

### WHALEBONE CARGO.

#### Largest Shipment Now at Seattle Ever Received From the North.

Seattle, July 8.—The largest and one of the finest shipments of whalebone ever sent down from the North is aboard the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer St. Paul, which arrived in port from Nome this morning.

The shipment is valued at \$66,000 and consists of 132 bales of 11-foot whalebone, each bale weighing 100 pounds. The shipment is consigned to Ralph Bloom & Co. and H. Liebes of San Francisco.

The stuff was taken from six whales, one of which was caught by the whaler Alexandria and five by the Jeannette.

### THOMAS M'NUTT DEAD.

#### Former Inspector of La Grande District Passes Away at Glenwood Springs, Col.

La Grande, July 8.—Word has just been received here that Thomas McNutt, formerly inspector of the La Grande office district, had died at Glenwood Springs, Col., to which place Mr. McNutt was transferred last December following the removal of Asa B. Thompson, as receiver of the land office here.

Mr. McNutt's family has never been in the west, having resided, during his stay in Oregon and Colorado, in Indiana, where they now are.

### Confessed to Murder.

Walla Walla, July 8.—Frank Hottman, arrested here on instructions from Kansas City, has confessed that he assisted in the murder of Charles Myers in Kansas City on May 11. Hottman was in love with Mrs. Myers and he held Myers head while Mrs. Myers cut his throat from ear to ear. Hottman and the Myers woman were then to wed, but Hottman got scared and came West. A detective from Kansas City will start east with him tomorrow.

### Aged Woman Suicides.

Davenport, Wash., July 8.—Mrs. Theresa Wagner, aged 74, strangled herself to death last evening by tying a cord to her bedstead and around her neck and then leaning forward until slowly choked to death.

### Portland Financier Dead.

Portland, July 8.—P. F. Morey, financial agent of the General Electric Company, of this city, died from rheumatism of the heart, last evening.

## FIRE RAGES ON VICTORIA ISLAND

### CROPS DESTROYED ON PIERCE BROTHERS' ESTATE.

Spark From Combined Harvester Started Conflagration in the Ripening Grain—High Wind Sweeps Over the Island, Carrying the flames to Every Portion of the Farm—Leaves Will Be Cut to Inundate the Burning Grain—Valuable Peat Land Ruined.

A special to the Oregon Daily Journal from Stockton, Cal., yesterday evening, gives the details of the burning of the crops on Victoria Island, in the Sacramento river, owned by Pierce Brothers, and over which a case involving the ownership of the island has just been decided in the supreme court of California. The special says:

"A disastrous grain fire swept Victoria Island yesterday and today is still burning, but it is believed it will be extinguished by tomorrow morning.

"The fire was started by a harvester working on the 800 acres on the island leased by O. D. Elgan from the Victoria Island Company, of which State Senator W. M. Pierce, of Oregon, is the principal owner. Two hundred acres of the barley had already been harvested, but the remainder was destroyed.

Water was run into ditches in an effort to check the progress of the fire, but the wind carried it across one of the ditches this afternoon about 4 o'clock in a tract farmed by the company itself. Late yesterday afternoon 100 acres of this tract had been destroyed, but great efforts were being made to stop the blaze by back-firing. The high wind, however, made this work of but little value. There are 400 or 500 more acres that were in danger of being burned.

"Last evening it was decided to cut the levee for a distance of about 100 feet and flood the land to extinguish the flames.

"A dredger will be on hand to close the cut as soon as sufficient water has been let in. The damage consists not only in the destruction of the grain, but in the damage done on the peat land, it being necessary to flood the land to put out the fire. The wind carried dense clouds of the smoke over this city."

Senator W. M. Pierce is not in the city today and could not be reached, and it is not known whether he will go to California or not.

## DEMOCRATIC LEADERS HAVE AGREED ON A PLATFORM

### "Not Just What Any of Them Want, But All Can Stand Upon it"—Income Tax Plank Turned Down.

#### Radical Demands in Relation to the Tariff and Trusts—Demands for Liberal Appropriations for the Navy Turned Down—Statehood Demanded for the Territories—Proposition to Entirely Dodge the Financial Question Turned Down Over Two to One—Above Is Synopsis of Committee Work—Every Issue Now Goes to the Convention for Ratification or Rejection.

