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BRYAN IS THEIR NOMINEE.

The Populist Convention Overrides His Refusal to Accept It.

SMALL VOTE FOR OTHER CANDIDATES.

Norton, of Chicago, the Only One Receiving Much Attention—Debs Refuses to Allow His Name to be Presented—Taubeneck Votes for Bryan.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 25.—The Populist Convention was called to order by the Permanent Chairman Senator Allen at 2:45, and after prayer by the Rev. Mr. [illegible] of Washington, the chairman repeated his ruling of last night, that the amendment adopted by the convention, giving the nomination of a Vice-President the prominence over the nomination of President, made the selection of national committeeman the next order of business. Mr. J. D. Burnett, of California, protested that this was not so, and contended that the convention simply transposed the nomination of Vice-President and President. The chairman replied that the gentleman's statement of fact was entirely mistaken, and went on with the naming of national committeemen.

When this was completed he called next for committees on notification.

The sergeant-at-arms announced that their contract with the Businessmen's Association, which included the supply of music, had run out, so that there would be no band to-day.

Disappointative delegates greeted this announcement with cries of "Good" and cheers.

The Chair announced that the next order of business was nominations for President. Mr. Green, of Nebraska, got on the platform to make a motion and a speech. The latter was to the effect that this was one of the most important conventions that ever assembled on American soil, as it was to name a man who was not only to head the ticket, but who was to be elected.

LEFT THE STAND.

At this point the speech was interrupted by points of order, which irritated Mr. Green to the extent of making him leave the stand.

He was, however, induced to come back, and the rules were suspended to enable him to go on in order.

He declared, however, that his self-respect would prevent him saying anything, and he retired for good.

Alabama being called, Mr. George Gaither, of that State, addressing his "brothers and sisters" of the convention, yielded to James B. Weaver, who, he said, would name the man who would be the running mate of Tom Watson and run the gold-bugs out of existence.

Mr. Weaver came forward and was presented by the chairman. Mr. Weaver opened his speech with the remark that the condition of the People's party this morning was "most critical."

He had but two aspirations—one was to preserve unfurnished and unbroken the great principles of the party, and the other was to preserve the party organization "for present and future uses in every portion of the country."

He assumed that all delegates had read in the papers this morning the telegram from Mr. Bryan declining to accept the nomination of the People's party dissociated from Mr. Sewall. "No man," said Mr. Weaver, "could have done less and be a man. Mr. Bryan's attitude challenges the respect of every delegate present, and of every man who reads the proceedings of this convention. But," he continued, "this is a greater question than the personality of our candidate."

BRYAN NOMINATED.

"After I read Mr. Bryan's telegram, I utterly refused, and I now utterly refuse to concur with the desire either of Mr. Bryan or of Senator Jones, as to who shall be the nominee of this convention."

The rest of Mr. Weaver's speech was read from a typewritten copy and put Bryan in nomination.

Mr. Bryan's name was received with applause, the whole convention standing on chairs and waving hats. A gigantic wooden cross, surmounted by a golden crown, thus reversing Mr. Bryan's famous epigram, was brought in and carried around the hall.

The guidons of the States were raised and a boisterous attempt was made to raise enthusiasm, but with marked absence of spontaneity. A portrait of Bryan was displayed and numerous devices were carried around the hall.

Some of the inscriptions were as follows:

"Bryan and more congressmen."

"The people speak."

"South Dakota middle road for Bryan."

"For Bryan to serve our homes and our country."

A very large share of the whistling and catcalling which accompanied this demonstration was contributed by the Western Union messenger boys.

GENERAL FLOYD'S PROPOSAL.

All the States joined in the demonstration except Missouri, Texas, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

After order had been restored, General Floyd, of Virginia, came to the front, and in a short, impassioned speech, declared Mr. Bryan the choice of the Virginia delegation, and said that although no music had been provided, the convention was "marching to the music of the spheres," that victory stands tip-toe on the mountain tops, and that all the convention had to do was to accept it. "Now gentlemen of the jury," he went on, "I mean gentlemen of the convention, daughters, I move that the rules be suspended and the nomination of William J. Bryan be declared unanimous. The chairman put the question and two-thirds of the delegates rose with vociferous shouts, "Aye."

