

MICHIGAN CONTEST.

It Elicits Speeches of Intense Feeling from Both Sides.

SECOND DAY TAKEN UP BY TALK.

Senator White, of California, Takes His Place as Permanent Chairman—A Silver Mallet Presented to the Chairman.

CHICAGO, July 9.—At exactly 10:50 o'clock yesterday Senator Daniel rapped for order in the convention. Rev. Francis Edward Green, an Episcopal minister, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., who has the distinction of having prayed for peace and harmony at four previous democratic conventions, was introduced and delivered the invocation.

Senator Daniel was a commanding figure as he stood by the flag-draped desk announcing that the first business of the day would be the reports of committees. Then there came a pause, for it was stated that the committee on credentials, which always reports first, was not ready with its recommendations. Then Chairman Daniel put a



DAVID OVERMYER.

motion that the convention take a five minute recess and be addressed by Gov. Hogg, of Texas. Then Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky; Overmyer, of Kansas; Gov. Altgeld, of Illinois, and ex-Congressman George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, addressed the convention. The dashing Blackburn, and the pale, nervous but alert governor of Illinois made a deep impression on the convention, but it was the clean-limbed, college-bred young convert to free silver from the old Bay state who carried off the honors of the day. He argued that free silver was not a sectional issue, and when he concluded with a plea for financial emancipation from the money thralldom of Lombard street, the greatest demonstration of the day occurred. A hundred delegates rushed forward to wring his hand and congratulate him, and the wild cheering of the crowds continued several minutes.

The committee on credentials having at last agreed on a partial report, the chairman, Mr. Atwood, of Kansas, was introduced, and presented the report, as follows:

Your committee on credentials begs leave to present the following:

First—It is respectfully recommended that the national democratic convention take action to the end of granting to each of the territories and to the District of Columbia six votes as representation in this body. This conclusion was arrived at after considerable discussion, but the great majority of your committee deem it proper to embody this recommendation in this, their partial report.

Second—After a careful and painstaking comparison of the original and official credentials with the list of delegates and alternates, as prepared by the secretary of the national executive committee, your committee begs leave to report that it finds its roster or roll of names correct, with the exception of those names appearing thereon as delegates and alternates from the states of Nebraska and Michigan.

Relative to the contests from Nebraska, your committee begs leave to report that, after careful examination of the testimony presented to your committee, and after a full hearing from the respective parties and a careful consideration of their several arguments, your committee finds and begs leave to report that the delegates and alternates headed by Hon. W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, are entitled to seats in this convention as delegates and alternates.

In regard to the contest from the state of Michigan, your committee is not yet ready to report and asks further time for consideration of same.

This announcement was greeted with a storm of cheers. T. J. Mahoney, one of the gold delegates from Nebraska, made a brief speech of protest. He and his colleagues, he said, well



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understood that they were now to be thrown out, and at the head of the delegation they marched out.

The report of the committee was adopted by a viva voce vote.

While the strains of "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me" were floating over the convention, the Nebraska silver delegation came marching in bearing on their shoulder their champion, William J. Bryan. A big banner accompanied the delegation. The huge purple banner of the William J. Bryan club was carried to the platform and planted in full view of the audience.

After ten minutes the chairman announced that Gov. Altgeld moved that the convention take a recess until five o'clock, and at 1:37 o'clock the convention adjourned until five o'clock.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

CHICAGO, July 9.—At five o'clock the convention band filled a half hour with operatic airs and at 5:30 o'clock, the committee on resolutions filed into the enclosure. Ten minutes later Chairman Daniel called the convention to order, and announced that the com-

mittee on credentials was ready to report.

When the reading clerk read the report seating four silver delegates from Michigan, which changed the complexion of the delegation under the unit rule, from gold to silver, there was considerable applause among the silver men on the floor. Ex-Congressman John C. Crosby, of Massachusetts, on behalf of the minority of the committee, took the stage and earnestly protested against the decision of the majority. He spoke, he said, in behalf of 18 states. When he had completed a brief review of the merits of the case, John H. Brennan, a Wisconsin gold delegate, followed with an ardent protest. Gov. McLaurin, of Mississippi, and others came to the defense of the committee. Then Elliot G. Stevenson stepped to the front and defiantly told the convention it had no right to turn out delegates elected by a sovereign state; that by so doing it would establish a precedent that would return to damn it. Many others also spoke and the whole affair gave evidence of intense feeling. Finally Chairman Daniel put the question, first, on the adoption of the minority report to confirm the sitting delegates in their title to the seats. The roll was called and the vote announced: Nays, 55; ayes, 368; not voting, 3; absent, 1.

