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CONVENTION OPENED

Massachusetts Will Cast Her Vote Solid for Reed.

PLATT TO NAME VICE PRESIDENT

Whereat New Jersey Sorrows—Principal Speech This Forenoon Made by Fairbanks.

[Special to THE CHRONICLE.]

St. Louis, June 16.—The weather today is fine. The delegates at all the hotels were up early and several meetings were held before breakfast. Quay expressed himself satisfied with the financial plank already agreed upon. No nominations are expected this week. The convention was called at 12:20 p. m. by Carter. Rabbisale offered a long invocation. Secretary Manly, of Maine, then read the call for the convention.

A great demonstration occurred when Charles Carter introduced C. W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, as temporary chairman. The nomination was seconded by Wm. H. Southerland, of New York delegation, and his selection was unanimously indorsed.

Massachusetts will be solid for Reed, though the nomination of McKinley has been conceded. It is understood the Hanna and McKinley managers have given Platt the privilege to name a candidate for vice president, much to the sorrow of New Jersey delegates, who believed their candidate, Garrett A. Hobart, would be victorious. Platt has informed Hanna that he would not consider the vice-presidency until after the president was nominated.

LATER.—At the opening of the convention the halls were crowded and an extra force of police were applied for to preserve order. The principal speech of the morning was that of Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, on the currency question, which was wildly applauded.

FOR SECOND PLACE.

Nomination of an Eastern Man Is Now Conceded.

St. Louis, June 15.—It is generally admitted that the large number of vice-presidential candidates will necessitate adjournment after the nomination of the presidential candidate, and a consequent delay in the work of the convention.

The New York delegation has given up hopes of securing a favorable answer from Governor Morton, but will urge him, if McKinley is nominated to accept. Meantime, however, rumor is busy with the name of J. Sloat Fasset of New York, and his name is favorably received by the Western delegates. The boom for Garrett A. Hobart is being pushed with great vigor and he will undoubtedly prove a formidable antagonist to the many other men mentioned.

The Maine people have two candidates, leaving out of consideration the movement in Dingley's favor. Senator Frye and Governor Clews had open support this morning in a friendly rivalry. McKinley people busied themselves today with the names of two Easterners, Chauncey M. Depew and Warner Miller. Depew would be acceptable to the New York factions, and Miller would not. It is the general view that the vice-presidential nomination shall go to the East.

THEY WILL SUPPORT REED.

Colored Delegates Say They Are Through With McKinley.

St. Louis, June 15.—Henry Cabot Lodge, Joseph Manly, State Insurance Commissioner Carr and other Maine workers were extremely active this

morning, yet frank in their statements that McKinley had a clear majority. Senator Lodge had a conference with South Carolina, Florida, West Virginia and New York colored men, and announced that he had received assurances from them of active support for Reed and a pledge for missionary work. He said:

"The colored Southern delegates have been badly treated by the McKinley managers. They were promised great consideration and received none. A majority of them have declared for Reed."

A significant fact in this connection is that Caleb Simms, of New York, a prominent Platt colored man and instructed alternate for Morton, was one of the leaders in the movement of colored men toward Reed. The Kerens faction, of the Missouri delegation, owing to the fact that Hanna is supposed to be treating with Chauncey I. Gilley, boldly announced that they were through with McKinley, took down his pictures and decorated for Reed. Naturally there was rejoicing in the Reed camp.

PLATFORM AGITATION.

Three-Cornered Fight Upon the Money Issue.

St. Louis, June 15.—Today promises to be a day of platform agitation. A three-cornered fight has drawn the lines sharply. The men from the East demanding gold in the platform are very determined.

Lodge, Platt and other opponents of McKinley seem to feel that they are placing McKinley in the hole by insisting upon an emphatic gold declaration being made. Their program is to force the fight in the committee on resolutions, and if they cannot win in the committee to carry it to the convention, Lodge, the Reed manager, is to lead the fight for a gold declaration, and if it is not granted he and other Reed men have a faint hope that the refusal to put gold in the platform will solidify the gold vote on Reed, but the fact that so many McKinley men are for gold gives rise to the hope that the gold men may be successful.

It has been the effort of the friends of McKinley to avoid a fight in the convention between the factions favoring the single standard and against free coinage. There has been a drift towards a moderate expression in favor of gold, and there is quite a pressure from several states for a declaration against free coinage, and not to have the word gold used in the platform at all.

Lodge, who has drafted the gold declaration, and secured its indorsement by the representatives of a number of states, has been pressing his plank with a great deal of persistency, and irritated some who would prefer a milder declaration.

General Grosvenor, of Ohio, said this morning:

"We know that there is a great effort being made to force a certain form of declaration, but the probabilities are that no one will know what the financial plank will be until the committee on resolutions reports. It may be the fight as to the form of the resolution will be carried to the convention. The financial plank will be what we want; that is all there is to it."

The silver men were at first disposed to aid the ultra gold men in securing the straightest kind of declaration, but there is an indication that they are not quite so enthusiastic in that direction as at first. There are some who seem anxious to make a dramatic exit from the convention hall, but the count up to date finds a number of waverers, and the probability that there would be representatives of all the delegations left on the floor makes the proposed grandstand play seem a little doubtful as to the effect. There is a disposition toward moderation among the prominent silver men, which may make the bolt less pretentious than advertised.

HURRAH FOR OREGON.

Our Delegation Drafts a Sensible Financial Resolution.

St. Louis, June 15.—The Oregon dele-

gation made the following selections: National committeeman, George A. Steele; vice-president of the convention, J. H. Calbreath; resolutions, Charles S. Moore; credentials, Wallace McCamant; permanent organization, J. W. Meldrum; notification, Charles Hilton; chairman of the delegation, Charles Parish; secretary, R. A. Booth.

The Oregon delegation adopted the following resolution, and will submit it to the national committee on resolutions:

"The Republican party has always been an advocate of honest money; it points with pride to its financial record during the greenback movement. It was opposed to the greenback inflation then; it is opposed to silver inflation now. It believes that every dollar issued by the government should have the same purchasing power as every other dollar. We are, therefore, in favor of the maintenance of the present gold standard, and except through international agreement, we are opposed to the free or unlimited coinage of silver."

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