment. The average wage for unskilled labor on plantations is 10 cents per day, American money. The fertility of the soil and the abundance of the climate make the demand for labor very small."

Strike Causes Bloodshed. Cienfuegos, Province of Santa Clara, May 16, 9:15 a. m. via Havana.—The agitation of the Cuban dock laborers here who have been demanding back pay culminated this evening in bloodshed. The dock laborers were on strike for several days. A detachment of twenty-five soldiers is guarding the custom house. The hardware stores have sold out everything in the nature of firearms and knives.

General Merriman Asks for a Couple of Troops of Cavalry. Washington, May 17.—Secretary Alger has received the following telegram from General Merriman in explanation of the situation in the Cour d'Alene:

Wardner, Idaho, May 17.—The governor of Idaho has carefully reviewed the situation here and deems it necessary to further disorder. Burke and Mullan to avoid further disorder. I request two troops of cavalry. Referring to the press articles, I have made no order. My action is limited strictly to the support of the State authorities. There are 300 prisoners still in custody. (Signed) Merriman, Brigadier General.

Judge Tallafiero Indorsed. One of Milan County Wants Him on Court of Civil Appeals. Cameron, Texas, May 16.—The members of the Milan county bar met at the court house yesterday and elected Attorney J. M. Ralston chairman, who stated the object of the meeting was to pass suitable resolutions indorsing Judge W. G. Tallafiero for appointment as judge of the court of civil appeals at Galveston, when a committee consisting of Judge Sam Streetman, L. C. McBride and Hon. N. H. Tracy, and the committee reported the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, a vacancy exists on the court of appeals at Galveston by reason of the appointment of Hon. F. A. Williams as judge of the supreme court of Texas; and whereas, W. G. Tallafiero of Brazos county is well qualified for appointment to said vacancy; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend Judge Tallafiero, who has served for many years as a lawyer of wide experience and learning, and as a man of high integrity and honor, and as one by reason of natural talent and most suitable experience in the court of civil appeals, and that we do earnestly urge Hon. Joseph D. Sayers to appoint him to said position.

LA GRANGE LOCALS. Two Negroes Convicted of Burglary. Personal Mention. La Grange, Texas, May 16.—The county clerk received the official list of notaries public today, showing ninety-three appointees for this county.

Will Allen, colored, who was arrested some time ago charged with burglarizing Cranz & Kessler's store at Schulenburg, was on yesterday tried and convicted in the district court and given five years in the penitentiary.

August Gaster, a small colored boy 15 yesterday tried and convicted in the district court in two cases and given two years in the penitentiary in each case.

Charles O. Woods, the stockman of Fidelity, came over to pay his respects to the district court yesterday.

Henry Laturus, the justice of the peace of Holman, was in our city yesterday.

J. W. Mester, the lumber king of Flat-topped, Moulton, Sequin et al, was in the city yesterday.

George W. Lewis