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and the Rights of Old Line  
Democracy.

**THE REPORT REPUDIATED**

Silver Men From Michigan and Nebraska  
Seated to Friside Two-thirds Ma-  
jority for the Free Silver  
Candidate.

Chicago, July 8.—A battle of the giants was waged all along the line today, with the silver men in control in the committee rooms and in the convention. The committee on resolutions, where they had a majority of twenty, crushed the platform adopted by the sub-committee last night. It declares briefly for the free and independent coinage of silver without the co-operation of any other nation; for a tariff for revenue only, sufficient to pay the expenses of the government economically administered; for a constitutional amendment providing for an income tax; against federal interference in local affairs; against a third term, for simplicity and economy in national affairs; against the refunding of the Pacific railroad debt; condemns the issue of bonds in time of peace, and gives a mild endorsement of the civil service law. Senator Hill, following the biblical injunction to turn the other cheek, after the resolutions which inferentially condemned the president at three distinct points, had been adopted by the committee, offered a plank commending the administration for its honesty, fidelity and courage. By a vote of 27 to 17, it was defeated. Everywhere today there was talk of a gold bolt, and it seems now very probable that there may be some definite action on the part of at least a portion of the minority. The leaders, however, are still exercising their influence to restrain their followers. The New York delegation decided not to withdraw. Ex-Governor Flower, who at first advocated a bolt, changed front, but Colonel George B. McClellan and Percy Belmont were in favor of radical action. The course of the committee on credentials last night in deciding to unseat the Michigan gold delegates had the effect in an indirect way of staying the strong hand of the silver leaders. It precipitated a storm of protests from the gold men, who said they considered it simply the exercise of force. The Massachusetts and Connecticut delegations were especially incensed and they threatened to either withdraw from the convention or to decline to participate in its action if the Michigan delegation was unseated. Coupled with this was an intimation that Senator White, who is to be the permanent chairman, would rule that the nomination could be made by less than two-thirds with the delegates voting in the convention. It was this latter threat more than anything else which decided the credentials committee to reconsider the Michigan case. If such a ruling were made the Bland men with their big lead could perhaps compass his nomination if the gold men declined to vote. The friends of other candidates became alarmed at the possibility and with a swift combination against the Missourian, made haste to reconsider their action. It was this hitch in the committee on credentials which rendered the day session of the convention one of nullity, so far as results were concerned. For over three hours the convention awaited the end of the struggle in the committee on credentials, occupying their time meanwhile in listening to the fervid oratory of the champions. Gold men sat silent and impassive as half a dozen silver orators were one after the other called to the stage to stir the blood and fire the imagination of their supporters. They seemed indifferent while thousands yelled themselves hoarse and at no time took any part in the demonstrations. The net result of the day's session was the seating of the Nebraska delegation. This was the signal for wild demonstration of honor of Bryan, the "boy orator of the Platte," who is now everywhere recognized as a formidable dark horse. The sudden announcement of the determination of the Illinois delegation to desert Bland and vote for Stevens after the first ballot fell like a wet blanket on the Missouri candidate. The Alabama Bland men also changed their allegiance, but the other Bland men still keep up a brave front. The combination against the Missourian made great progress and confidently claimed before the evening session of the convention that they had blocked his way to the nomination. McLean's power was manifested every where and the combination to nominate Teller grew more formidable with each development. The prospect of the gold bolt strengthened the argument of those who favored a combination with the silver Republicans and Populists.

Crowds returned to the convention hall in the evening, expecting a protracted night session and decisive action on the platform. There was further delay, however, in the committee

on credentials. The Michigan contest which has excited a sharp division in the committee, was reported at 6 o'clock, giving the silver forces a majority of the delegation and thus permitting them to swing the twenty-eight votes of Michigan for silver. It excited a warm debate that gave evidence of the intense personal feeling aroused. When after two hours of speechmaking the final vote was taken, it gave occasion for the most spontaneous and stirring demonstrations that occurred. As the New York delegation cast its vote to sustain the Michigan gold delegate a great shout went up from thousands of delegates and spectators, which grew in intensity as it proceeded, while men jumped on chairs and waved hats, canes, handkerchiefs and shouted themselves hoarse. It was eighteen minutes before the rapping of the chairman could bring the convention to order. Then a moment later, when the chairman announced that the silver men had won a decisive majority, there was a repetition of wild demonstration, this time by the silver men, lasting nineteen minutes. It was evident that the leaders held their time for council and that they determined not to urge the platform to a final issue tonight. With the speech of Senator White on taking the chair, a permanent organization was perfected, and at 9:30 the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Gen. Charles Tracey, of the New York delegation, says he will feel compelled to leave the convention when the silver platform is adopted or to announce to the convention that he cannot support its candidate on the platform.

**MINORITY REPORT.**

The vote on the adoption of the minority report of the committee on credentials was: Ayes, 26; noes, 55; absent, 1; present and not voting, 3. Oregon voted so solidly. The Washington delegation was divided, four aye and four no.

