

ENLIST THE PEOPLE

Free Silver Democrats Hope to Draw Support.

A PLAIN ADDRESS IS ISSUED

Will Make a Determined Effort to Commit National Convention to Bimetallism.

Washington, Aug. 15.—At the conference of free silver democrats today the following address to the people was reported by the committee on resolutions and unanimously adopted. It was read by Governor Stone of Missouri and in most respects was the same as that adopted by the democrats of Texas, Missouri and Mississippi. The address in full is as follows:

At a conference between a number of democrats from different states who attended a non-partisan convention recently assembled at Memphis, Tenn., for the purpose of promoting the cause of free silver coinage, which conference was held after the adjournment of the convention, a committee consisting of Senators Jones of Arkansas, Turple of Indiana and Harris of Tennessee was appointed and authorized to invite representative democrats from several states to meet them at Washington for consultation with a view of securing the co-operation and concert of action among those democrats throughout the Union who believe in adhering to the cardinal democratic policy of actual bimetallism and who are opposed to committing the party to the plutocracy doctrines of gold monometallism. The present conference is the result of the action. This is purely a voluntary assemblage and therefore does not assume to speak with party authority. Disclaiming all right to bind any person by our utterances, but profoundly conscious that the democratic party today confronts a crisis most momentous in its history and fraught with far-reaching perils to the people and the country, we are assembled as individual democrats to take counsel together and for the undisguised purpose of inaugurating and promoting thorough and systematic organization of democratic masses, so they may go forward as one man with resolute purpose to rescue the old party founded by Thomas Jefferson from plutocratic domination.

Therefore, with this object in view, this convention of American democrats, composed of representatives from 24 states of the Union, make the following declaration on the money question:

The federal constitution names silver and gold together as the money metal of the United States. The first coinage law passed by congress under the constitution made the silver dollar the unit of value and admitted gold to free coinage at a ratio measured by the silver dollar unit. From the beginning of the government, following the policy formulated by Thomas Jefferson and firmly established by Jackson, the democratic party has been the party of bimetallism, favoring free coinage of both silver and gold at the national mints and opposed to farming out to banking corporations the government's sovereign power of issuing and controlling the money of the people. The act of 1873 demonetizing silver was surreptitiously passed without the approval or knowledge of the American people, and from the time when the effect of this act in fastening upon this country the single gold standard was understood the democratic party has consistently and persistently urged that the grievous wrongs be righted. Failure to accomplish this object has resulted in the steady appreciation of gold and a corresponding fall in the price of commodities produced by the people, a heavy increase in the burden of all debts, public and private, enrichment of the money lending classes, the parasites of industry, impoverishment of the people, and unexampled distress in all gold standard countries.

A DISASTROUS POLICY.

Experience has shown that while under a single gold standard there may be an occasional revival of business activity, accompanied by enhanced prices of a limited number of commodities, such revival is due to artificial and temporary causes, and can not permanently alleviate the sufferings due to falling of prices brought about by the appreciation of gold and an inadequate supply of primary or redemption money.

The rights of the American people, the interests of American labor, and the prosperity of American industry have a higher claim to the condition of the people and law-makers than the greed of foreign creditors or avaricious demands made by idle holders of idle capital. The right to

regulate its own money system in the interest of its own people is a right which no free government can barter, sell or surrender. This reserved right is part of every bond, of every contract, and of every obligation. No creditor or claimant can set up a right that can take precedence over a nation's obligations to promote the welfare of the masses of its people. This is a debt higher and more binding than all other debts and one that is dishonest and treasonable to ignore. The land and its products are the basis of all development and prosperity. The productive capacity of a country must be the basis of its credit. In opposing the policy of contraction which must inevitably further depreciate the value of land and its products, we are supporters of property rights and sound credit and stand between the homes and estates of the people and the red flag of the auctioneer.

ALL SHOULD OPPOSE.

The policy of gold monometallism has been characterized by repeated and disastrous financial panics. The farmers have found their prosperity and independence constantly waning under its blighting influence. The manufacturers are interested to oppose it, for they find the price of sales falling below the cost of production. Merchants should oppose it, for with falling prices they are often compelled to sell for less than they paid for manufactured goods. Neither the manufacturer nor the merchant can prosper unless the mass of consumers realize such prices for their product as to supply themselves liberally with the necessities and luxuries of life. Nor can wage earners prosper, for there is less and less competition for their labor.