This cry, however, was accompanied by the counter-cry of "No; call the roll of States."

Several of the more excited of the opponents got on the platform and angrily prevented the chairman from declaring the result of the vote. During the uproar Mr. Ashby, of Texas, managed to obtain a hearing. He said that Texas was ready to endorse Mr. Bryan, if Mr. Bryan would endorse the Populist platform. To endorse him without that would be the act of children. (Cheers.) He did not believe that Bryan being an honest man, could ignore the Democratic platform and stand upon the Populist platform.

A delegate shouted that Bryan would stand on the Populist platform.

"Let him say so for himself," Mr. Ashby shouted back, "and not through an agent. I leave this question with you. I want Texas to be set right, and I want it understood that Ohio, with the exception of two delegates, will stand by the action of Texas. Let us nominate our own ticket. I was anxious that we should this morning nominate Eugene V. Debs."

DEBS DECLINES.

Mr. Howard, of Alabama, asked by what authority the chairman had recognized a gentleman from Virginia before his state had been called to move suspension of the rules, and a call of States to nominate Bryan, thus shutting off all other nominations. This gag-rule had heretofore been unknown in Populist conventions.

The Chair said the gentleman from Virginia had been accorded the floor on the time of the gentleman from Arkansas. The roll-call was interrupted to read a telegram to one of the delegates. It was:

"Please do not permit use of my name for nomination. EUGENE V. DEBS."

When the State of California was called Mr. T. V. Cator, of that State, came to the stand and spoke of the necessity of acting calmly, coolly and justly in the great crisis which had come unexpectedly on the People's party.

A long and flowery oration was wound up by the nomination of William J. Bryan, to which nomination another California delegate objected.

The call of States was then continued, Mr. Kolb, of Alabama, in the chair. When the State of Georgia was called Mr. Hunt, of that State, came to the platform. He began by thanking the convention for its action last night in nominating Tom Watson for the Vice-Presidency. He seconded the nomination of Mr. Bryan and predicted the onward march to victory and triumph.

Colonel Claggett responded to the call of Idaho and seconded the nomination of Bryan.

It seemed to him that it would be crime against liberty and humanity if the convention failed to secure the union of the masses of the common people.

TAUBENECK'S SECOND.

When the State of Illinois was called the nomination of Bryan was seconded by Mr. Taubeneck.

Indiana also seconded it.

Iowa yielded its time to Mr. Kolb, of Alabama, who in vacating the chair addressed the convention in a speech seconding the nomination of Bryan, whom he eulogized as a peerless statesman; as one who would, if elected President, see that free and unlimited coinage of silver should be re-established and the golden god of Wall street dethroned.

When Kansas was called Mr. Jerry Simpson made a short speech, seconding the nomination of Mr. Bryan and eulogizing him.

PLUMED KNIGHT, JR.

The delegates of Kentucky put forward as their spokesman Mr. Miller, of Tennessee, who gravely asserted that the People's party was "the young lion in American politics." He also described Mr. Bryan as "The plumed silver knight of the Northwest," whom he appeared to imitate somewhat in the role of "a boy orator."

The delegates of Louisiana put forward as their orator a handsome brown-haired young woman, Mrs. Roberts, of Colorado, who informed the convention that she came from a State where men had the courage and the chivalry to grant to women the right which they demanded for themselves. "We of Colorado," she exclaimed, "I mean we of Louisiana daughters, second the nomination of Bryan."

Mrs. Roberts withdrew amid applause.

Mr. Henry W. Call, of New York, was deputized to speak for Maine, and proved to be another specimen of the "boy orator."

He had the honor of nominating a broad-hearted philanthropist and man of the people—a pioneer in the cause of reform—Mr. S. F. Norton, of Chicago.

MRS. LEASE SPEAKS.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease was next introduced by the chairman, and was warmly cheered. She made an eloquent appeal for unity, which had not one tinge of bitterness usually associated with her speeches.

On the contrary, she asserted that she had never been so proud of being an American as during this convention.