St. Louis, July 8.—The convention was called to order at 10:44 for its fourth session. Prayer by Rabbi Samuel Sale of St. Louis.

### New National Committee.

A call for a report of the committee on resolutions bringing no response, the roll of states was called for an announcement of the members of the new national committee.

When Taggart's name was announced as the member from Indiana he was given an ovation.

The names of Gaston of Massachusetts, Campau of Michigan, Mack of New York, Daniels of North Carolina, Guggay of Pennsylvania, were all loudly cheered.

The national committee was asked to meet at Jefferson hotel immediately after the final adjournment of the convention.

### Adjourned Till Evening.

Richmond P. Hobson was called for and warmly greeted as he took the platform. Hobson was repeatedly cheered.

The platform committee announced that a unanimous report will be submitted at 8 tonight.

The convention adjourned till 8 tonight.

### Adopt a Trust Plank.

At 10 the committee on resolutions for the first time since early this morning showed some indications of reaching a definite conclusion on a trust plank, which was almost unanimously adopted. It declares against interstate traffic in trust made articles.

It is authoritatively stated the platform will not have a money plank, nor an income tax plank. This was the basis of a compromise between Hill and Bryan.

### Bryan and Hill Fight.

St. Louis, July 8.—Shortly before 9 word came from the committee that the trust plank had been taken up again and the committeemen are in another quarrel. The trust plank had been settled upon earlier in the morning, but a resolution was ordered which made it compulsory for corporations, before doing business in another state, to file a statement to the effect that they did not purpose to monopolize. This brought a new wrangle.

Tillman left the committee at 9, saying: "They are at the trust plank again. The platform will be a mile long. Hill and Bryan knifed each other terribly. It was awful! Hill is trying to prevent Bryan from presenting a minority report to the convention, to preclude a fight there. Hill has kept remarkably cool. I am tired of all their talk and am not going back. Hill and Bryan have been saving this spleen for years, and now they have let it out, they will get along better together."

In the tilt between Bryan and Hill during the discussion of a proposed gold plank the former remarked, "Well, senator, I'm glad to see you so honest."

Immediately the New Yorker jumped to his feet and defiantly answered: "I don't like imputations made by a gentleman."

"Then I'll withdraw the words, and say 'I'm glad to see you so frank,'" responded Bryan.

A member, Stickney, of Wyoming, coming from the committee room, said Bryan and Hill had clashed half a dozen times. Hill's suavity and wonderful cleverness as manager impressed Stickney, who said that the committee reminded him of a lot of excited geese. "Actually, I couldn't tell what they were talking about when I left," said Stickney.

### "Out of Politics."

St. Louis, July 8.—The report of the sub-committee on platform to the effect that "the financial question is out of politics," precipitated a hot, acrimonious, but well-ordered debate in the general committee, where it was rejected. Later the general committee submitted the framing of a financial plank to William J. Bryan, John Sharp Williams and David Bennett Hill.

In the debate in the general committee on the report of the sub-committee, Poe, of Maryland, declared the committee should remember the effect such a deliberate refusal to incorporate a financial plank in the platform would have. Without a financial declaration, Maryland's vote could not be had. He asked only that the com-

mittee give the great interests of the country assurances that they be not disturbed, and declared impressively that if the committee failed in this duty they lost the democratic electoral vote of many states.

### Hill Favored the Report.

Hill, of New York, made a strong plea for the plank, declaring it was in the interests of good government, and augured success in the fall.

Drifting from the plank to Parker, Hill declared he was an able, safe man, and not a coward as some would have us believe. Parker had ever supported the party's nominees. If this convention nominated another man Parker would support him, and he (Hill) would go back and work for the party's choice.

### Daniel Roasts Bryan.

"By what right," Daniel, of Virginia, said, "under what pretense, does this man come under to instruct us upon an issue which led us to defeat twice; this man, whom the democratic party has twice highly honored, has seen fit to pick flaws in every candidate proposed for an office to which he twice unsuccessfully aspired. I say, if we are going to wait for a presidential candidate until we find an angel, we had better adjourn and go home."

Bryan, who sat on the opposite side of the table, flushed deeply. His tightly compressed lips bespoke the effort he was making at self-control.

"The gentleman is out of order," sharply interrupted Acting Chairman Tillman. "We cannot permit such personal allusions, such vituperations."