Its announcement set the convention afire with another tremendous flame. The silver men had their turn in earnest. The scene showed plainly the complexion of the assembly, for this time the delegates were the shouters and the galleries remained silent, except in scattering patches. Senator Daniel made efforts with his voice and gavel to be heard, but they were utterly ineffectual.

When order was restored the majority report which changed the Michigan delegation from gold to silver was adopted without division.

The report of the committee on permanent organization was called for, and Delegate Finley, of Ohio, its chairman, made his way to the stage and read the list of permanent officers selected, which was headed by Senator White, of California, for chairman; Thomas J. Cogan, of Ohio, for secretary.

Mr. McKnight, one of the silver delegates from Michigan, protested against the national committee man, Mr. Stevenson, who had been selected by the delegation while it was still gold in complexion, and asked that all selections made by the delegation be withdrawn. Nebraska also protested against the selections of the unsated delegation. The selections of the new Nebraska delegation were substituted and the Michigan selections were withdrawn. Mr. Stevenson, on the latter motion, attempted to secure a roll call, but could find no delegate to second his demand. Mr. Finley, Senator Vest, of Missouri, and Judge McConnell, of Illinois, were appointed a committee to escort Senator White to the platform.

The appearance of the distinguished committee on platform with their charge was the signal for a most cordial reception. Temporary Chairman Daniel, in yielding the gavel to the California senator, made a most graceful speech, thanking the convention for its courtesy.

Senator Stephen M. White, of California, on assuming the gavel as permanent chairman of the national democratic convention spoke as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention: I will detain you with no extended speech. [Cheering.] I see I am getting popular already. [Laughter.] The democratic party is here represented by delegates who have come from the Atlantic and Pacific shores. Every state has its full quota; every state, as far as I can bring about such a result, shall have full, equal, absolute and impartial treatment from this stand. Every state is entitled to such treatment. Every question should be considered carefully and deliberately, and when the voice of this convention is crystallized into a judgment, it should be binding upon all true democratic members of this convention.

We differ, perhaps, to-day, upon certain vital issues, and we might express some feelings of bitterness in these discussions, but we submit to the voice and the candid judgment of our brethren, and upon that judgment we will certainly rely. Time passes as we stand here. It leaves many with unsatisfied ambition. It leaves numerous aspirations and hopes unrealized. Men now prominent will pass away, some to oblivion, while they live, and others because they have been summoned to another shore, but the democratic party will not die, even when we all have ceased to live. When the differences which challenge consideration to-night have passed into history, and the asperities of this hour no longer obtain, the democratic party, the guardian of the people's rights, and the representative of the sentiments of the United States in support of constitutional right, will endure to bless mankind.

My ambition or yours is of but little moment. Whether I succeed or you in impressing our sentiments on this convention is not of supreme importance. In this council chamber, the democratic party looks for an indication of its existence. The people seek here the righting of their wrongs, and the constitution—the great charter of our liberties—here must find its best, its truest, and its most loyal defenders. No sectionalism—none whatever—equal, impartial justice to all this land the triumph of the people's cause as here exemplified and expressed, is the object for which we have assembled, and to carry out that object, I will consecrate my best exertions.

Then came the inevitable gavel presentation. It was made by W. A. Clark, of Montana. It was a handsome silver mallet, given in the name of the greatest mining state of the union, Mr. Clark said. The motion for adjournment until ten o'clock this morning was made at 9:30 and the spectators poured out.

SOUTH DAKOTA REPUBLICANS.

They Are in a Deadlock Over the Adoption of the St. Louis Platform.

ABERDEEN, S. D., July 9.—The republican state convention has been in session here since noon yesterday, but proceedings are blocked upon the question of adopting the St. Louis platform. The free coinage republicans are represented by Judge Patterson, of Sioux Falls, and ex-United States Senator Morris is defending the national platform. At midnight last night only one section of the proposed state platform had been adopted.

Thousands of Kurds Revolt.

LONDON, July 9.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that it is reported that 60,000 Kurds in the Diarbekir district have revolted and are pillaging the villages indiscriminately.

CONVENTION MEETS.

Senator John W. Daniel Made the Temporary Chairman.

SENATOR DAVID B. HILL DEFEATED.

