

WILLIAMS OUTLINES CAMPAIGN

Delivers Lengthy Address Upon Taking Platform as Temporary Chairman of Democratic Convention.

In Two-Hour Speech He Derides Republicans and Ridicules Their Platform.

SCORES CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Says the President and Secretary Root are Members of Mutual Admiration Society—Discusses the Tariff.

St. Louis, July 6.—The speech of John Sharp Williams, temporary chairman of the national democratic convention, was in part as follows:

This is an appropriate place and time for a democratic convention. The place is St. Louis, the chief city of the most populous state carved out of the Louisiana territory acquired by the father of democracy. The time is the centennial anniversary celebration of the acquisition of that territory—a vast area of contiguous territory whose possession was necessary for self-defense, and which was fitted in climate and soil for home-making by the sons and daughters of the republic—the anniversary of real and not pseudo expansion, an expansion of our population, our industrial life and our free institutions over uninhabited lands, or lands sparsely settled by savages whose tribal independence we recognized by treating with them, or settled in spots by white men easily and willingly assimilated; not a so-called expansion by mere superimposed force of our flag and our military authorities. The democratic party afterward gathered the country to further expansion of this real, free character in the acquisition of Florida, the admission of Texas as a state and the acquisition from Mexico of a magnificent far west fit to be made states in the Union and governed under the constitution.

Shot at the Other Fellows.
The most important quadrennial event in the world is the election by the American people of their chief executive. Before the great elevation takes place, at which all men are sup-

posed to arrive at a choice by ways of honesty and intelligence—would to God they did!—at least two minor elections of a different character are held. There have always been two great parties, which, since the first national political convocations, have selected delegates to conventions for the purpose of selecting a candidate and promulgating a platform. One of these parties has gone through its party election of delegates, has selected a candidate and announced a platform. It was one of the quietest and "most unanimous occasions" that the muses of history have ever recorded. Everything seemed to have been fixed beforehand. There are some conveniences about a convention of that sort. One of them is that the temporary chairman knows six or nine months beforehand that he is going to be temporary chairman. He also knows what he is wanted to say, compared with what he wants to say. I could appreciate that, I assure you. The permanent chairman also knows what is expected of him for half a year beforehand. The platform comes ready written—no discussion about it—and is perhaps revised by the candidate himself, who has also been agreed upon.

The Gamblers' Shibboleth.
The address of the temporary chairman of the national republican national convention was in one sense historical. It dealt much in history, at any rate, most of it ancient history and a great deal of it had history. There was a labored argument to prove that the party of Roosevelt must, by something like evolutionary process, act as the party of Lincoln and McKinley. This was necessary in order to disguise the palpable fact that it is not so acting. Not without reason, then, this labored argument by this great and ingenious lawyer. It was to draw away attention from Rooseveltism and its volcanic, eruptive and reckless character by dwelling upon the fact that, at some period of its history, the republican party has been "a party which did the things," and did them safely. The orator hoped to have the country lose sight of the fact that it is now in both of its executive branches a party of passivity, of non-action, of obstruction to reform progress; in a word, a party whose only sacred precept is the shibboleth which makes them known, one of them to the other, a shibboleth drawn from the gamblers' tables—"stand pat"—a precept born of cowardice and fear to move.

Mutual Admiration Society.
I shall not pay undue attention to the temporary chairman of the republican convention. After interrogating, in the light of reason, a few utterances, I shall pass on to the authoritative

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CONSERVATIVES CONTROL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND APPLAUD CLEVELAND

They Cheer Lustily for Former President, While Bryan is Almost Ignored by Majority of Delegates.

Parker Following Has Withstood all the Onslaughts Made Upon It, and the Nomination of the New York Jurist is Now Regarded as Absolutely Certain—Today's Session Will be a Brief One.

St. Louis, July 6.—The national democratic convention today listened to an extended speech from Representative John Sharp Williams, its temporary chairman, appointed the committees necessary to perfect permanent organization, and adjourned. In a session lasting 2 hours and 50 minutes, one striking incident overshadowed all the other proceedings. That was the enthusiastic and prolonged cheering which greeted the name of Grover Cleveland. While the outburst which greeted the name of the democratic ex-president before its last syllable had fallen from the lips of the temporary chairman was noteworthy in itself, it was magnified by contrast with the greeting accorded the men who have stood for all that has been opposed by Cleveland and within the party during the last eight years.

James K. Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the national committee, went upon the platform and took his seat unnoticed. Practically no greeting was given him when he faced the convention, gavel in hand. There were other stalwart lieutenants of the Nebraskan who entered unacclaimed, and lastly Bryan himself, who, for the first time during two national campaigns, was greeted with silence.

Cleveland's Name Cheered.