Daniel persisted he meant no disrespect, but he thought the time had arrived when all loyal democrats should be actuated by the purest motives, and their actions open to the fullest criticism, and declared his belief that the country stood upon the brink of a great calamity.

He had favored free silver, but right or wrong, he thought the exigencies of the situation demanded that democracy bow to the wishes of New England and the great Empire state. Heroic situations demanded heroic remedies.

### Other Speakers Favor Report.

Shively, of Indiana, pleaded that no mention of finance be made in the platform, asking why raise the question again, to cause a rupture in the party.

Fleming, of Wisconsin, declared he was there to oppose any specific declaration on finance.

### Report Turned Down.

A final vote on the plank resulted in a decisive victory for Bryan. At 7 this morning the committee is still in session, and Bailey said it might not complete its labors for many hours.

The vote to reject the "no declaration" plank stood 35 to 15, leaving the financial issue still a wide open one, with the general and sub-committees.

### Left to Conference Committee.

The resolutions committee, after eliminating the sub-committee plank, declaring the financial question out of politics, decided to leave the question of a satisfactory financial plank to a sub-committee composed of Bryan, Williams and Hill. Indications point to a unanimous report.

### Harmony in Carload Lots.

St. Louis, July 8.—Hill was asked, "What are Parker's views on an income tax and gold plank?" "Don't know," replied Hill. "Well, if you don't, who in blank does?"

Asked concerning the platform, Bryan said to a Scripps News man: "There will be no minority report. The platform is not what any one of us wanted, but is such as we can all stand on."

On the same subject Hill said: "The report will be unanimous. Of course there are some things we would like to have had in the platform that are not there, but everybody is for the platform now."

Hill and Bryan came out of the committee room together, both smiling. To the newspaper men Bryan said: "Boys, be sure and get that Hill platform right." Hill seemed disturbed at the reference, but Bryan laughed heartily.

Former Congressman Heard, of Missouri, said: "Everything is now harmonious, and Hill has made many additional friends because of his great effort to bring about harmony."

### Other Details of Platform.

St. Louis, July 8.—On the income tax plank Bryan received a setback. Hill opposed him and the proposed plank was withdrawn. The fight may be renewed.

In his fight for reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform, Bryan was ignominiously routed.

In the trust and tariff planks he won a notable victory by securing amendments which make declarations more emphatic and strictly in conformity with the Nebraskan's views.

On the trust plank, Bryan's proposition for prosecutions was incorporated by a vote of 23 to 20.

On a labor plank he and ex-Governor Thomas, of Colorado, stood together for an amendment covering the Colorado situation.

There is no specific reference to Colorado, but the declaration guarantees the right of the laboring men to work when and where he will, but declaring there shall be no infliction of punishment save by due process of law.

One of the early morning events was the defeat of that plank declaring for liberal appropriations for the navy.

At 8:30 the statehood plank was perfected, demanding separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico, and statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory without specifying whether separate or joint.

### Anti Parker Conference.

Bryan went to the Jefferson hotel when the platform committee adjourned and after a hearty meal lay down to recuperate for the night session.

The anti's went into conference on a plan to have the Nebraskan take the lead in an effort to defeat Parker by either making another nomination or a speech against him. They say his matchless oratory might yet stampede the convention. Bryan himself answered an inquiry by saying he was not certain what course he would pursue. He did not wish to appear exultant at the outcome of the fight in the committee, but his friends answered for him that Bryan had won a great victory and appreciated it.

For the Scripps News Bryan briefly

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## \$20,000 M. E. CHURCH HOUSE

### WILL BE BUILT AT CORNER MAIN AND WATER STREETS

#### Hope to Have it Completed Within a Year or Two—Will Be Made of Pressed Brick—Trustees Are Now Seeking a Site for a Parsonage—The Old Church Properties on Thompson Street Will Be Sold—New Church Will Be One of the Finest in Eastern Oregon.

The trustees of the Methodist church of Pendleton met yesterday afternoon in their annual meeting for the transaction of business. The most important item which came up was the consideration of purchasing property for a parsonage site.