"You have been equal to the great responsibility placed upon you," she said. "You have demonstrated your emancipation from the dictation of party pressure and party rule. I came to this convention to-day, wearing a Bryan badge for the first time, determined, no matter what might be the action of the convention, that from now until next November I would support William J. Bryan, and we will elect him the next President of the United States." (Cheers.)

Missouri being called, Mr. Livingston, the chairman of the delegation, said they wanted to know if Mr. Bryan would accept before any voted. They were not willing to go outside their party until they knew the men they voted for would stand upon the platform. He closed by nominating Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota.

Mr. Donnelly, from his seat, remarked: "I decline."

COXEY NOMINATED.

Then Mr. Livingston, saying that he spoke only for himself, and not for the delegation, submitted the name of J. S. Coxey. (Laughter.)

Mr. Kitchen, of North Carolina, endorsed Bryan, and then a tinge of humor was imparted to the proceedings by the chairman of the New Jersey delegation, who said he had an eloquent speech prepared in which he brought to all the lakes and the mountains and covered the whole country.

"I have got it in my pocket," he said pulling out a big roll of typewritten manuscript, "but I cannot speak without the land and the land is dead. I therefore ask leave to insert it in the record."

ANOTHER "SWEET SINGER."

This sally was received with applause and laughter. Still this did not prevent the flow of oratory. Every State when called sent at least one spokesman to the stand. When the State of Pennsylvania was called Mrs. Ellen Johnson, of that State, was put forward and declaimed for a few moments, yielding the balance of her time to Miss Caldwell, "the sweet singer of Colorado."

The young lady justified her title by the style in which she sang a short harmonious production to the air of the "Battle Cry of Freedom." The chorus was: "Free silver, live forever."

Cyclone Davis, of Texas, seconded the nomination of Norton, of Chicago, and suggested that if Bryan should not accept the nomination should be given to the person receiving the next highest number of votes. The call of States was finished at 3:30 and then the vote was called for.

VALETTE AGAIN.

The vote was interfered with for several minutes, while Mr. Valette, of Rhode Island, the same who was unceremoniously hustled off the platform yesterday, made an effort to get a hearing. He was finally pulled away by officials of the convention, shouting that he had come here to protect the rights of the American people of the Union.

At this point the chairman informed the convention that it would be necessary to give to the National Committee plenary power of the convention, to do all the things the convention itself could do. Agreed to.

Thus absolute and unrestricted authority has been conferred on the National Committee over all matters in which the party is interested.

At 3:40 the call of States was commenced for votes on the presidential nominations, the two candidates being Bryan, of Nebraska, and Norton, of Illinois. The call for States was finished at 4:05, with Bryan nominated by an immense majority.

Before the announcement of the result Mr. Ignatius Donnelly rose to what he called the "occasion of information." He understood that Mr. Bryan had sent a telegram to a gentleman on the platform in which he positively refused the Populist nomination. He thought it just and right to the convention to know whether that was true or not.

"The regular order is called for," said announced, as follows:

the chairman, and no other reply was made.

At 4:22 P. M. the result was officially announced, as follows:

For Norton, 321.

For Bryan, 1,042.

Before the secretary could finish the announcement the usual uproar was begun.

THE VOTE IN DETAIL.

The vote in detail is as follows:

States.	Bryan.	Norton.
Alabama,	28 1-4	15 3-4
Arkansas,	25	..
California,	24	12
Colorado,	45	..
Connecticut,	6	..
Delaware,	3	..
Florida,	8	..
Georgia,	26	5
Idaho,	7	..
Illinois,	20	15
Indiana,	29	10
Iowa,	29	1
Kansas,	32	..
Kentucky,	15 1-2	10 1-2
Louisiana,	20	..
Maine,	3	5
Maryland,	9	..
Massachusetts,	21	..
Michigan,	15	11
Minnesota,	40	4
Mississippi,	12	6
Missouri,	6	32
Montana,	11	..
Nebraska,	27	..
Nevada,	7	..
New Hampshire,	4	..
New Jersey,	10	2
New York,	34 3-4	9 1-4
North Carolina,	19	25
North Dakota,	12	..
Ohio,	21	17
Oregon,	9 1-2	7 1-2
Pennsylvania,	25	7
Rhode Island,	..	8
South Carolina,	..	..
South Dakota,	17	..
Tennessee,	67	10
Texas,	..	162
Utah,	5	..
Vermont,	2	..
Virginia,	50	3
Washington,	10	6
West Virginia,	5 7-8	2 1-8
Wisconsin,	8 4-5	15 1-5
Wyoming,	6	..
Arizona,	6	..
District of Columbia,	6	..
Oklahoma,	9	..
New Mexico,	6	..
Indian Territory,	6	..
Total,	1,042	321

