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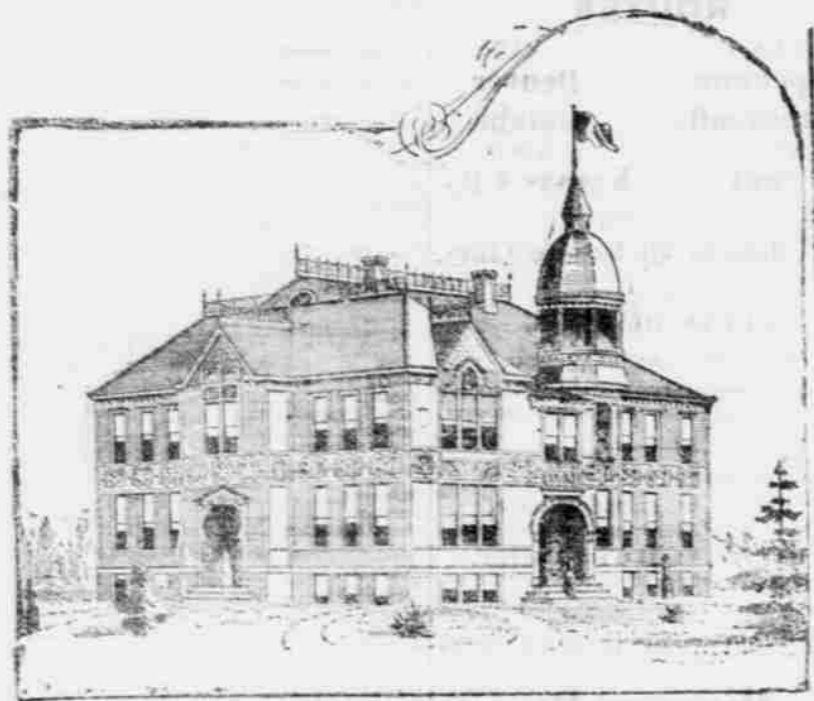
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TELEGRAPH NEWS

A State Auditor's Scheme.

Desvay, Aug. 5.—It is announced that State Auditor Parks, who has ex-officio insurance commissioner, is about to spring a surprise upon some of the leading insurance companies. Several companies, it is said, have been secretly sending circulars to their policy-holders containing the message that if democratic party is successful in the coming election their policies will be worth but half the amount on which the premiums have been paid.

It is said Parks has been quietly securing a collection of these circulars, which he claims are evidence of fraudulency on the part of the companies, and he now proposes to cancel the licenses of all such companies which are now doing business in this state.

It is claimed that the auditor's judgment in such cases is final, and that if he insists upon this course the companies will be barred from doing business in the state.

Sound Money's Cause

Desvay, Aug. 7.—A professional national committee of democrats are discussing the recent Chicago platform and their local meeting here this afternoon. It will first consider the question of calling another national democratic convention. While over two-thirds of the states have repudiated their assemblies of the original national committee, there are more advisory voters than committed, there are more advisory voters than committed.

Temporary organization will be suggested today by permanent organization, which will continue until the national convention is held and the necessary party machinery made up in the usual way. The executive council will this afternoon make a report. All show up in the present, and then a resurveying over to the national committee.

Members of the executive committee had a short meeting this morning. Delegates continue to arrive, and by noon all will probably be here. (Times) Bryan will arrive at noon. John C. Eckert of Philadelphia, will.

The democrats were sometimes around which to rally. There is a strong sentiment in Pennsylvania among the democrats against Bryan and free silver.

F. W. Cushman of St. Paul said that in Minnesota the silver ticket would draw twice democratic votes where McKinley would draw one. He favored John G. Carlisle for president, and F. S. Briggs for vice-president.

Ex-Congressman O'Connell of California favored a silver ticket, but had no chance of nomination.

"The primary purpose of this movement," said he, "is to preserve the democratic party and its principles. This necessarily involves the defeat of the populist ticket named in Chicago."

At an informal meeting of the executive held at the Desvay hotel this afternoon, it developed that the almost unanimous sentiment was in favor of another convention for the purpose of naming an independent or third national democratic ticket to be known as that of the national democratic party.

General Charles Tracy arrived from New York this afternoon and spent most of the day at the hotel where the conference was in session. He was accompanied by George Peabody of Brooklyn, N. Y.

