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**SAVE TIME**  
Expense and worry How?  
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## THE ORGIE STILL CONTINUES

Passionate Appeals by Tillman and Bryan Work the Convention Into a Frenzy.

### GROVER MOCKED AND ABUSED

Gold Men Sit Stolid and Lamented Amid the Waving of Standards and the Shouts of the Silver Bedlamites—The Disgrace to End Today.

Ten acres of people on the sloping sides of the Coliseum today saw the silver-helmeted gladiators in the arena overpower the gold phalanx and plant the banner of silver upon the ramparts of Democracy. They saw what may prove the disruption of the great political party, amid scenes of enthusiasm such as perhaps never before occurred in a national convention. They saw 20,000 people with imaginations inflamed by the burning words of passionate oratory, swayed like wind-swept fields; they heard the awful roar of 20,000 voices burst like a volcano against the reverberating dome overhead; they saw a man carried upon the shoulders of others intoxicated with enthusiasm. Amidst the tumult and turbulence they listened to appeals, to threats, to cries for mercy, and finally they watched the jubilant majority seat its delegates and the vanquished stalk sullenly forth into daylight.

The battle for the supremacy of Democratic principles was fought in a session that lasted from 11 o'clock in the morning until shortly before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Each side sent its champions to the forum. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, Senator Jones, of Arkansas, ex-Congressman Bryan, of Nebraska, crossed swords with Senator Hill, of New York; Senator Vitas, of Wisconsin, and ex-Governor Russell, of Massachusetts. Senator Hill aroused the gold forces to their wildest enthusiasm, and Bryan, the "boy orator of the Platte," set the silver men aflame. The demonstration for Hill lasted about eighteen minutes. Although more protracted than that which greeted Bryan, it was of a different nature. The latter was a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm kindled by the touch of magnetic eloquence. Old political generals were stupified. If a ballot for nomination had been taken it would have been a stampede. When it was all over votes were taken, first on the minority substitute for the platform, offered by Senator Hill, which was defeated, 626 to 350; then on the resolution to endorse the administration, which was beaten, 357 to 564, and lastly on the adoption of a platform which was carried, 628 to 301.

Following is the vote on the platform as a whole: Alabama, yes 22; Arkansas, yes 16; California, yes 18; Colorado, yes 8; Connecticut, no 12; Delaware, yes 1, no 5; Florida, yes 5, no 3; Georgia, yes 26; Idaho, yes 4; Illinois, yes 48; Indiana, yes 30; Iowa, yes 58; Kansas, yes 20; Kentucky, yes 20; Louisiana, yes 16; Maine, yes 2, no 10; Maryland, yes 4, no 12; Massachusetts, yes 3, no 23; Michigan, yes 28; Minnesota, yes 6; no 11, not voting 1; Mississippi, yes 15; Missouri, yes 24; Montana, yes 6; Nebraska, yes 16; Nevada, yes 6; New Hampshire, no 8; New Jersey, no 20; New York, no 72; North Carolina, yes 22; North Dakota, yes 6; Ohio, yes 45; Oregon, yes 8; Pennsylvania, no 64; Rhode Island, no 8; South Carolina, yes 18; South Dakota, no 8; Tennessee, yes 24; Texas, yes 30; Utah, yes 7; Vermont, no 8; Virginia, yes 24; Washington, yes 5, no 3; West Virginia, yes 12; Wisconsin, no 24; Wyoming, yes 6; Alaska, no 6; Arizona, yes 6; District of Columbia, yes 6; New Mexico, yes 6; Oklahoma, yes 6; Indian Territory, yes 6. Total, yes, 628; no, 301; not voting 1.

Senator Tillman, after the rejection of the resolution to endorse the administration, withdrew his resolution to ensure the administration. "The administration stands condemned by that vote," was his comment. "A brave man never strikes a fallen foe."

The sensational event of today's proceedings was the speech of Bryan, of Nebraska, in favor of the majority report on platform. Even the attention given Tillman and Hill did not equal the breathless eagerness with which thousands peered forward to watch the first sentence of this young man whom many Westerners consider their foremost orator. They were not disappointed. He spoke deprecatingly of himself, "but," he added, "the humblest citizen in the land, when clad in the armor of righteousness, is stronger than all the hosts of error."

