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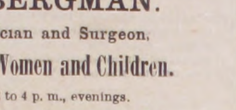

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MEET IN KANSAS CITY.

Democrats Assemble in National Convention to Name a Candidate for President.

RICHARDSON OF TENNESSEE, CHAIRMAN

Gov. Thomas, of Colorado, Presides at the Opening—Committee on Resolutions Decides Upon Explicit Declaration for Silver Coinage at Ratio of 16 to 1.

Kansas City, Mo., July 5.—Amid scenes of tumultuous enthusiasm befitting such an event and such a day, the democratic national convention began its sessions Wednesday. But after sitting until a late hour at night, the expected climax of the day—the nomination of William J. Bryan as the democratic candidate for president—has failed of realization, and all of the larger business of the convention awaits the completion of the platform. As a spectacular event, however, the convention fulfilled the hopes of the most fervid party man, for the vast assemblage of delegates and spectators has twice been swept with whirlwind demonstrations, first for the leader who is about to be placed in nomination, and then for that other champion of democracy, David B. Hill. But in actual accomplishment the day's work is confined to organization with the speeches of temporary chairman, Gov. Thomas, of Colorado, and Permanent Chairman Hon. James D. Richardson, the appointment of the various committees and the detailed preparations for the more serious work yet in store.

Convention Opened.

At exactly 12:02 Chairman Jones ascended the platform and called the body to order. The first business of the convention was the reading of the formal call, by Secretary Walsh. Chairman Jones announced the prayer by Rev. S. W. Neel. Following the prayer came an address of welcome by Mayor Reed, of Kansas City. The delegates and spectators listened with attention, but no very great enthusiasm to the address, but heartily applauded the closing sentence. Senator Hill entered just at this moment, and the applause turned to him.

Gov. Thomas Speaks.

When finally the chairman was able to make his voice heard, he introduced Gov. Thomas, of Colorado, the temporary chairman. A round of applause greeted Gov. Thomas as he ascended the platform.

His severe arraignment of the "entrenched enemy" drew a ripple of applause, and as he proceeded his well-rounded sentences were punctuated with generous and hearty manifestations of approval.

An Enthusiastic Scene.

The first semblance of genuine enthusiasm was created when the secretary of the convention, Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa, rose and read a resolution offered by Daniel J. Campau, of Michigan, that "the declaration of independence, drafted by that democrat of democrats, Thomas Jefferson, be read to the convention on this, the anniversary of the nation's natal day." With cheers and applause, the resolution was adopted, while the band in the south gallery played patriotic airs in lead of the enthusiasm.

Afternoon Session.

The convention, at 4:50 o'clock, having no business to transact, because of the failure of the committee to be ready to report, took a recess until 8:30 p. m.

The Night Session.

At 8:33 Chairman Thomas rapped the convention to order, although considerable less than two-thirds of the delegates had arrived. There was considerable expectancy over the arrival of Senator Hill, but he failed to put in an appearance. Gov. Thomas introduced ex-Gov. Altgeld, of Illinois, who delivered an address. During the early portion of Mr. Altgeld's address the hum of conversation in the galleries and among the delegates was so loud that not much of what he said was audible.

Committees Report.

The report of the committees on rules and credentials were read and adopted. Chairman Thomas then called for the report of the committee on permanent organization. When it was announced that Hon. J. D. Richardson, of Tennessee, had been selected as permanent chairman, cheers swept over the great audience.

In his remarks Mr. Richardson said that the republican party stands for empire. The democratic party stands for the republic, for the declaration of independence, and the constitution of our country. He denounced trusts. His arraignment of the failure of the republican party to establish bimetallism and the creation instead of a single gold standard was received with manifestations of hearty approval. He declared President McKinley and his secretary of state had done all in their power to nullify and abrogate the Monroe doctrine, and said democracy stood for this doctrine and demands its rigid enforcement. The policy of the administration with reference to Porto Rico and the Philippines was denounced as equivocating and cowardly, and he declared the present administration to be incompetent to deal with these questions. The administration was also bitterly arraigned for the war scandals and the Cuban postal scandals. The speaker accused the republican party leaders of forming secret and entangling alliances of the most detestable character with England, and denounces the failure to repeal or reduce war taxes on articles of prime necessity.

Votes for Ratio.

Kansas City, Mo., July 5.—The committee on resolutions has decided on an explicit declaration in favor of silver coinage at the ratio of sixten to one. The vote stood 26 to 22 in favor of such declaration, and was taken at 3:30 a. m.

SILVER REPUBLICANS.

Their National Convention Begins in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., July 5.—The national convention of the National Silver republican party met in the auditorium Wednesday. The delegates were slow in arriving, and it was some time after 12, the hour fixed for the convention, when Chairman Charles A. Towne's gavel fell, and the party formed in St. Louis four years ago, after the bolt of the delegates of free silver from the republican national convention was launched on its first regular national gathering. Twenty-four states were represented at the convention.