The democratic party is the traditional friend and champion of bimetallism. Its strength, power and popularity have been largely built up on its steadfast opposition to demonetization of silver and its record of unwearied effort to restore it to its historic place as full money metal equal with gold. The effort at this late day to make it par excellence the champion of gold monometallism is an effort to dishonor its record, its promises and its principles. The moment the democratic party is forced into this position it heaps obliquity on its past and crowns its great adversary with glory and honor.

Duty to the people requires the party of the people to continue to battle for bimetallism until its efforts are crowned with success; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the democratic party in national convention assembled should demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold into primary or redemption money at a ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the action or approval of any other nation.

Resolved, second, It should declare its irrevocable opposition to the substitution for metallic currency of a panic-breeding corporation-credit currency based on a single metal, the supply of which is so limited it can be cornered at any time by a few banking institutions in Europe and America.

Resolved, third, It should declare its opposition to the policy and practice of surrendering to the holders of obligations of the United States the option reserved by law to the government of redeeming such obligations in either silver coin or gold coin.

Resolved, fourth, It should declare its opposition to issuing interest bearing bonds of the United States in the time of peace, and especially to placing the treasury of the government under the control of any syndicate of bankers, and the issuance of bonds to be sold by them at an enormous profit for the purpose of supplying the federal treasury with gold to maintain the policy of gold monometallism.

REAR END TRAIN COLLISION FATAL

One Person Killed and a Score of Others Injured.

Camden, N. J., Aug. 15.—One person was killed and a score of others injured in a collision on the Camden & Atlantic railroad in this city tonight. An accommodation train crashed into the rear end of an excursion train at Liberty Park station. Marshall Johnson, the 6-year-old son of Rev. Marshall Johnson of this city, was killed.

The following are the most seriously injured: Maggie Cannon, Daisy Nehan, John Wilson, L. Buckman, Matida Quash, Carrie Quash.

THE HOVAS ARE FIGHTING HARD

Perilous Day for French Troops in Madagascar.

Port Louis, Island of Meritius, Aug. 15.—Advices received here from Majunga, Island of Madagascar, dated August 5, say the Hovas were then entrenched at Kinajy, on Ambohimena mountains between Andriha and Antananarivo. General Duchesne was advancing upon this position, and another Hova force, consisting of 4000 men, were pushing forward with the intention of cutting off the French supplies near Marovay. There has been heavy mortality among the French troops on account of malaria, dysentery, etc.

IT STIRS PENDLETON

Hotel Fire and Alleged Murder Investigated in Court.

IT IS NO NEARER SOLUTION

Evidence Offered So Far Not Sufficient to Hold the Men Accused of Crime.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 15.—Examination in the most sensational murder case ever tried in this section was begun at 10 o'clock this morning in the court of Justice Parkes. The formal charge of murder was entered last Monday. Since that time the state has been collecting testimony and awaiting the arrival of important witnesses. The story first put out concerning the origin of the fire was soon thrown aside by the authorities, and a theory constructed which made robbery and murder the principal elements in the affair. They contend that instead of a drunken man tumbling about in the dark and carelessly dropping burning matches near cans of gasoline, the great conflagration was started by conscienceless wretches who had gone to the room of a guest of the hotel, plunged a knife into his breast or otherwise took his life, and then, to cover the terrible deed from the searching investigation which was sure to follow, fired the building and brought death to four human beings.

No theory was necessary regarding the death of these persons, for the firemen in a few hours had laid out their bodies on the sidewalk and the coroner had returned a verdict. In arriving at that verdict, however, there were brought out facts which justified the suspicion that foul murder had been committed. The conviction grew in the minds of all, and there were heard loud demands for the minutest inquiry. The district attorney, John H. Lawrey, procured an efficient detective from Portland to assist the sheriff and his deputies. Since Thursday, August 8, the day after the fire, this city has been a veritable beehive of industry as the various clues were followed, and everything unearthed which could possibly throw light on the tragedy. Every person in any way connected with the affair, every guest of the hotel, every person accustomed to frequent the place, and every stranger who was seen in town on that evening who could in any manner be suspected of connection with the awful crime was locked up, openly or secretly. People who little dream of such a thing have been traced in their movements on the evening of August 7 and the night that followed. The heinous character of the crime rendered this sleuth-like ferretting out of all the details necessary.

