

## THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

James B. Weaver, of Iowa, and James G. Field, of Virginia.

The nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States respectively—The Platform and Platform.

OMAHA, Neb., July 4.—Although 8 o'clock was the hour set for the opening of the morning session of the national convention of the people's party, it was 8:45 before enough members had arrived to warrant the calling of the roll to ascertain whether or not a quorum was present, and 9 o'clock before partial order had been secured.

The credentials committee reported no contests.

The committee on permanent organization made its report as follows:

Your committee on permanent organization beg leave to submit the following report: For permanent chairman, H. L. Loucks, South Dakota. [Prolonged applause.] For permanent secretary, J. W. Hayes, New Jersey. [Applause.] For assistant secretaries, S. S. King, of Kansas; George Wilson, of Michigan; G. W. Denmark, of South Carolina; and D. W. Monroe.

Following this was also a long list of vice chairmen, each state being represented in the distribution of this honor. The report was unanimously adopted amid applause, and Temporary Chairman Billington at once introduced his successor.

The new chairman made a lengthy address.

Gen. Armstrong followed with a twenty-minute speech.

The report of the committee on rules was submitted and adopted.

H. F. Taubeneck, of Illinois, was recognized and opened the convention by a speech of welcome. He said that the Omaha Fourth of July parade would be passing the convention, and he was about to propose a recess when a delegate interrupted with the statement that they were not to move their business. Taubeneck nevertheless moved a recess for twenty minutes for the parade, and Col. Norton said that it was a courtesy due to the citizens of Omaha. It was carried by a decided majority.

The roll of states was called and each state sent up the name of its member of the national committee.

A resolution offered to request the Union Pacific to extend the usual courtesy of half-fare rates to members traveling over its lines, met with such a vehement protest from those who had refused the resolution that the resolution was rejected and a motion adopted to appeal to the interstate commerce commission in the matter.

A recess was then taken until 2 p. m.

At the afternoon session a telegram was read announcing that the republican delegation from Wellington, county, Kas., had gone to the congressional convention, and a certain candidate who was defeated and on their return the delegation put on badges of the people's party candidate. The announcement was greeted with loud cheers.

But the most dramatic incident of the day and one so overpowering in its intensity as to be scarcely describable in the English language was yet to come.

Representative Taubeneck, after waving a telegram in his hand, he announced to one of his neighbors "Gresham will accept." The word gradually passed around the hall and the wild excitement grew and grew. Finally Taubeneck said the message was from Dr. Houser, people's candidate for lieutenant-governor of Indiana, and read: "I have just seen Gresham. If unanimous he will not decline."

For fifteen minutes thereafter the convention was utterly beyond the control of the chair.

At 8:45, the third session of the day was called to order. Numerous hurried conferences were held to consider the feasibility of concentrating upon Senator Kyle, but the chairman cut them short by insisting that every delegate should get into his or her seat.

At 8:40, Branch, of Georgia, appeared with the supplementary report of the committee on platform.

To the platform regarding a free coin, a southern delegate in the rear of the hall, moved that it be tabled on the ground that it was but a rehash of the declarations in the platform of the two old parties. By an overwhelming majority the convention decided to let it stay in, and the reading was resumed.

Hearty applause was given the referendum regarding standing armies, the referendum, and the limits of the terms of the presidency. When the reading was finished, Chairman Loucks put the motion on the adoption of the report, although a number of delegates demanded to be heard.

Quiet was secured by Hugh Cavanaugh, of the executive board of the Knights of Labor, who reported this resolution in behalf of the committee:

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pression to refuse to purchase the goods made by the said manufacturers or to patronize any merchant who sells such goods.

Over an hour was consumed in discussion of this resolution.

It was then moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on resolutions.

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## AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

FRAME FOR SILO.

John Gould Discusses Its Merits and Suggests Some Improvements.

An old reader sends us the accompanying cut of the frame of a silo, and asks if it is of sufficient merit to be noticed. Of course anything that promises to be an improvement on existing things is in the line of notice. The diagram shows that the studding of the silo is to be put horizontal, and the locked corners are to be further strengthened by a cross-piece, to be applied on as seen at A. The important thing is to do away with the corners, and ceiling upon these braces as well as the studding B. The designer does not say whether the silo is to be single or double-banked, which would be an important point, as the silo, if single-banked, would find its weak point at the turning of the angles. If the matched lumber were first put upon the studding, or now more properly "ribs," and notched on to these cross braces so that the siding could be spliced or lapped on to the first boards, the corners would seem then to be reasonably secure. The double boarding, with strong pa-

per doubled in the turns, would make all secure; and when the lining boards are put on, they would be well-secured at the edges, so that when nailed, the joining would be a good joint, there would not be any more liability of damage than in the usual "square" corner.

Any quining ribs need not be nearer than 2 feet apart, and a 2 by 4 inch timber would be of ample strength. The doorway would present the most serious matter, as it would need to be built with this qualification, that if a 2 by 4 across the doorway, if a frame of this 2 by 4, 12 inches by 4 feet, were well set in at the doorway, there would be no danger of weakening the frame of the silo, cutting out a rib for the door. The next lower door could be set three ribs below, and if the silo were very deep there could be yet another door put in lower down, with this qualification, that if a 2 by 4 across the doorway, if a frame of this 2 by 4, 12 inches by 4 feet, were well set in at the doorway, there would be no danger of weakening the frame of the silo, cutting out a rib for the door. 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