Eight minutes after the gavel fell the twice-named candidate of his party passed in at the main entrance and sought his seat unheralded and unheeded. A few minutes later he arose and pushed his way to a seat nearer the aisle, where, standing a moment to give greeting to his friends, he was caught sight of and applauded. But the measure of applause was but a ripple when compared to the storm called forth by Cleveland's name. Listening attentively to the democratic doctrine laid down by Williams, the conservatives found occasion for the first demonstration when reference was made to the record of ex-President Cleveland. The shackled party interest which had laid dormant was released as if by touch of trigger. The name of Cleveland was echoed from a thousand throats. Hats, handkerchiefs, fans and arms waved, delegates and spectators stood on their chairs and the last semblance of order was turned into confusion which the convention officials were powerless to subdue.

While the outburst was at its height Bryan's following attempted to convert the demonstration into applause for their leader. The name "Bryan" was yelled lustily, but in vain. The shouting of "Grover" and "Cleveland" was renewed, and the Bryan following hissed. The greatest significance was attached to the showing made by the conservatives. Their absolute control of the convention is no longer doubted, even by those who have heretofore declined to be convinced. The nomination of Judge Parker for president is assured beyond any possibility of defeat.

Great Crush at the Opening.

The great Coliseum where the convention is being held is admirably adapted to accommodate the surging crowds which pressed for admission as soon as the doors opened.

Before 11 o'clock the spectators' seats began filling, although the space on the floor allotted to delegates and their alternates remained barren until noon, when the session was called to order. That the duty of decorating the immense hall was entrusted to skilled hands was apparent from the first glimpse of the interior. The general effect is a mammoth arched canopy fringed in white, with the walls forming alternate stripes of red, white and blue. One of the crowning features is an immense furled flag, which is pendant from the center of the roof.

The flag will be dropped into prominence when the nomination for president has been made.

There were many early arrivals in the convention hall and the ushers had difficulty in making them take their seats. There was a disposition to loiter in the aisles, which continued long after Chairman Jones swung his ponderous gavel in the first call for order. The arrival of the dignitaries attracted comparatively little attention. David B. Hill, chairman of the New York delegation, and the other boomers of Parker; Tammany Leader Murphy, Mr. Bryan, democratic members of the senate and many others prominent in national affairs and conspicuous before the country took their places in the hall practically unnoticed.

Opposition Little in Evidence.

Little political scheming was in progress on the floor of the convention hall. The anti-Parker delegates were so much in the minority that there appeared to be no basis for clever manipulation. The action of Ohio late last night, closely following Pennsylvania's declaration for the New York jurist, and the head-on tendency displayed by other delegations which had been counted in the anti-Parker ranks, had telling effect upon the opposition.

Exactly on the hour of noon, Chairman Jones called the convention to order. The call was read and the opening prayer delivered. A committee was named to escort Williams to the platform to assume the temporary chairmanship.

Many Did Not Hear Williams.

With the exception of the tinder ignited by the mention of Cleveland's name, the speech of the temporary chairman was received practically without interruption. A few passages were applauded, but that was all. The fault was not with the speech, but principally with the acoustic conditions of the hall. Williams had not been speaking more than five minutes before it was apparent that many persons were unable to hear him. The crowding toward the platform made conditions worse, and the police and ushers had difficulty in maintaining passageways in the main body of the hall.

The applause which greeted Mr. Williams at the conclusion of his speech attested his popularity with the delegates. Though they had heard only part of what he had said, the cheering by delegates and spectators amounted to an ovation. When that had passed the band was signaled to play. "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by "Dixie," was played. Both selections were cheered until the music was nearly drowned.

As the preliminary business of naming working committees was completed, the delegates started leaving the hall. Announcement of the meeting place of the committees on resolutions, credentials, permanent organization and others was made, and at 2:50 the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Parker's Strength Growing.

The steady growth of the Parker strength has stood unchecked throughout the day and night. In the face of the developments of the convention's session, the nebulous of the opposition grew more uncertain, and tonight no one can be found to stand for any definite statement that the New Yorker will meet with opposition of a serious character when the convention is polled for the first place on the ticket. The delegates that have wavered in the balance have succumbed to the Parker tide, with few exceptions, and these are not expected to withstand the almost assured results of the vote as it proceeds, but will change to the Parker

column before the roll call is finished. It is reported late tonight that a final anti-Parker conference has been called for an unknown place of meeting, but the New Yorker's managers, confident they have the whole situation thoroughly in hand, are not disturbed by this conference or its possible result.

For second place on the ticket it can hardly be said that speculation tonight centers on any one man. A half-dozen names are on the lists of the crowds that gather in the lobbies, but the general sentiment is that this matter shall be left to ripen until after the head of the ticket has been formally named.

Claims of the Opposition.

Some conferences were held by the anti-Parker men, after which they still claimed they had enough votes to defeat Parker if they could rely upon pledges made to them. Various suggestions were made as to uniting upon a candidate, and both Gray and Olney have been suggested as the men upon whom to rally the Parker opposition.

Brief Session Today.

On account of the difficulties which have arisen in connection with the various matters of a preliminary nature connected with the convention the conclusion has been reached to have only a brief session of the convention tomorrow.