The Vote for Daniel Was 556 and for Hill 349—Chairman Daniel Makes Lengthy Speech—A Vote of Thanks to Chairman Harrity.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The seats of the delegates and alternates were filled, but there was a wide fringe of vacant chairs on the outer edge of the galleries when, at 12:49 p. m., Chairman Harrity, of the national committee, raised his gavel, and as it dropped on the desk with a sharp crack, requested the 16th national democratic convention to come to order. He said: "The sergeant-at-arms will kindly see that the aisles are cleared, and that everyone shall take his or her seat. The aisles



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must be cleared. The gentlemen will kindly take their seats as promptly as possible."

In the course of a minute or so the aisles were cleared and Chairman Harrity declared the convention in order for the business before it. Continuing, he said: "The proceedings of this convention will be opened with prayer, which will be offered by Rev. Ernest M. Stires, rector of Grace Episcopal church, of Chicago."

Rev. Mr. Stires held in his hand a roll of type-written manuscript, which, after a moment, he laid on the desk, and picked up slip by slip, reading from it the prayer, as he could do without exciting comment, as a representative of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Harrity—"Gentlemen of the convention, by direction of the democratic national committee, I desire to report the following as the temporary organization of the convention: For temporary chairman, Hon. David B. Hill, of New York."

The mention of Senator Hill's name was received with tremendous applause, the members of the Pennsylvania delegation standing on chairs and waving flags. Some one called for three cheers for David B. Hill, which were given, and the band then played Dixie. When the excitement had subsided Mr. Harrity resumed his announcement as follows: "For temporary secretary, Hon. Simon P. Sheerin, of Indiana. For sergeant-at-arms, Col. John L. Martin, of Missouri. Assistant secretaries, reading clerks and tellers have been reported to the secretary of the committee and their names will be read, if desired." [Cries of "No!"]

"What is the pleasure of the convention upon the report as made from the democratic national committee?"

Mr. Clayton, of Alabama—"Gentlemen of the convention: In behalf of 23 members of your national committee as opposed to 27, and, as I believe,



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in accordance with the wish of a great majority of this convention [loud applause], I am authorized to present a minority recommendation, which I shall now offer as a substitute for a part of the motion made by the chairman of our national committee.

To the Democratic Convention: The undersigned, members of the national committee, respectfully recommend that the name of Hon. John W. Daniel, of Virginia, be substituted in the committee report of that Hon. David B. Hill, of New York, and that Hon. John W. Daniel be chosen temporary chairman of the convention.

This was signed by 33 members of the national committee.

Mr. Clayton continued: "I, therefore, move that the minority recommendation of the committee be adopted, and that Hon. John W. Daniel, of Virginia, be chosen temporary chairman of the convention, and upon that proposition, I demand a vote by states and demand a roll call."

This proposition seemed to meet the approval of the majority of the convention, for there were loud cries of satisfaction, with no opposing voices. Mr. Thomas, of Colorado, got to his feet, and after several efforts, was recognized by the chair. Before he began to speak the chairman said: "The chair thinks it his duty first to state the question. The gentleman from Alabama moves to substitute the name of Hon. John W. Daniel, of Virginia, for that of Hon. David B. Hill, of New York, as temporary chairman of this convention."

Mr. McDermott, of New Jersey; ex-Gov. Waller, C. S. Thomas, of Colorado; William F. Tarpey, of California; ex-Congressman John E. Fellows,

Delegate Marsden, of Louisiana; John C. Duncan, of Texas; C. K. Ladd, of Illinois; Gen. J. W. St. Clair, of West Virginia, all said something for or against the motion to substitute Hon. John W. Daniel for Senator Hill as temporary chairman.

National Committeeman Clayton, of Alabama, closed the debate in favor of electing Mr. Daniel. He paid a glowing compliment to Senator Hill. "I was here four years ago," said he, "when the anti-snappers were condemning and denouncing him. At that time I was praising him. He was my champion. I learned democracy at his feet, and if he had clung to his Elmirra declaration in favor of free coinage he would to-day be my candidate for president."

The vote was then taken, with the following result: Daniel, 556; Hill, 349; not voting, 1.

The votes of several states were challenged, Iowa among others, and the convention had an opportunity to applaud Gov. Stone, of Missouri, who arose to make a parliamentary inquiry, which brought from Chairman Harrity the ruling that when the vote of a state acting under the unit rule was questioned a roll call might be had to determine whether the will of the majority had been correctly announced. The challenge of Iowa's vote resulted in a showing of 17 ayes and nine nays, so that 26 were recorded aye. This Iowa roll call necessitated the announcement of Horace Boies, who is accredited as a delegate, but the Boies men missed the opportunity for a demonstration and no cheer was heard.