This struck a keynote which sounded to the rafters. Thereafter the silverites sent up yell after yell after every striking period. The cause of silver, he declared, was the cause of liberty, of humanity. Therefore he deprecated any denunciation of President Cleveland, because the issue was not to be brought down to the level of personality.

Turning his attention to the income tax, Bryan declared it was not unconstitutional until one judge had changed his mind and the great economic principles of an income tax could not rest upon the change of mind of any single judge. Concerning the banks he said they claimed the government should go out of the banking business, but he answered with Jefferson that the banks should go out of the governing business.

The speaker paused a moment as if to close, when all sides shouted, "go on, go on."

"The Republicans nominated at St. Louis, William McKinley, of Ohio," Bryan continued. "He is a man who used to boast that he looked like Napoleon." There was half a minute's laughter, the speaker continued. "Yes, they nominated him on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, and already we can hear with distinctness the waves beating on the shore of St. Helena." (Great applause.)

"The American nation was about to legislate without the aid or advice of any other nation on the globe. The American nation was able to legislate on every question without the aid of any other nation. On such an issue made in its platform the Democratic party could not carry any single state in the Union. He would not," he said, "stand the great state of Massachusetts or New York by saying, on such an issue they would declare the helplessness impotence of the American nation to attend to its own business." The speaker referred to the merciless domination of power in the past, and added, "But I warn them they shall not crucify the Democratic party on the cross of gold."

To the complaint of the seat that the silver men would not discuss the question, he replied the convention was assembled merely to render the judgment ordered by the plain people, but the greatest of all enthusiasms was stirred by his comparisons of the business man down a thousand feet into the mine and him who in the back room cornered the money of the world. "We are fighting in the defense of our homes, our firesides and our families," proceeded Bryan, as the assemblage rose for another wild demonstration. "Our petition has been scorned, but now we have no petitions to offer for we are strong in our right and defy them. They ask if a Robespierre will arise. No; instead of that the people need another Andrew Jackson to do as Jackson did in relating the encroachments against the people."

During the past week or ten days there has been considerable agitation in certain quarters over the state of the city's finances. Merchants have complained that city warrants which they took in trade, and street bonds, could not be sold, even at a heavy discount. Matters spread beyond the city and others have made inquiry concerning the difficulty. The credit of the city is more or less affected. The two letters following, written by Portland bankers, to Mr. Higgins, of the Astoria National Bank, tell their own story:

## ASTORIA'S CREDIT IS ATTACKED

Fears That the Limit of Indebtedness for the Municipality Will Be Overreached.

### CITY'S FINANCES ALL RIGHT

Special Street Improvement Bonds Not Chargeable to General Indebtedness, but Are Secured by Property Assessed.

Portland, Or., July 1st, 1896.

J. E. Higgins, Cashier, Astoria, Oregon.

Dear Sir: Since we have purchased Astoria city warrants we understand the city has issued quite a number of bonds for the purpose of building roads, grading, etc., and that they contemplate issuing in the neighborhood of \$15,000 more to grade a road over to Young's Bay to open up that property so the speculators will be allowed to sell their real estate. This is an outrage, and it should be put down. We have today forwarded to the auditor and police judge a statement we desire to have him fill out for us, and we are afraid the city has already reached the limit of indebtedness. If that is the case, the warrants of the city of Astoria will be worth 50 cents in the market instead of 95, and it will be absolutely impossible for us to continue the purchase of them without they stop issuing these bonds.

Kindly see that the auditor returns to us a true statement, and if possible, use your influence with the council to have them cease issuing the bonds contemplated for the building of these roads. This is quite a serious matter for your city, and the property owners should put their foot down and not allow the city to obligate itself by issuing bonds at the present time for such purposes as this.

Portland, Or., July 6th, 1896.

J. E. Higgins, Cashier, Astoria, Oregon.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of the 3rd inst., we have today paid your drafts for warrants accompanying the same, and note your remarks regarding the legality of the city of Astoria bonds and warrants. We have to say that the bonds as issued by the city are a direct obligation upon the city. The bond of itself shows that upon its face. We do not care to purchase any more of the city of Astoria warrants. Kindly bear this in mind. Any counties you have we would be pleased to have you forward them to us, but we cannot afford to buy a city paper where they are issuing a direct obligation upon the city for payment of any special improvement.