Donnelly, 3 (Connecticut, 1; Ohio, 2); Debs, 8, (Ohio); Coxey, 1; (Ohio).

A PROCESSION, OF COURSE.

The huge cross, with its gilded crown, with inscriptions from Bryan's speech on both, was carried at the head of a noisy mob of boys, apparently recruited and kept in reserve for the occasion. It was followed by flags, banners, and State guidons. Deafening yells, whistles, and catcalls were kept up industriously, although it was quite evident that the delegates, as a whole, took little part in the demonstration, but there was a babel of noise and uproar, which stimulated it.

When there was a comparative lull in the tumult a motion was made by a delegate in the centre aisle that the convention adjourn without delay. The chairman pounded with his gavel and tried in vain to restore order. After some time, however, and without a formal statement as to the nomination of Mr. Bryan, he put the question, declared it carried, and at 4:40 P. M. the convention adjourned sine die.

MAY MAKE A NEW TICKET.

Before adjourning the convention passed a resolution clothing the National Committee with plenary powers to do anything and everything which the convention itself might have done if in session. This, of course, would authorize it to take down the names of either Mr. Bryan or Mr. Watson, or both, if necessary, and to construct an entirely new ticket.

A noticeable feature of the last moments of the convention was the fact that though the result of the ballot for President was announced, it was not followed by any declaration on the part of the Chair that Mr. Bryan had been duly chosen the candidate of the People's party for President of the United States.

To Pay Sugar Bounty Claims.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The sugar bounty claims, aggregating $5,000,000, will now probably be paid without further delay at the rate of about 64 cents on the dollar of claims filed. To-day Secretary Carlisle approved the decision of Commissioner Miller, disallowing three claims aggregating about $15,000. These claims were filed by General John O. Scannel, Frank Webb, and Walter Southon, all of Alabama.

The ground on which they were rejected was that the laws require that the man who obtains the license must also be the producer of the sugar, and these cases did not meet the requirements of the law.

A PITIFUL SPECTACLE.

Democracy Debased----What the Chicago Convention Has Done.
(Washington Post.)

WHAT MR. BRYAN HAS TO SAY

Acceptance of Populist Nomination Depends Upon the Conditions.

WILL NOT ENDANGER BIMETALLISM.

He Appreciates the Desire Manifested at St. Louis to Consolidate the Silver Forces, but Regrets the Rejection of Sewall. Speaks of the Latter's Record.

LINCOLN, NEB., July 25.—Mr. William J. Bryan told the Southern Associated Press reporter to-night that his action with regard to the Populist national ticket would depend entirely upon the conditions attached to his nomination.

In answer to a question he told of his reply to Senator Jones' telegram yesterday, and said:

"These dispatches were published in this morning's papers and the convention understood my position. In spite of this they have seen fit to nominate me. Whether I shall accept the nomination or not will depend entirely upon what conditions are attached to it.

"I appreciate the desire manifested at St. Louis to consolidate all the free-silver forces and regret that they did not nominate Mr. Sewall also. He stands squarely upon the Chicago platform and has defended our cause against greater opposition than we have had to meet in the West or South. The Populist platform is, on many questions, substantially identical with the Chicago platform; it goes beyond the Chicago platform, however, and endorses some policy which I do not approve of. All that I can say now is that my action will depend entirely upon the conditions attached to the nomination. I shall do nothing which will endanger the success of bimetallism, nor shall I do anything unfair to Mr. Sewall."

WATSON INTERVIEWED.

