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Massachusetts Republicans Met in Convention Today.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM PREVAILED

Position of Bay State Republicans on the Financial Question--They Declare for Sound Money.

Boston, March 27.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 10:15. Long before that hour the delegates began to assemble in the hall, and killed the time by cheering prominent members as they entered.

The first grand volley came when Chairman George H. Lyman, followed by the state committee, mounted the platform.

Lyman called the convention to order, and the call was read.

Bishop Lawrence offered prayer, and eloquently referred to the justice and purity and life of the late Governor Greenhalge.

Mr. Lyman then addressed the delegates. He said:

"We are assembled in convention, empowered by the suffrages of the Republican voters of Massachusetts to outline and determine the policy of this commonwealth, when she shall meet the representatives from her sister states at, perhaps, the most important national convention in the history of the great American party. We meet, after a lapse of four years, to select good men and true who are to speak for the commonwealth at the convention, and also to agree upon and formulate such rules of government as shall best tend to represent and interpret the principles of the party we honor—the foundation of our

best citizenship. Let the national convention stand true to the best interests of the Republican party, an honest dollar, and the institutions of our country, and the party's defeat is an impossibility.

"Gentlemen, our position is a very responsible one. In thought and name and being we are one with that New England sisterhood of states whose proudest record has ever been the loyal support of those institutions. Why has no New England state yet met in convention? Is it not because they demand first to hear the voice of Massachusetts? Toward the decline of the 18th century, with sword and pen, in council and on the field, New England, with united purpose, was the most foremost in establishing this great government under which we live, and foremost of them all in freedom's cause, with brain and arm, fought Massachusetts. Then was given birth to that great bulwark of the American people—the New England man.

"Today though blessed with peace, we have issues, no less vital, that must be distinctly met. They involve the very foundation of our civil structure, of those institutions of our credit, of our national honor. Massachusetts owes it to herself; she owes it to those who fashioned her in earlier and darker days, to take her place and maintain her birthright in the councils of the states. Of all the states within this wide territory—God's gift to an infant republic—in religion, in refinement, in enterprise, in culture, in its schools, in the fervid and intense spirit of patriotic Americanism, by tradition and by example, stands first and foremost the old Bay state.

"Then let your vote send men to St. Louis as shall best represent Massachusetts; that at this last convention of the 19th century she, and all New England, may stand no cipher, but a mighty unit, and with such resolutions as shall receive the endorsements of all Americans who own a country, and who demand a leader as truly American as the princi-

ples he is called upon to defend. New England cannot be said to be less worthy of leadership today than in the old days of the 13 united colonies, when she presents as her chosen chieftain the name of Thomas Brackett Reed."

Committees on credentials and permanent organization were then appointed. The credentials committee reported 1851 delegates present, out of 2002.

Senator Lodge, as chairman, presented a report of committee resolutions, and was frequently interrupted with applause. This was especially marked when the Cuban and gold-standard planks and the section referring to the separation of church and state were read. The enthusiasm rose to a climax on the mention of Reed's name for the presidency. The platform pledges the electoral vote of Massachusetts to the candidate to be chosen by the St. Louis convention; it says the government should have ample revenue with sufficient surplus over the ordinary expenditures to provide for coast defenses, the steady building of a navy, constant reduction of the public debt; be levees the present tariff with lower rates is a destructive, dishonest system. Under valuations should be replaced by one framed on protective principles and restore the reciprocity policy of James G. Blaine; declares American ships should carry American trade, freight to be paid by Americans; entirely opposed to free, unlimited coinage of silver and any change in existing gold standard except by international agreement; opposed to the unsound and dangerous system of state banks, supports the national banking system; restricted immigration; declares the United States should adhere strictly to American principles and an entire separation of church and state; appropriation of public money for sectarian schools should not be permitted; believe in foreign policy at all times to be firm, vigorous, dignified; the Monroe doctrine must always be upheld; sympathize with Cubans in their struggle for independence; declares preference for Thomas B. Reed for the presidency.

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