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SIoux FALLS, S. D., May 9.—The National Convention of the People's party began business at 12 o'clock today, in the big tent wigwag on the top of the hill on the western side of the city of Sioux Falls. There have been larger crowds in attendance at National conventions, and possibly there have been questions upon which more enthusiasm has been manifested, but there have been few similar events which have been marked by more evident sincerity of purpose or more pronounced decorum of behavior.

The big tent was arrayed in full-dress attire for the reception and entertainment of its guests, and the address was given in every way equal to the service required of it. The interior of the tent was made resplendent by a lavish display of the National colors. The platform was liberally decorated with the Stars and Stripes, and the uprights of the structure bore aloft excellent black and white portraits of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Bryan.

The accommodations for delegates, for distinguished guests, for the press and for ordinary visitors proved exceptionally good. The delegates were accommodated in buildings of more permanent character. A floor was laid over the space assigned to the delegates, and comfortable seats were assigned to all in attendance. The acoustic properties of the tent proved to be equal to those of most halls of equal size, and it is needless to say that the lighting and ventilating facilities were first-class. The weather was ideal in all respects.

There were probably 500 delegates in their seats, and surrounding them was a fringe of alternates and visitors numbering 600 to 800. Seats had been provided for a much larger number, but the attendance did not appear meager, and it may be remarked that what was lost in attendance was compensated for by enthusiasm. From the arrival of the Minnesota delegation bearing Bryan and Towne banners there were outbursts of applause on every convenient opening and upon the least opportunity.

United States Senators Butler, Allen and Hatfield received liberal greetings, while Senator Pettigrew was overwhelmed by the cordiality of the welcome accorded him. There was also generous applause when the name of Mr. Bryan was mentioned by the speakers of the day.

Many sentiments were cheered to the echo, and this was notably the case with Governor Lee's reference to the Boers and the Filipinos. Good music was furnished by the band of the Fifty-first Iowa Regiment.

The audience was a representative American gathering. Presumably nine-tenths of the delegates and a far larger percentage of the audience were from the Northern Mississippi Valley states. This circumstance served to give the convention a Western hue, but, as other sections of the country were also represented, the Western hue was not monopolized. A few of the picturesque characters of the St. Louis convention of 1896 were present, but they were not conspicuous. Stripped hats here from Texas and the Southwest. There were also occasional "whiskers," but even these seem to have thinned out in the party. All told, it was a well-dressed, good-mannered and thoroughly well-behaved assemblage of people.

By no means the least noticeable characteristic of the gathering was the presence of a number of delegates on the list in the number of females, three being present from that state. They were given front seats in Kansas, Idaho and the District of Columbia, and were conspicuous in the number of their places as it accumulated to participating in public affairs. It was noticeable, too, that while the lady delegates were treated by the men with the deference due their sex, they were received as a matter of course, showing that Populists are accustomed to the presence of ladies in their political meetings.

It should be stated that Sioux Falls is proving entirely equal to the demand of entertaining the convention. There has been no complaint at the hotels, owing to the fact that private residences have been opened to visitors, and in all other respects the welfare of strangers is properly looked after.

At midnight the situation with the Vice-Presidency was still the paramount question among the delegates, and the solution of the problem was apparently as far off as the morning. The convention began to arrive. It looks as if that question would be early precipitated upon the convention by a minority report from the committee on credentials, allowing a full vote to the Texas delegation. This delegation is entitled, under the rules, to 120 votes, but there are present only a small number comparatively. They favor nominating a member, and they may be an effort to reduce their voting strength to conform to the actual number present.

The Minnesota delegation held a meeting during the evening, but did not receive from its position, Towne's belief. There is little doubt that there is a clear majority in the convention favorable to nominating, and of those Mr. Towne is said to now control a majority. The present outlook is favorable to him, but his opponents are very active.