He Will Accept the Nomination "in the Interest of Harmony."

AUGUSTA, GA., July 25.—A Southern Associated Press representative saw Thomas E. Watson, the Populist nominee for the vice-presidency, at his home to-day in Thomson, Ga.

Mr. Watson was in his shirt sleeves and superintending the painting of his house. He said:

"I will accept the nomination.

"Yesterday I wired my friends in St. Louis to that effect. I did it in the interest of harmony and to prevent the disruption of the Populist party, which seemed imminent.

"There will be no trouble in reconciling the platforms of the Populist and Democratic parties. The Populists will endorse the Democratic platform as far as it goes. The only difference between the Democratic and the Populist platforms is that the Populist goes further."

MR. ST. JOHN NOW A "DEMOCRAT."

Senator Jones Appoints Him Treasurer of the National Committee—He Accepts.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 25.—Senator Jones, chairman of the National Committee, left St. Louis at 8 o'clock for Lincoln, Neb., whither he goes to confer with the party candidates.

While in this city Mr. Jones determined upon one member of the Executive Committee, which he was authorized to appoint, and named Mr. William P. St. John as the treasurer of the National Committee, which was done in the following letter addressed to Mr. St. John, under to-day's date:

"My Dear Sir: I have taken the liberty of appointing you treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, and hope that you will without delay enter upon the duties of the position.

"Very respectfully,
"JAMES K. JONES."

Mr. St. John is in the city and was a leading factor in the Silver Convention, which adjourned yesterday, and over which he presided as permanent chairman. He promptly addressed a note to Chairman Jones accepting the nomination.

Will They Oust Real Democrats?

WASHINGTON, July 25.—An important question that will engage the attention of the Democratic National Committee on the return of Chairman Jones east, is what the status of the National Committeemen, who are openly working against Bryan and Sewall, will be as regards the National Democratic Committee. Several National Committeemen, it is said, are working in conjunction with the gold Democrats against the Chicago nominee. One of these is D. W. Lawler, of Minnesota, and already inquiries have come from Democrats of that State, whether it is in the province of the National Democratic Committee to declare that a vacancy exists in the committee from Minnesota. The Bryan Democrats take the ground that when a National Committeeman bolts the party nominee, by his own act, he takes himself outside the pale of the party, and the State or National Democratic Committee has power to fill the place of the offending member by appointing some Democrat from the State in accord with the party.

FRIDAY'S STORM.

Many Bodies Recovered and Some Identified—Scene of Desolation and Ruin.

DENVER, COL., July 25.—A miserable state of affairs exists at Morrison, Golden City, and other points in Colorado, where last night's storm raged fiercest. Dead bodies, horribly mangled, are discovered, and at 9 o'clock, thirty dead had been recovered, of which twenty-one are in Morrison alone.

Trains left Denver early this morning with coffins for the stricken districts.

The scene of desolation and ruin is between here and Idle Dale, on Bear creek. There were known to be about fifty persons camping in the bottoms, but reports as to their present situation are very meagre. Couriers have come in, stating that all are safe at Idle Dale. From ten miles above Evergreen nothing has been heard. Many missing bodies are supposed to be at the bottom of the canon. The wall of water was about fourteen feet high. As the flood passed down men on the higher ground could hear the voices of women and children crying for help, but it was impossible to get to them.

MORRISON, COL., July 25.—At 8 o'clock last evening a great wave of water, ten feet high, came tearing down Bear creek, carrying everything before it. Some fifteen or eighteen lives are known to have been lost. Hundreds of persons, however, were camping along the creek, and it is impossible to say how many were lost. All of the bridges across Bear creek were carried away. Searching parties are out on both sides of the creek, looking for victims of the flood, and helping to gather up property. There was a very heavy storm up the canyon just before the great wave came down, but nobody regarded it as dangerous. It proved, however, to have been a great cloudburst, and when the wave came down it found everybody unprepared.

A second flood this afternoon resulted in completely paralyzing all efforts to recover the bodies of those lost in the debris of last night's flood. The people are worn out with the excitement and labor of struggling against the rubbish brought down the canon by the great wall of water which last night just at dark surprised the camping families along the road above town.