The chairman—"The tellers agree in their tally and report the vote as follows: Ayes, 556; nays, 349; not voting, 1 (Senator Hill). The motion offered the gentleman from Alabama, substituting the name of Hon. John W. Daniel, of Virginia, for that of David B. Hill for the temporary chairmanship of this convention, is adopted."

This signal victory of the silver men was greeted with an ovation from the convention, and regarded as conclusive of their strength.

The chairman attempted to restore order by hammering with his gavel upon the desk. Sergeant-at-Arms John I. Martin, of St. Louis, came to his rescue, and in a voice of command directed every delegate to take his seat. He also ordered his assistants to clear the aisles. When order had been restored, the chairman said: "Unless objection be made, the chair will regard the vote which has just been announced as a practical rejection of the vote of the national committee, and will consider it unnecessary to put it to a formal vote. There being no objection, the chair will appoint as a committee of three, to escort Hon. John W. Daniel to the chair, Hon. J. F. Jones, of Arkansas; Hon. R. P. Keating, and Hon. Stephen M. White, of California."

When Chairman Daniel was escorted to the chair he was greeted with mighty cheers. As soon as quiet could be restored he delivered his speech, which was a lengthy effort. He said, among other things, that "an international agreement for the restoration of the metals to an equality would be a bond of mankind which would enable us to regulate the two metals upon a parity." The closing part of his speech was as follows:

The majority of this convention: I have the honor here to represent maintain that this great American nation, with a natural base of fixed empire, the greatest ever established by man, with more territory and more productive energy than Great Britain, France and Germany combined, without dependence upon European nations for anything they produce, and with European nations dependent upon us for their necessities, is fully capable of restoring the constitutional money system of gold and silver at equality with each other. And as our fathers in 1776 declared our national independence of all the world, so to-day has the great democratic party, founded by Thomas Jefferson, the author of that declaration, appeared here in Chicago to declare the financial independence of the United States of all other nations and to invoke all true Americans to assert by their suffrages at the polls that our country may be placed where she by right belongs, as the freest and foremost, as the most prosperous and happiest nation that ever blessed the life of mankind upon this globe.

When Chairman Daniel had finished his speech he said: "Gentlemen of the convention, I now announce that the national democratic convention is in session and is ready to proceed to the business of permanent organization. [Loud cries of "Hill, Hill."] Gentlemen, the convention will come to order."

Senator Jones of Arkansas—"On behalf of the silver members of this convention, and at the personal request of a number of them, I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:"

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due to Hon. W. F. Harrity, chairman of the democratic national committee, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duty while presiding over the deliberations of this convention.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, as was another resolution offered by Senator White, of California, making the rules of the Fifty-Third house of representatives govern the deliberations of the convention. The roll of states was then called, under the customary practice, and the selections for membership on the various committees were announced. The delegates and spectators began leaving rapidly at this juncture, as it was well understood that the convention would adjourn immediately.

Gen. Finley, of the Ohio delegation, protested against the selection of committee members by contested delegations, but Chairman Daniel ruled that until the permanent organization was perfected the temporary roll was respected.

At 4:44 p. m., on Senator Jones' motion, the convention adjourned until to-day at ten o'clock.

Will Be Opened September 24.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., July 8.—The executive committee of the board of trustees of the Kansas City university held a meeting yesterday and decided upon a date for the opening of the big college. September 24 was the day chosen. A large number of applications have been received for admission and from all indications the school will be largely attended from the very beginning.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT

EXPORTS IN 1896

The Banner Year in the History of American Trade.

An Increase of \$40,000,000 Over the Record of 1895.

Washington, D. C., July 8.—Another big increase in the exports of American manufacturers during May makes the record for the fiscal year 1896 the banner year in the history of American manufacturing exports. The month of May showed manufacturing exports to the amount of \$22,160,999, and the 11 months ending with May shows such exports to the amount of \$206,591,691. This is an increase of nearly \$40,000,000 over the same 11 months of 1895, and already carries the figures from the fiscal year \$23,500,000 higher than an earlier year without allowing a dollar for the exports of June barely holds its own the manufacturing exports of 1896 will be \$224,000,000, or \$40,000,000 higher than in any preceding year. The percentage to total exports will be more than 25 per cent, which is 2 per cent more than in 1895 and double the percentage of manufacturing exports in 1880.