When Chairman Daniel put the question first on the adoption of the minority report of the committee on credentials to confirm the sitting delegates (gold men) from Michigan, the most impressive scene of the convention took place.

When the roll was called, Alabama the first state called, started the revolt against the majority. Although the silver delegation challenge of her vote developed the fact that seven votes in the delegation favored the gold delegates, but under the unit rule, Alabama's twenty-two votes were cast against the minority report. The gold men got eleven out of California's eighteen silver votes, two of which were cast by Senator White and Congressman Maguire.

Indiana's silver delegation furnished eight of their thirty votes for the gold delegates. Delegate Haldeman, of the Kentucky delegation, by challenge, uncovered two affirmative votes in that delegation. There were three votes in the Massachusetts delegation for seating the silver delegates, and one in Maryland. Stevenson, of Michigan, cast the twenty-eight votes of his state, in which there are twelve silver votes, in favor of keeping the gold men in their seats. There was wild cheering when ex-Governor Flower cast the seventy-two votes of New York for the minority. It continued fully a minute, when the cheering suddenly swelled into a roar. The gold delegates mounted their chairs and waved their handkerchiefs, while the galleries grew perfectly frantic. They shouted, whistled, stamped their feet, flung their hats aloft, and turned the convention into a pandemonium. The enthusiasm rose and fell, only to rise again like the oncoming tide of the ocean. Up to that time it was the most enthusiastic scene of the convention. Chairman Daniel tried to secure order with his gavel, but raps were swallowed up in the awful din as the crack of a toy pistol would be by the roar of a volley of hundred ton guns. The silver men were infuriated. They were evidently convinced that the galleries were packed. Chairman Daniel held up his hand for order but he was not heeded. The silver men in the galleries hissed. The silver leaders on the floor were manifestly disturbed. It looked almost as if the silver men had been stricken by a panic. Suddenly Governor Altgeld got upon his chair and faced the chairman, but he could not be heard. The gold men took their turn again when the Pennsylvania vote was announced for them, but they were satisfied with mild cheering. Other silver states, being challenged as the roll call proceeded, showed that the silver men were jumping over factional traces on the issue. The vote was announced: 258 noes; 388 ayes, 3 not voting, 1 absent. It's announcement set the convention a-fire with another tremendous flame. The silver men had their turn in earnest. The scene showed plainly the complexion of the assembly, for this time the delegates were the shouters and the galleries remained silent, except in scattered patches. Toward the end of the silver clamor some of the most hysterical westerners pulled off their coats and vests to wave.

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### AFFAIRS ON THE SOUND

Hon. John Leary Says That the In-  
land Harbor is All  
Right.

**GOVERNMENT AID FOR CANAL**

Supreme Court Decides Property Can Be  
Condemned for Canal Purposes—  
A Hint for Astoria-Alaska  
Trade Booming.

The Hon. John Leary, of Seattle, vice-president of the Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company, who spent yesterday in the city, said that he was very glad to be in Astoria again, and was agreeably surprised to find so many improvements in progress. When asked by an Astorian representative as to the condition of business on the Sound, he said: "Our clearing houses show that in Seattle and Spokane this year there is an increase of fifty per cent in business as compared with 1895. The mining industries of the state of Washington are being very rapidly developed. You might say, as it were, that we have just begun to think of our wealth of minerals. Our prospectors have only recently discovered the rich mines in our state, and capital has not been slow to make investment. The Monte Cristo mines in Western Washington have been proved to be extremely rich, while the mines in the vicinity of Spokane and on the British Columbia border line are producing marvelous results."

"What about your inland harbor?"

"Well, matters have been going a little slow with the canal scheme, but the supreme court has recently decided that the government has the right to condemn property for canal purposes. Work is now going forward, and the canal will run from Salmon Bay to Lake Union, and thence into Lake Washington, where the harbor is to be situated. After some little delay the citizens and property owners, donated to the government as a part of the consideration for these projects, and to secure an army post, 640 acres of magnificent land just six miles north of the city on the Sound. This will make a beautiful park, maintained at the expense of the government. We already have several fine city parks, maintained at the city's expense, and the University of Washington, whose grounds comprise 320 acres, has another beautiful park, maintained at the expense of the state. We fully realize the benefits which accrue to any city from parks and boulevards."

"What about your trade with Alaska?"

"I can only say that this traffic has increased beyond expectation. Our merchants are doing a very large business with that territory, and we have every reason to believe that the trade will continue to rapidly increase."

**PROMINENT VISITORS.**

Trip to the Railroad Camps and Other  
Points of Interest.

Mr. M. P. Callender yesterday entertained a number of visitors to Astoria on his steamer Wenona which made a trip at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to Burnside point that the guests might have a good view of the railroad work. Among those in the party were M. P. Callender, J. E. Higgins, B. Van Dusen, Thos. Trullinger, G. T. Barnes, of San Francisco, Major E. McNeill, receiver of the O. R. and N., W. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the O. R. and N., Hon. C. S. Fairchild and A. Marcus, of the New York O. R. and N. reorganization committee, S. H. Brown, Jr., Boston, Hon. John Leary, of Seattle, vice president of the Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company, L. B. Seeley, J. M. Turney, Hon. Benj. Young, G. Wingate, Wm. Beaman, son of General Attorney Beaman, of the O. R. and N., and others.