At dark to-night twenty-six bodies had been recovered and identified. The others are either buried from sight in the sand or have been carried further down the stream and possibly into the Platte river.

Reports from up the canon bring the cheering news that none of the people there camping were lost.

GOLDEN, COL., July 25.—A flood-burst at 7 o'clock last night did an immense amount of damage. Three lives are known to be lost and thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed.

Three bodies, all that are known to have been lost in last night's flood in this city, have been recovered. Another flood came over the canon this afternoon, but no lives were lost.

THE VIRGINIA.

Repairs to Her Bottom Will Cost Six Thousand.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 25.—Special.—The "Virginia," which was stranded on Woodson's rock just below Dutch Gap for so long, is now undergoing repairs in the dry-dock at this place. Officials of the Dry-Dock Company state that it will cost about $6,000 to repair the damage done her bottom, and that it will probably be at least two weeks before she can resume her trips.

Kickers' Convention a Fizzle.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 25.—The meeting of the middle-of-the-road Populists at the Texas headquarters in the Southern Hotel to-night for the purpose of issuing an address to the the people and placing Colonel Norton at the head of the ticket in place of Mr. Bryan was a fiasco. Not more than twenty delegates responded to the call. Colonel Norton made a speech, advising the hot heads to go slowly.

The address recommended that in case Mr. Bryan did not formally accept the nomination by August 5th, then his silence be taken as a declination, and that Hon. S. F. Norton, of Illinois, be considered the nominee of the People's party. In place of the address, the rapidly dwindling crowd of kickers adopted a resolution, as follows:

"Resolved, That we, the minority, known as the middle-of-the-road people, enter our solemn protest against the arbitrary methods of those in control of the convention."

AN AUDACIOUS CRIME.

Two Negroes Hold Up and Rob a Norfolk Citizen and Then Tie Him.

NORFOLK, VA., July 25.—Special.—About 9 o'clock to-night while returning from his work in Brambleton Ward, Mr. R. J. Hoggard was held up in a dark lane by two unknown negroes who poked two revolvers in his face and demanded his money. He gave them all he had about him, $3, after which he was gagged by the highwaymen, who then placed a rope around his neck and tied him down to the steps of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist church. They placed a heavy timber across his feet and took their departure. Mr. Hoggard was found an hour later by a citizen and relieved from his predicament. It is one of the most audacious hold-ups ever known here. The police are investigating.

A SAD DROWNING CASE.

Heroic Effort of a Little Fellow to Save His Brother.

BUENA VISTA, VA., July 25.—Special.—Late yesterday afternoon several small boys were bathing in a shallow part of North river, which was somewhat swollen from the recent rains and was deeper than the boys thought. A boy named Grover Osborne, aged six years, got beyond his depth, and began to cry for help. His little brother swam to him, and tried to save him, but in vain for both sank under the water several times.

The brave little rescuer weas so near strangled that he had to leave his brother and swim for his life. The drowning boy soon rose to the surface of the water and floated sixty yards down the swift current, before he finally sank. Some good swimmers were soon in the water diving for him, but the water was deep where he sank, and his body was not gotten out for several hours.

Rev. C. A. Miller, of New York city, is in the city, visiting his father, Dr. J. I. Miller.

Mrs. Fred Aunspaugh and Miss Lucy Rucker, of Lynchburg, returned home yesterday, after spending several days here visiting the family of their uncle, Mr. A. J. Richeson.

THE TOWN OF HAMPTON.

Bryan and Sewall Democrats Rung Up by a Bell.

HAMPTON, VA., July 25.—Special.—About 12:15 P. M. to-day the court-house bell began ringing to call the attention of the Democratic voters of Hampton and Elizabeth City county to the fact that a meeting was being held for the purpose of organizing a Bryan-Sewall Club. The bell continued to ring for half an hour or more, and at 1 o'clock had succeeded in ringing up about seventy-five Bryan enthusiasts.

Lawyer M. T. Hughes, the leader of this movement, in less than half an hour organized a club with about fifty members. The club will hold regular meetings, and in a few weeks its membership will doubtless be doubled.