The figures for the 11 months just closed show that the increase of \$40,000,000 over 1895 is made up to the extent of only \$14,000,000 of an increase in mineral oils. The other items which show an increase are such as are made with peculiar skill and at low cost by American labor and machinery. Great Britain alone shows an increase from \$2,120,786 in her imports of machinery from the United States in 1895 to \$3,199,265 in 1896. The total exports of manufacturers of iron and steel increased from \$29,076,658 in 1895 to \$37,337,678 in 1896; carriages, cars, and other vehicles from \$2,221,307 to \$2,654,731; copper ingots and bars from \$12,497,815 to \$16,373, cotton goods from \$9,578,896 to \$11,175,048; electrical and scientific apparatus from \$1,718,897 to \$2,818,788; builders' hardware from \$4,079,336 to \$5,046,296; and paper and its manufactures from \$1,982,943 to \$2,466,391.

Struck by Lightning.

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 8.—During a violent storm in this county a picnic party, numbering twenty, were compelled to take refuge in the house of John Nixon, near the iron bridge over Tradewater. These and Mr. Nixon's family were in the house when it was struck by lightning. Talbot Ruckert had his shoulder burned and was injured so badly about the stomach that he may die. Albert Hopper had one leg of his pantaloons ripped open as if by a knife, and both legs were paralyzed. Two of Mr. Nixon's children were hurled to the floor, and had their clothing burned in places. Several others received severe shocks. The lightning came down the chimney. A portion of the wall was torn away.

Milan, Mo., July 8.—The 9-year old son of Charles D. Henry, of Chillicothe went to sleep on the railroad track six miles west of this city, on a short curve yesterday afternoon, and was struck by a west bound passenger train and instantly killed.

Smiles.

Doctor—The matter with you is that you want to be out more, Patient—I'll be out enough when I get your bill, doctor.—Yonkers Statesman.

A housefly whose buzz is keyed in F vibrates his wings 335 times a second. When a victim with a bald head happens to hit he flaps awfully.—Lowell Courier.

She—You promised to love me always. He—But I never knew you looked like that in the morning with your hair in curl papers.—Yonkers Statesman.

"So you went out driving with your new beau, Susie, and I expect he read your heart like a book?" "Yes, mother, he read between lines."—Detroit Free Press.

Railroad Official—You may not believe it, but this dining car cost \$20,000. Plantree—How long has it been running? Just a week. Paid for itself yet?—Life.

Chatterton—Hardup seems to be having better luck lately. Wiggins—What has he paid you what he owed you? Chatterton—No; he hasn't called to borrow any more.—Truth.

"Resolved, that if a woman wants a husband who won't mention his mother's biscuit, she must seek a man raised in an orphan asylum."—Chicago Record.

"Jenkins, have you an extra dollar in your pocket?" "No, dear fellow; in fact, I haven't any pockets—times are so hard I have my trousers made without pockets."—Chicago Record.

"I wonder," soliloquized the monkey, looking through the bars of its cage at the bloomer girl, "if that creature isn't the missing link the evolutionists have been hunting for!"—Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Assurance—Dear Maude, your father gave me his consent to our marriage only last night. Miss Maude (indifferently)—Indeed! but I gave mine to Willie Green only this morning!—To Date.

"You mustn't be saucy, Fanny," said the maiden aunt to the little one. No one will love you if you are. "Were you saucy when you were a little girl, aunty?" asked the gullible child.—Truth.

"One of the remarkable paradoxes of politics," said the Corned Philosopher, "is presented in the phenomenon of a man buying large quantities of liquids to make his solid."—Indianapolis Journal.

Guest: "How is this? My bill this time is 12 shillings a day, and last December I had the same room, and it was only 10 shillings a day." Clerk: "Yes, I know; but the days are much longer now."—Tit-Bits.

A.—Now if I understand correctly, the first principle of socialism is to divide with your brother man. B.—Then you don't understand it correctly. The first principle of socialism is to make your brother man divide with you.—Birmingham Post.

Bobby (to visiting pastor)—Say, what is that hole in the top of your hat for? The pastor (wishing to be instructive)—Don't you know? Now, try and guess. Bobby—Oh, I know! Pop says you talk through your hat and that must be the hole it goes through.—Puck.

"Surely, you don't mean to say, Tommy," said the teacher, "that the letter 'j' has a different sound when it is a capital?" "Yes'm," replied Tommy. "I should like to have you give me an example." "Well, it has a short sound in job and a long sound in Job."—Chicago Tribune.

To make your business pay, good health is a prime factor. To secure good health, the blood should be kept pure and vigorous by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. When the vital fluid is impure and sluggish, there can be neither health, strength nor ambition.