The convention will meet at 10 o'clock but it is probable none of the committees will be able to report at that time. The committee on resolutions surely will not be, and, in view of Senator Bailey's declination of the permanent chairmanship, it is probable that the temporary organization may be continued for the day. The present prospect is that tomorrow's session will not be of more than an hour's duration.

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

Morrow County's Treasurer Kills Himself for Cause Unknown.

Heppner, July 6.—M. Lichtenthal, former county treasurer and one of the best known merchants of this place, committed suicide today by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. Great mystery surrounds the affair, but the general belief is that Lichtenthal was demoted when he took his own life. The deceased was county treasurer for three successive terms, but was defeated in the last election. He was very sensitive regarding the matter. He was to have turned his accounts over to his successor today. It is believed the accounts are straight. In a safe was found a check issued in favor of E. G. Noble, the new treasurer, calling for \$27,000, which sum is on deposit at the First National bank of Heppner. Lichtenthal's books will be experted.

FLOOD SITUATION SERIOUS.

Kansas Rivers Are Out of Their Banks and Still Rising.

Wichita, Kas., July 6.—With the Little Arkansas river, on the north and west; the Arkansas river, on the west, and Chisholm creek, on the east side of the city, each higher than it was a month ago and still rising, the flood situation here is becoming alarming. Early this morning the Arkansas river was 7.4 feet above low water mark. In parts of the wholesale district cellars are flooded, and crops are ruined in many sections.

Kaw Out of its Banks.

Topeka, Kas., July 6.—The Kaw river broke its banks at 11 o'clock tonight and joined with Soldier creek. A large portion of North Topeka is flooded. The stream is rising at the rate of three inches an hour and will keep it up all night.

BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS.

Japs Probably Trying to Cut Off Mukden From Russians.

London, July 7.—The Liao Yang correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated July 7, 11 a. m., says: "A battle is proceeding 25 miles from here. Numbers of wounded are being brought in from the mountains. It is believed the Japanese are continuing their advance with the object of cutting off Mukden."

Will Assist Strikers.

Denver, July 6.—A fund of \$25,000 a month for the support of the machinists who have been on strike on the Santa Fe railroad will be raised by the international association.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE IN SESSION

Various Drafts Are to Be Submitted, but Thus Far Nothing of a Definite Nature Has Transpired.

Bryan Expresses Sentiment That All Drafts Should Be Presented to Committee.

CHAMP CLARK FOR CHAIRMAN

Senator Bailey Declines to Serve and Missouri Congressman Will Probably Agree to Preside.

St. Louis, July 6.—The committee on resolutions met in a room connected with the convention hall immediately after adjournment of the convention, and, after effecting organization and transacting considerable preliminary work, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by ex-Secretary Hill of New York, and, upon motion, Senator Daniel of Virginia was elected chairman of the committee and given authority to appoint a secretary and a sub-committee of 11 to consider the various drafts of platforms and report upon them. W. J. Bryan suggested that if any members of the committee had drafted platforms which they desired to present, they should submit copies to the members of the full committee, in order that they might have time to consider them before coming together again.

"If," said Chairman Daniel, "the gentleman from Nebraska has a platform I should be very glad indeed for a copy of it."

Mr. Bryan replied that he had none.

At this juncture a number of members stated that they had formulated various resolutions which they desired to submit, among them being Williams of Mississippi, Newlands of Nevada, Daniel and Tillman of South Carolina and Poe of Maryland. The latter stated that the views of Senator Gorman were embodied in his draft.

The committee reconvened at 7 o'clock. Senator Daniel announced the appointment of a sub-committee to prepare a platform for submission to the full committee as follows:

Messrs. Daniel of Virginia, Hill of New York, Bryan of Nebraska, Williams of Mississippi, Pattison of Pennsylvania, Du Bois of Idaho, Hamlin of Massachusetts, Cable of Illinois, Poe of Maryland, Shiveley of Indiana, Davis of West Virginia and Senator Newlands of Nevada.

Various planks affecting current issues were submitted to the committee. No definite action was taken tonight.

The committee on resolutions includes W. F. Butcher of Oregon, M. M. Godman of Washington and Fred T. Du Bois of Idaho.

Bailey Will Not Serve.

The committee on permanent organization selected Joseph W. Bailey of Texas for permanent chairman, Champ Clark being defeated. Senator Bailey has declined the chairmanship and suggested that the place be tendered to Mr. Clark. In accordance with this suggestion, a committee called upon the Missouri representative and tendered him the chairmanship. Clark answered that he had been engaged to place Senator Cockrell in nomination for the presidency and therefore would have to be on the floor of the convention. The committee urged him to reconsider his determination, and later Clark sent a telegram to Cockrell acquiescing him with the situation. If Cockrell makes no objection, Clark will accept the chairmanship. In view of the certainty that Parker will be nominated, it is believed Cockrell will ask that his name be withdrawn.

Two-Thirds Rule Will Prevail.

The rules committee of the convention, by a vote of 26 to 6, decided not to abrogate the two-thirds vote for candidates in the convention, and rejected the proposal that a majority decide the choice of the delegates.

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