Miss Jean Howison, of Perth, Scotland, will deliver an address on Robert Burns in Y. M. C. A. Hall on Monday evening, August 3d.

Mosquitoes are more numerous in Hampton just now than Bryan Democrats.

AN UNGOVERNABLE TEMPER.

A Negro Girl Discharged Attempts to Shoot Her Employer.

ROANOKE, VA., July 25.—Lula Cortillos, a colored girl, lately employed as a domestic in the family of Captain M. M. Rogers, shot at him with a revolver this morning, as he was riding horseback to his place of business, but happily missed him. The girl has an ungovernable temper, and was discharged a few days ago by Captain Rogers for non-attendance to her duties and for insolence.

She had previously threatened to kill him, and attempted to make good her threat as he was passing the Roanoke Southern depot. When he saw the pistol pointed at him the Captain rode towards her, thus disturbing her aim.

While he was gone to look for a police officer the girl went to the court-house and surrendered herself. She will be tried on Monday. The pistol was a 32 calibre, with six chambers, only two of which were loaded when the police got possession of it.

Rhodes Charged With Complicity.

CAPETOWN, AFRICA, July 25.—The Cape Parliament has unanimously adopted the majority report of the committee which was appointed to investigate the circumstances of the invasion of the Transvaal by Dr. Jameson and his followers last winter. The report declares that Cecil Rhodes, who was at the time Prime Minister of Cape Colony, was aware of the intentions of Jameson, but that the London directors of the British South Africa Company were not, though they ought to have their suspicions aroused, while the company was drawn upon for large sums of money ostensibly for purposes of flotation but really to defray the expenses of preparing for and conducting a revolution.

Butler National Chairman.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 25.—The first meeting of the new Populist National Committee was held this evening at the Lindell Hotel and started in with as much promise for debate as was exhibited in the convention that created it.

The second ballot for national chairman resulted in the election of Senator Butler, as follows: Butler, 65; Weaver, 19; Allen, 35; Breidenthal, 13.

Death at Christiansburg.

CHRISTIANSBURG, July 25.—Special.—Mrs. Julia Hubbard, one of our oldest citizens, aged seventy-eight years, died in Roanoke yesterday, and her remains were buried here this morning.

John C. Galloway, a well-known citizen of this place, died at Blacksburg last night of heart disease. His remains will be buried here to-morrow.

Declines Nomination for Governor.

PORTLAND, MAINE, July 25.—The Advertiser this afternoon announced that Mr. E. L. Winslow, Democratic candidate for Governor, has decided not to accept the nomination, and on Monday, will write a letter declining it. This is the result of a conference of prominent Democrats in this city to-day.

McBriggs Wins the Diamond Plate.

LONDON, July 25.—At Catwick to-day, the race for the diamond plate of two hundred sovereigns, one mile and a half was won by Mr. E. Wishard's brown gelding, McBriggs by Strathmore out of Ortawin, three-year-old. Playwright was second, and Palmerston, third. The betting was 100 to 30 on McBriggs; 4 to 1 against Playwright, and 12 to 1 against Palmerston.

THE POLITICAL GRAB-BAG.

The Determination of Sound-Money Democrats Meets Favor.

THE SILVER MEN HOLD A MEETING.

Chairman Ellyson Has Not Yet Decided as to the Chairmanship of the State Committee—The Various Candidates for the Silver Nomination.

The political pot is simmering in good shape these days, and the escaping steam is beginning a merry tune. The midsummer madness which is developed at St. Louis, and the spectacle of Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the alleged Democratic party, wiring Bryan from the doors of the Populist Convention as to what course he shall pursue, was the subject of general conversation in Richmond yesterday, and there is no longer a doubt but there is a rapid and immensely popular tide setting in toward the placing in the field in this district a reliable Democratic sound-money man for Congress.

Nothing that could have happened would have brought the charges of Populism as surely home to the Chicago platform as the action of the head of the Bryan campaign, Senator Jones, who has been entreating the wild assemblage at St. Louis to endorse their nominees.

CAPTAIN WISE SILENT.