The weather was perfect, and the strangers who have been accustomed to 100 degrees in the shade enjoyed their outing very much. The stiff west wind made the bay just rough enough to insure pleasant sailing. The trip across Cathlamet Bay and along the railroad embankment was appreciated by everyone on board. The work done by Corey Brothers is first class in every respect, and was a surprise to the strangers. In the earlier part of the day a visit was paid to the railroad bridge, Warrenton, and Flavel. The work being done in Astoria is creating no end of favorable comment among those who have an opportunity to see it.

President Curtis returned yesterday from Portland, and had nothing new to say in regard to the railroad work, further than that they were pushing everything on both sides of the bay as rapidly as possible. He is greatly in hopes that one of the ships with the steel rails will arrive within the next day or two so that the track can be laid across the bridge with the new rails. A pleasant visit was paid to the railroad headquarters by the visiting strangers, and some consultation was held with Mr. E. J. Rathbone, su-

### REORGANIZATION OF O. R. & N.

Sale to Take Place To-day Near Port-  
land Under Decree of  
Court.

**ASTORIA ROAD NOT INVOLVED**

McNeil Non-Committal, but Marcus Says  
U. F. Will Not Have Control at Pres-  
ent—Will Be Operated  
Independently.

Among the strangers in the city yesterday, was Mr. Arnold Marcus, of New York city, who was here as a guest of Major McNeill with ex-Secretary of the Treasury C. S. Fairchild. Mr. Marcus, with Mr. Fairchild, represent the bond and stockholders of the O. R. and N. Company, who will bid that property in under the decree of sale rendered by the United States court at Portland, which sale takes place this morning. Mr. Marcus is also secretary of the Northern Pacific reorganization committee, representing the principal foreign stock and bond holders. He is a gentleman of medium height, broad-shouldered, rather athletic figure, dark complexion, with black mustache and beard, and wears glasses. He looks at him one would know that he is a banker. An Astorian reporter asked him what it was proposed to do with the O. R. and N., and what would be its policy in the future. Mr. Marcus replied that the road would be purchased in the interest of all stock and bond-holders, and that all interests were represented in the reorganization committee.

"What about the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific interests?"

"The Oregon Short Line holds a large amount of stock in the O. R. and N., and its interests are represented and will be taken care of."  
"Is there any possibility of the Short Line or Union Pacific again obtaining control of the O. R. and N.?"  
"The Short Line or Union Pacific has only certain interests in the O. R. and N., and can never again make a side-track of this property. Of course in the years to come they may obtain supreme control if they get out of their own difficulties, but I do not believe that it will ever go back as a mere attachment to the Union Pacific. If both properties do well some scheme may be devised, or some control of stock obtained that will give the Union Pacific or Short Line the controlling management."

"Are Mr. A. B. Hammond or C. P. Huntington interested in the reorganization or purchase of the O. R. and N.?"

"To my knowledge neither of those gentlemen is interested in any manner in the present O. R. and N. plan."  
The sale of the O. R. and N. property takes place at Fairview, near Troutdale, about 10 o'clock this morning, and the committee mentioned above will purchase the real estate, right of way, track, rolling stock buildings, rights and appurtenances of all kinds of the main line. On the 15th and 13th sales of various branch lines of the same company will be made, and the same committee will be the purchasers. A rumor has been current for a number of days past, that it would be found in the outcome of O. R. and N. affairs that Collis P. Huntington, the Southern Pacific magnate, and Mr. A. B. Hammond and his backers would be found in control of the entire property of the two railroads. From the interview above this rumor would appear to be false, or else the true inwardness of affairs is being kept very secret. Major McNeill, the receiver of the O. R. and N., and who it is supposed will be the president of the reorganized company, was very reticent yesterday, and talked about anything and everything except the O. R. and N.

Mr. Marcus yesterday evening, before leaving for Portland, said that one of the most remarkable things about Astoria, in his mind, was the number of fine schoolhouses in the city. This he thought, was an indication of civilization and progressiveness. He said that as to the harbor here and its future importance as a commercial center, there was not the shadow of a doubt.

**LEANDER WINS AGAIN.**

Henley, July 8.—After a somewhat noisy night, in which the friends of the Yale men made Henley rather lively, even for a regatta night, the second day of the rowing opened hot, humid and with variable breezes. The course presented the same animated and crowded scene as yesterday, but everywhere there was a marked absence of Yale and American colors. On all sides were heard expressions of regret for the defeat of Yale, even among the Leander men. The members of the Yale crew were all well this morning and occupied seats on the grand stand.

The interest of the day centered in the contests for the diamond sculls and the grand challenge cup. In the fifth heat of the diamond, the Hon. R. Guinness, holder of the trophy, beat Vivian Nickalls and in the fifth heat for the grand challenge cup, Leander beat New College.

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