For Fashion

Cincinnati, Aug. 7.—H. H. Tamm, late chairman of the populist national committee, has come to Chicago for consultation with leaders here and the democratic party. He is confident that the populist of the whole country will vote for Bryan, and has little doubt that with proper arrangements will be made for electoral tickets in all states. In Illinois, it is understood, four of the democratic electors will be retired and four populists substituted. It is also the understanding that at least one of the candidates on the state democratic ticket will be withdrawn, and the place filled by the populist convention, which meets next week.

Mr. Tamm expressed the opinion that everything will work on all right, not only in this state, but throughout the country, although he says the recent interviews with Senators Jones and Butler and utterance of Vice-President nominee Watson has confused him and he hardly knows what is going on anywhere.

Railroads Must Pay Postage

President James S. Hill, of the Great Northern railway line, on the 8th of St. Paul, July 30, has issued the following notice to his agents relative to the recent order issued by the postmaster-general touching the carrying of railroad mail matter on baggage cars:

"Until otherwise ordered, no mail will be carried on the trains of this company, without the payment of the usual government postage, except mail matter received from an officer or employee of the company, addressed to another officer or employee of the company, and pertaining strictly to the business of the company."

This will effect all railroad offices of the Great Northern not on the main line of the road. An illustration, the

local ticket and freight agent of the Great Northern will, by reason of this order, have to send all mail matter intended for its company by United States mail, making an additional expense to the company for this office alone averaging \$12 a month.

Texas Populists.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 7.—The populist convention this morning nominated F. O. McLean, of Bosque, controller; Harry Tracy, Baruel Gibbs and "Stump" Ashby a committee appointed to formulate answers to telegrams sent the following telegrams for the endorsement of the convention:

"Texas provides a full electoral ticket and declares 'no Watson then no Bryan.'"

"Reply to Kansas populists' convention: 'Texas returns greetings and will put a middle-of-the-road electoral ticket in the field.'"

C. H. Jenkins said the telegrams were Buchanan's calculated to cause the defeat of the populist party.

Had to Flee the Country.

New York, Aug. 7.—Miss Cecilia Charles, who says she went to Cuba several months ago for the purpose of obtaining material for a book, was a passenger by the Ward line steamship City of Washington, which arrived from Havana Wednesday, and whose passengers were sent to Hoffman island for investigation.

Miss Charles says that after traveling through the island, a newspaper correspondent warned her that her liberty and possibly her life was in danger. She acted upon the warning as soon as it was received, and, going to her hotel, made preparations for leaving the city.

Before she could do so the house was surrounded by Spaniards. Becoming alarmed, she decided to evade arrest by disguise. She arrayed herself in boy's clothes, tucked her hair under an old straw hat, soiled her face and hands, and undressed to a bare back door and made her way to the city.

The Ward line steamship City of Washington was at anchor in the harbor and making ready to get under way. Miss Charles slipped a small rowboat and went alongside. The gangway ladders had been taken in, but a rope ladder was trailing over the side, and she succeeded in getting on board.

She "snowed away," she said, and did not make her presence known until the ship was clear of the harbor. Then she revealed her identity, paid her passage, and was given a stateroom and a stewardess dined her out with female garb.

'Hill is All Right.'

Washington, Aug. 7.—Chairman Jones was back at democratic headquarters today. He said concerning his visit to Senator Hill, that there was no authority for the statement that Hill had declared himself on the political situation. On the contrary, Jones says, Hill is a man who keeps his own counsel, and, like others in New York, is probably awaiting the action of the state convention in September. When asked regarding the remark attributed to him, that "Hill is all right," Jones said he had stated from time to time that he had no doubt that Hill would be all right, but there was no reason for giving any significance to this opinion in connection with the meeting in New York.

Gold, the Rich Man's Money.

The free silverites continually remind us that "gold is the rich man's money and that silver is the poor man's money." It is ever so. And if the populists or free silverites to mean get out of the government, the poor man will get nothing but silver, worth not more than 70 cents on the dollar, whereas it is now worth 100 cents; and the rich man's gold dollar will be worth \$1.30. So if you want this state of affairs to exist just as and vote for Bryan, the popocart candidate for president.

Trouble in Spain.

Madrid, Aug. 6.—Trouble of a serious nature is being fomented in Spain, particularly in the province of Valencia, by agents of the Cuban insurgents. The minister of the interior, Senor Cospogon, yesterday replying to a question in the chamber of deputies admitted that riots had occurred in Valencia, caused by the friends of the Cuban insurgents, who hoped thereby to prevent the departure of reinforcements of troops for Cuba.