The fact that the Chicago platform and the head of the ticket was acceptable to the Populists is acknowledged, but they could not stand Sewall, whose nomination was not only a violation of the South and West combination, but put forth a bank president, which is the bete noir of the Populists, and which slipped through the Chicago Convention in the obscurity of Candidate Sewall, who was practically unknown to almost the entire convention.

The action of the sound-money men and Democrats who adjure Populism in the flagrant form of the Chicago platform, which was printed in The Times of yesterday, was well received in Richmond. The fact that Hon. George D. Wise would probably be called on to serve the party in representing their views in Congress also met with general approval, and a great many of the leading Democrats called upon Captain Wise yesterday and assured him of their friendliness.

These took Captain Wise completely by surprise, as his first intimation of the matter came through the newspaper article.

When a Times representative called upon Captain Wise yesterday he was busy in his office, in the Chamber of Commerce building.

When asked what he thought of the movement Captain Wise said: "The matter is entirely new to me. I have had no intimation of such a step on the part of the sound-money men and Democrats who cannot support the Chicago platform, and, therefore, have given the subject no consideration whatever, and consequently have nothing to say."

This was all that Captain Wise would say, and the friends who talked with him during the day were not inclined to give their views for publication.

MR. ELLYSON UNDECIDED.

The acceptance of the State chairmanship by Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson is still an unsettled matter, and Mr. Ellyson said yesterday morning that at present there was nothing to say upon the subject.

It is customary for the State Convention to elect its committee chairman, but at Staunton the State Committee was organized by the free-silver men, and as Mr. Ellyson was not prepared to state whether he could accept the chairmanship, the convention agreed to permit the committee later on to select its chairman.

A meeting of the State Committee has been called for August 4th, in this city, and it is more than probable that at that time the matter will be definitely settled.

Judge Sam. B. Witt, of the Hustings Court, spoke very emphatically about the mention of his name in connection with the congressional nomination. He said that he was not in any possible sense a candidate, and did not want to go to Congress.

Colonel Lazewell Elett paid a visit to Chesterfield yesterday, and did not attend the silver meeting held in the office of Mr. Isaac Diggs. Captain Richard E. Frayser is receiving a large number of assurances from his friends, and is in the fight to a finish, he says.

A CONFERENCE HELD.

Democrats Interchange Ideas About the Nomination.

Mr. George P. Haw is not ready to announce himself a candidate for Congress, nor is Judge Roger Gregory. The latter came to the city yesterday morning from his home in King William County. During the day there was a conference of Democrats to talk over the situation in this district. Those present were Messrs. Haw, Gregory, Isaac Diggs, of King William; T. B. Murphy, Jefferson Wallace, R. C. Walthall, and W. T. Woody, of Richmond; W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield, and Dr. B. L. Winston, of Hanover.

It is understood that there was a full and free interchange of views, but nothing definite was decided upon. Mr. Murphy, it is stated, told the gathering he had no idea of running for Congress. Judge Gregory and Mr. Haw both were in favor of going slowly and doing everything that is possible to unite the party.

Messrs. Gregory and Haw are in the hands of their friends. They will do as their friends advise them. Next week another conference will be held.

Mr. J. Alston Cabell, it is understood, will not be in the race for the Congressional nomination. Mr. Cabell left for Narragansett Pier, accompanied by his wife.

There were a number of new names mentioned yesterday in connection with the Congressional nomination. Among them were those of Colonel John S. Harwood, and Mr. Addison Maupin, of Henrico. Both of these gentlemen have made high reputations in the House of Delegates. It is not known whether or not they would allow their names to go before the Congressional Convention as candidates for the nomination.

The Bermuda Sold.

LIVERPOOL, July 25.—The steamer Bermuda, which some months ago took an expedition to Cuba has been sold. John D. Hart says, to Captain Charles H. Brown, of London, for $45,000, $10,000 having been paid down.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—Forecast for Sunday:

For Virginia—Fair; variable winds.

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.

The following is the range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday:

9 A. M., 80; 12 M., 82; 3 P. M., 81; 6 P. M., 75; 9 P. M., 71; 12 M. 70. Average, 76 1-3.