Comparatively few spectators were present, owing to the assembling of the democratic national convention, but there were delegates in abundance, especially large delegations being seated from Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and Colorado. Other states represented by smaller delegations were as follows: Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, New Jersey, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia.

Chairman Towne rapped the convention to order, and introduced Rev. Dr. Bigelow, of Cincinnati, who invoked Divine blessing upon the convention. After the reading of the call for the convention and the declaration of independence, Temporary Chairman Towne introduced Dr. Howard S. Taylor, of Chicago, a poet of the new political movement, who read his poem entitled "The Liberty Bell."

Mr. Towne then delivered an address. His declaration that the republican platform amounted to a repeal of the declaration of independence, brought the delegates to their feet, and his statement that the convention had met to redeclare the principles of that instrument was enthusiastically applauded.

Senator Teller was introduced as chairman of the convention, who made an eloquent address, dealing with the monetary question and bitterly denouncing the disestablishment of silver. Chairman Teller was given the closest attention throughout his speech, which was nearly an hour in duration. "Were we wrong in leaving the St. Louis convention?" questioned he, and a thunder of "Noes" came from the delegates.

"If I had not left the party in 1896, I would have done so every month since," said he, digressing again. "The conditions now are a thousand times worse than they were then."

The first mention of Mr. Bryan's name came near the end of Chairman Teller's speech. It started a perfect storm of applause, but the demonstration was excelled by that which occurred when Charles A. Towne's name was mentioned. The delegates, one and all, jumped to their feet, waving flags, handkerchiefs, fans and hats and shouting and cheering for Bryan and Towne. For two or three minutes the delegates cheered for their choices, and when a moment later Chairman Teller finished his speech and sank nearly exhausted into his chair, he was surrounded by a number of the delegates on the stage and congratulated.

E. S. Corser, of Minnesota, presented a resolution, providing for a committee of 15, of which Henry M. Teller shall be chairman, to present to the democratic national convention the name of Charles A. Towne as a candidate for vice president.

The various state delegations announced their selections for members of the convention committees, and pending their organization and reports the convention adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Indications Are That the Struggle Is About Over, But Boers Show Activity in Some Places.

London, June 30.—Outside of minor conflicts in the Orange River Colony, showing continued Boer activity in the Senekal district, the telegrams from South Africa merely indicate preparations for, it is hoped, the final operations of the tediously prolonged war.

London, July 2.—Lord Roberts reports that the Boers under Gen. Dewet are hard to catch, despite his big net.

London, July 3.—Advices say there is still a good deal of fight in the Boers and Kruger is not likely to sue for peace.

London, July 5.—A dispatch reports the capture, near Lichtenburg, of Gen. Synman, who besieged Mafeking, and an important Boer commander.

FALLS SIXTY FEET.

Car Plunges Off a Bridge at Tacoma and Thirty-Five Persons Are Killed and Many Injured.

Tacoma, Wash., July 5.—The most appalling accident ever known in the history of Tacoma occurred Wednesday morning when the 8:30 Edison car, loaded with excursionists to see the parade, was dashed down 60 feet over the bridge at the gulch where the track runs from Delin street, burying the passengers, among whom were many women and children, under the wreck of the car. The car turned completely over and mangled the unfortunate victims into unrecognizable shapes as the debris crashed down the steep side of the gulch.

By a correct count 35 men, women and children were killed in the accident and 18 were injured. Of these latter fully one-half will die.

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Tables Showing the Standing of the Clubs of Leading Organizations Up to Date.

The standing of the leading baseball clubs is shown in the following tables. National league:

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Philadelphia	33	27	.550
Pittsburgh	34	28	.548
Chicago	31	29	.517
Cincinnati	29	31	.483
Boston	28	31	.456
St. Louis	25	31	.446
New York	20	37	.351

American league:

Chicago	40	26	.606
Milwaukee	39	27	.591
Indianapolis	33	28	.541
Cleveland	34	29	.540
Minneapolis	31	35	.470
Kansas City	32	38	.457
Detroit	29	38	.406
Buffalo	24	42	.364

Rear Admiral Philip Dead.

New York, July 2.—Rear Admiral John W. Philip, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, died at 3:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon of an or-

REAR ADMIRAL PHILIP.

ganic affection of the heart. He was taken ill about 11 o'clock Thursday night. During the war with Spain Admiral Philip commanded the battleship Texas and participated in the destruction of Cervera's fleet.

Rains Prevent Wheat Sowing.

Santiago de Chili, July 3.—Owing to continuous rains wheat sowing is impossible, and the next crop will be very scarce. Prices to-day are very high, but there is no stock on hand. President Errazuriz, who has been suffering from paralysis, is now better, but has not resumed the direction of affairs.

Record Broken.

Lima, O., July 5.—A race here between John R. Gentry and Joe Patchen was won by Gentry in 2:03½, breaking the world's half-mile track record.

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