One year ago this spring the Methodists bought the property at the corner of Main and Water streets, now occupied by the Hotel Pendleton as a sample room. It is their intention to erect a large church on this property within a year or two. The building will be of pressed brick and one of the finest in Eastern Oregon. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

The trustees are now seeking a building site for the pastor's home which will be in keeping with the large and finer edifice and nearer the church.

The present church property on Thompson street will be sold when the buildings are completed to help swell the building fund.

### Damage Will Be \$150.

Street Commissioner Brown has just about completed the work of repairing the streets in places washed out by the heavy rain of Sunday. Mr. Brown estimates the total cost of repairing the damage done by the rain on the streets at \$150 at the outside. There will be some additional work of filling in sewer trenches where the loose dirt has settled down after filling, but this would have been necessary had no rain fallen, as the fresh filling sinks into the trenches as it settles.

### Gone After Crosson.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakley went to Boise last night to bring back C. M. Crosson, the actor charged with larceny by baillee. The members of the company that started at the Frazer theater and did not finish say Crosson is a bad actor. He is accused of departing with \$60 in cash and \$80 worth of clothing belonging to other members of the company. Blakley is expected back with his prisoner this evening or tomorrow morning.

## LOWER VALLEY OF THE KAW FLOODED

### The Scourge of the Two Kansas Cities Again Out of All Natural Bounds.

#### DRIVES SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES.

#### Sixteen Million Dollars Damage Done to the Two Cities and Their Kansas Suburbs—Union Depot Will Be Flooded Tonight—Railroad Service Demoralized All Over Kansas on All Through Lines—Appeal to General Government for Emergency Rations.

Kansas City, July 8.—Not less than \$16,000,000 is the figure named by this season's flood destruction. The Kansas river continues to rise here this morning, and no appreciable relief from flood conditions is expected before tomorrow.

Day dawned with another torrential rain. Seven thousand refugees are the objects of systematic relief work in Kansas City, Kan.

### River Rising Rapidly.

Kansas City, July 8.—The Kaw overflowed its banks near the Missouri Pacific bridge at 11 o'clock last night, and the water is now spreading over the west bottoms, or the whole-sale district. The water has approached within two blocks of Union station, and will reach the station before daylight.

The Armourdale district of Kansas City, Kan., has been deserted, the inhabitants being driven from their homes by the overflow of the river for the second time in 13 months.

Mayor Gilbert, of Kansas City, Kan., is using all means at his command to care for the thousands of homeless people who have been driven from the flood stricken district.

Today the following telegram was sent to the secretary of war:

"Ten thousand people have been driven from their homes in Kansas City, Kan., by a flood. I earnestly request you to direct the commander at Fort Leavenworth to issue such rations as we may need."

Tonight all Kansas streams are high. Thousands of acres of rich farming lands are inundated, causing losses to crops that will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

By tomorrow noon the Kay will have risen two feet and a half higher than at the present, and then will begin to subside rapidly.

Railroad service in the south and west of Kansas is demoralized. Numerous washouts are reported. Trains on the Rock Island, Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific are completely stalled.

### Chicago Grain.

Chicago, July 8.—Old July opened 92 1/4, closed 90 1/4; new July opened 91 1/4, closed 89 1/4. July corn opened 50 1/4, closed 48 1/4.

### INDIAN CHRISTIAN SERVICES.

#### Presbyterians of the Umatilla Reservation Will Hold Service at Camp Ground Next Sunday Afternoon.

Rev. J. C. Cornelson, Presbyterian missionary on the Umatilla reservation, announces that religious services will be conducted on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the camp grounds of the Umatillas along the Umatilla river, in the Indian tongue, at the request of the leading Indians in charge of the celebration now in progress there.

Services were conducted at the Presbyterian mission on the reservation last Sunday and many of the Umatillas attended. They were very much interested and requested that the services be repeated on next Sunday.

There are about 55 Presbyterians among the Umatillas, and at least 20 of these will assist in the services, which will consist of songs, speaking and Bible reading. Friends in the city are invited to attend this service.

During the past seven years 16 boys have been drowned at Trenton, N. J., in a swimming hole off "Devil's Rock," in the Delaware river. A popular subscription lately raised several hundred dollars for the purpose, and the rock was blown up from bedrock on July 4.

### New Mormon Apostle.

Salt Lake, July 8.—Charles Penrose, editor of the Deseret News, was today appointed apostle in the Mormon church, vice Apostle Woodruff, deceased.