George H. Clacking was a young man of excellent character who had built up a good reputation in Cascade Locks, where he had resided for nine months. Being of a saving disposition, and receiving \$3 per day at steady work, he was able to add to the \$500 he took to the Locks with him, until he counted up \$1300 of hard and honestly earned money laid away in the bank. Mr. Clacking was about 25 years old. He had always been an industrious man, and as he had toiled he had looked forward to the time when he could start in business for himself. Work became slack on the government contract of Day Brothers, and so he decided to start out to hunt a business location and realize his long cherished hopes. Boarding the train coming east, he rode as far as Pendleton. Here he stopped, and with a newly made friend went to the Transfer house, a hotel which has been patronized by all classes—working men loafers, gamblers, thieves and thugs. The proprietor, Rees Heycock, was, so all people here believe, an honest man, who merely neglected to make inquiry into the character of his guests. There were good men and there were bad men among the guests. Clacking brought money from the Locks to Pendleton. He was known

to have it in Cascade Locks, and on the same train with him rode a man just released from the penitentiary at Salem, where he had been for one and one-half years for a serious crime. That man has been traced as far as Umatilla, 44 miles west of this city, but there he was lost and it can not be ascertained in what direction he went. This ex-convict was in Cascade Locks two weeks before Clacking left. Perhaps he could tell about the affair if he were willing.

After the fire and on the same evening, a young boy in a boarding house heard some men counting over a sum of money and giving indications that the money had been recently acquired. Their conversation, as remembered by the boy, leads the officers to think they had obtained that money from Clacking, for it was evident that the young man had met with violent death at the hands of some one who had robbed him. Whetstone and Moore were therefore arrested, and the charge of murder entered.

The examination continued all day. It was held in the circuit court room, on account of the immense crowds.

One woman testified that the woman rescued from the burning building said she saw a man lying in a pool of blood.

E. J. Bebb, a responsible witness, swore that he heard a man admit that he saw the same body of a man lying in a pool of blood.

Thus far there is nothing tending to convict Frank Whetstone and Stewart Moore, though it is believed some one was guilty.

DIAZ TO SEE A BOXING CONTEST

Sports Think They Can Make Him Countenance Such Exhibitions.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 15.—Today M. T. McLeah, a prominent sporting man of Chicago, who came here a few days ago to see what arrangements could be made to have the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight come off in Juarez, Mexico, in case it was stopped at Dallas, received a telegram from Joe Hampson, the big railroad contractor of Mexico, stating that President Diaz would under no consideration allow the fight to take place on Mexican soil. Billy Smith, the pugilist, has been sent to the City of Mexico to give a boxing contest with Jimmy Carroll before President Diaz's cabinet to show them the sport is not brutal.

KILLED MANY SPANISH GUERRILLAS

Cuban Insurgents Fell Upon a Band—Rebel Leaders Sentenced.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 15.—Passengers from Cuba tonight report that on last Wednesday an insurgent band under Matagas encountered a band of Spanish guerrillas near Colon. Eighty-five of the latter were killed, while the insurgents' loss was seven killed and 32 wounded.

The trial of Juan Gualberto Gomez occurred Monday. He defended himself and was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. Lopez Coloma, Mantanza's chief, who was followed to the field by his affianced, received the same sentence.

Ignacio Lazaga, Amto Echivarra, Pedro Villamie and Eladio Arjola, charged as being custodians of insurgents' arms and ammunitions, were sentenced for 20 years.

EXPLOSION OF BENZINE CAUSED IT

Findlay Foundry and a Great Amount of Oil Burned.

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 15.—An explosion of benzine, resulting in fire, consumed the plant of the Peerless foundry at Findlay, with a loss of \$60,000. William Adams and William Bemis, still men, were probably fatally burned. Ten oil stills and two tanks of crude oil, containing 12,000 gallons, exploded and burned. A mammoth tank of 30,000 barrels was fired into with a cannon, letting the oil run out, where it caught fire and is still burning.

Committee Starts for Ku Cheng.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Acting Secretary McAdoo today received a cablegram from Admiral Carpenter at Chee Foo, confirming the Associated Press cable of a few days ago that the outrage investigation commission had left Foo Chow for Ku Cheng and that Lieutenant Evans of the navy was a member of the commission.

No Separate Receivers.

Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 15.—Judge Collier this afternoon rendered an opinion denying the prayer of the United States Trust Company, trustees of the \$16,000,000 first mortgage of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company bonds, for the appointment of separate receivers.