Reports of the popular demonstrations have been attributed to protests against imposing new taxes, made necessary by the financial straits the government has been subjected to, through carrying on the campaign against the insurgents in Cuba, but while the government is only willing to admit that the riots have been instigated by the agents of the Cuban revolutionists, it is generally admitted that most of the trouble is much deeper and that it is being nourished by a national feeling of alarm and dismay at the apparent inability of the government to cope with the situation in Cuba.

Spaniards Must Register.

New York, Aug. 6.—Senor Baldasano, consul general for Spain, in New York, has issued a notice requesting all subjects of Spain, resident in or near this

city, to register at the consulate. The notice refers to the royal decree of September 5, 1871, ordering the registration of all Spaniards and their children in the consulates of Spain in any part of the world.

Heid Up by Robbers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—James A. Campbell, a Honolulu millionaire, who disappeared last Monday, returned last night with a bullet-hole through his hat and an exciting tale about an adventure with robbers. Campbell says that while he was drinking in a private room in a saloon he was confronted by two masked men, who demanded money. The millionaires refused the demand, and in the fight that followed a bullet went through his hat. Campbell says he was robbed and kept a prisoner for two days. When released last night he was given a nickel for car fare.

Kansas Populists.

Hutchinson, Kan., Aug. 6.—Just after the adjournment of the convention this morning a telegram was received by F. F. Murphy from J. G. Johnson, stating that the populist conference committee agreed reporting in favor of the full indorsement of the democratic electors, and that this report be made to the populist convention later in the day.

Telegrams were ordered sent to the populist convention in Texas, Georgia, Nebraska and Alabama, informing them of the indorsement of Bryan and Watson. Judge Frank Doeler was nominated for chief justice.

Sound-Money Democrats.

St. Louis, Aug. 6.—A meeting called by the gold-standard democratic executive committee to form a gold-standard club in St. Louis was held last night at Chatsworth hall. More than 200 prominent democrats were present and several made addresses. Among those who spoke were, ex-Minister to Switzerland, Broadhead and Fred T. Lehman, who denounced the free-silver movement.

A club was organized with a membership of 200, and Rolla Wells as president. An address was issued declaring that "the highest duty of patriotism and partisanship in this campaign is to defeat the Chicago ticket and platform. Its success means disaster to the country and the overthrow of the genuine democracy."

The School Fund.

A number of suits were commenced Friday in the circuit court, at Pendleton, by Governor W. P. Lord, of board of commissioners for the sale of school and university lands and for the investment of the funds arising therefrom to recover different sums of money due on promissory notes, which were received in consideration of sales against the following persons: J. R. Porter and wife, to recover \$2500 in addition to interest, costs of action and attorney fees; Jeremiah Barnhart, \$2500; J. M. Bentley, \$3000; Jacob Frazier, \$3000; B. F. Bailey \$300; Samuel Johnson, \$4000; G. L. Ward, \$1000; W. Fitzgerald, \$500; W. N. Ropes, \$1000.

The above information is only a ray of light on a vast subject of interest to the people of this state. The irreducible school fund is now loaned out by the state on real estate. Many of these loans were made when lands were high and money was cheaper than it is now. As the value of money is measured by the amount of products it takes to exchange for it, and as the purchasing power of products has been contracted, the owners of these lands cannot pay the interest and will now lose their lands. The state has several millions loaned out in this way.

The state will not only lose its interest on the school funds, but will be at the expense of foreclosing and will also have to pay the taxes that have accrued. A thorough investigation of the condition of the irreducible school fund would show it to be in a deplorable condition. Not much revenue for public education will be derived from a large amount of the loans.

What's the Matter With Pewter?

Silver or sound money standard? Not much! It is the metal of the bald-headed old robber capitalists who have more sweat-shop mines and more millions in bonds than they can count. Give the poor man a show.

Pewter is the standard for the poor man. So long as we are out to soak Wall street and men with dust, let us be impartial and allow every man who has untold millions to join the lodge and look at the guillotine. Soak the banana kings, too! Down with silver! After it gets a cinch, it, too, will be used to oppress the people as has gold. Look at the wages in silver countries. See how the robber barons plunder the people there! The people want the pewter standard.

After the pewter standard has been in office for a season, and after men with untold wealth, got by working, have begun to oppress the poor man by getting all the pewter into their hands, the thing to do will be to change to the mud standard.—Worcester Telegram.

An immense tidal wave on the east coast of China caused an overflow and consequent destruction of 4000 inhabitants, July 26th, similar to that on the coast of Japan a few days previous.