Proceedings of the Convention.
All the delegations entered quietly, except those from Minnesota and Nebraska, both of which evoked much applause as they came marching down the aisle. The Minnesota men carried banners and a large shield, upon which was inscribed "Bryan and Towne." A large number of the delegates carried tin horns and made their presence manifest by ear-splitting toots. The Nebraska men, on all odds the largest delegation in the convention, having all the alternates present, came in close on the heels of the Minnesota men. They also carried flags, and waved them vigorously as they entered. Their arrival was greeted with cheers.

After the band of the Fifty-first Iowa Infantry, which occupied a stand at the west end of the tent, had rendered a patriotic selection, Chairman Butler advanced to the edge of his table and, and brought down his gavel three times, and said:

reading, the band played a medley of patriotic airs—"The Red, White and Blue," "Yankee Doodle," "Dixie" and "The Star-Spangled Banner"—which were received each in turn with wild enthusiasm.

Governor Lee's Address.
After a song by the Minnehaha Club, a local organization, Senator Butler introduced Governor Lee, of South Dakota, who on behalf of his state welcomed the convention to South Dakota. He spoke in part as follows:

"At Omaha, July 4, 1892, the Peoples party of the United States was born. It was and is the natural and inevitable outgrowth of dominant monopoly, whose evil had become so clear and gross as to arouse the indignation and challenge the resistance of every thoughtful man, and whose insistent assumption of political power brought home to the farmers and mechanics of the country the danger of their position with such great force that a contest in the political arena became imperative. It was the result of the 'great movement of that and previous years arose from agricultural discontent. It was induced by bank and railroad monopolies, by the arbitrary and brutal disregard by public servants of the interests of the foundation class of our industrial structure. It grew in response to the great natural law of resistance to tyranny, to the same patriotic impulse which produced the American Revolution, the French Revolution and every other profound protest of the people for their rights. It is seen today in the splendid heroism of the South African Republics and the refusal of the Filipinos to accept an American yoke bought from Spain."

"Four years more of McKinleyism may forever bury democratic government in America. Four years more of Hannamism will establish the Army as our governing force. We cannot afford such a calamity, and Populists, of all men, should be the last to imperil liberty by factious contention over economic differences or party name. Populists have for years predicted that a growing plutocracy would yet find it necessary to its plans to substitute a monarchy for our representative government. Populists have foreseen clearly the present situation, and knowing the nature of imperialism, they will not be slow in performing a sacred duty to the country."

"There is no room for quarreling over minor issues or party names; the solemn duty of the hour is united, harmonious and patriotic action; and while I do not regret the results of this convention, I feel safe in saying that in Mr. Bryan we shall find a standard-bearer who will remain in support of our principles and whose fidelity can be trusted in any and every emergency."

Governor Lee was given close attention, and was frequently interrupted by applause. His reference to the "splendid heroism" of the South African Republics originated in a remark of his allusion to W. J. Bryan, however, the first time his name had been pronounced, brought the delegates to their feet in a hurricane of cheers and waving of flags, and enthusiastic delegates climbing on their chairs to voice their approval.

When the Governor sat down, a Kansas delegate proposed three cheers for the Governor of South Dakota, and they were given with a will.

Senator Butler's Speech.
Senator Butler responded for the convention. He said:

"I feel that it is my duty to state a few facts in regard to the party's history since the last National convention. It is well known that more or less dissatisfaction resulted from the unpleasant but seemingly unavoidable splitting of two Vice-presidential candidates in the last campaign. A few men took advantage of this dissatisfaction to appeal to an honest sentiment, or shall I say prejudice, to create a schism in the ranks, and to inaugurate a conspiracy, which I feel, headed by myself, as your National chairman, to deliver the party bag and baggage to the Democratic organization. In the Spring of 1898, the National convention, held at St. Louis, Missouri, was a meeting of the National committee, to let the committees from each state elect a National chairman for the next National convention. You all remember that I called a meeting of the National committee in the Summer of 1898, at Omaha. I did it to give those self-constituted patriots a chance to act against their grievance. 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