An Astorian representative, after carefully canvassing the situation, found that there is no cause for apprehension, and that the gentlemen who wrote the letters above are no doubt laboring under a misapprehension. Under the charter of the city of Astoria the limit of its bonded indebtedness is \$200,000. There is a special provision, however, in the charter, the terms of which are familiar to most Astorians, which permits the city to incur obligations for certain purposes, the principal one of which is the present method of street improvements by which credit is extended to property owners for these improvements, or in other words the city lends money to the property owners for paying their assessments for street improvements, and receives it back upon the installment plan. It is to be distinctly borne in mind that these advances are charged against the property assessed for street improvements, and that if a property holder fails to pay his installments, the city is amply secured, and that obligations of this nature assumed by the city and for which bonds are issued by the city and sold, are not obligations chargeable to the bonded indebtedness permitted by the city charter, and do not increase that indebtedness by one cent.

The present bonded indebtedness of Astoria is \$185,968.45. There is a little over \$10,000 cash on hand, and \$3,240 street indebtedness which would leave the total bonded indebtedness of the city less than \$175,000. The street bonds issued, which are outside of the regular bonded indebtedness of the city are not illegal and in no way affect the general credit of the city. Even should the property owners fail to pay their installments for street improvements, these debts, which are practically guaranteed by the city, will in due course of time take care of themselves.

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Cashier Higgins, when questioned about the matter said: "Our bank is carrying all of the city warrants at present that it can, and I presume the other banks of the city are in the same condition. I consider the city bonds just as valuable now as they were ten days ago. They are certainly more valuable than they were a year ago. We had purchasers up to a few days ago for all the bonds we could furnish, and were paying ninety-four cents for them here. There are no local buyers at any price, as there is no capital here at present for such investments. I think that the present agitation was brought about by some party or parties reporting in Portland that the limit of the city's indebtedness was being nearly reached, and that we were about to increase our indebtedness by \$15,000 on account of the proposed street improvements to be made to connect with the new Lewis and Clarke road. Everybody knows that we need the Lewis and Clarke connection, and that that road will open to the city a rich country now almost inaccessible for business purposes. Those who are familiar with the circumstances also know that the issuance of these street bonds would not increase the city's bonded indebtedness. They will simply become an outside obligation provided for by the charter, and for which the city will be amply secured. I believe that a large portion of the street improvements to be made for the new Lewis and Clarke connection will be paid for in cash."

## BATTLESHIP "THE OREGON"

Now Practically Assured That She Will Be Here Regatta Week.

### SENATOR MITCHELL REPLIES

The Soliciting Committee Has Done Good Work and Nearly Half the Amount Is Raised—Everybody to the Front.

The various divisions of the soliciting committee yesterday put in their best ticks raising the necessary funds for the regatta and firemen's tournament. Up to 9 o'clock last night a little over \$1500 was assured and about as much more will have to be raised to make a success of the proposed carnival. That this comparatively small amount will be raised no one doubts; but the merchants and property owners should not be backward in coming to the front with their subscriptions. The members of the committee are giving their time free, to the neglect of their business, and it should be the aim of everyone to assist them in every possible manner. The greatest assistance that can be rendered the committee is for all to promptly and liberally subscribe to the funds. Never mind the hard times, but think of the good times coming in the near future. The carnival itself as a mere business investment, will more than repay each subscriber. Besides this, before winter comes, hundreds of additional men will be at work on the railroad, the great political contest will have been ended, and the general business throughout the country will have become settled.

In response to a telegram sent by the chairman of the committee in charge of the matter of securing the presence in this harbor of the battleship Oregon, the telegram below received yesterday, is most encouraging:

Atlantic City, July 4.  
Hon. C. H. Page, Astoria:—  
Telegram just received. I will go to Washington Saturday and will if possible secure the Oregon for the regatta.  
JOHN H. MITCHELL.

All who know Senator Mitchell are confident that he will be able to arrange for the Oregon, and doubtless if the Oregon comes other war ships or cruisers will follow. With one or two members of the white squadron in Astoria's harbor, the regatta of '96 will be far in excess of any similar event ever held in Oregon. Thousands of patriotic citizens of this state will be in attendance, and thousands of citizens from neighboring states will join in the festivities. An ocean yacht race, which is being arranged for the program will not only be a novelty to Astorians, accustomed as they are to aquatic sports, but will be aside from the Oregon, the chief attraction to those from the interior. Every feature on the program will be interesting, both on water as well as on land. The firemen's tournament always an interesting event, promises to be doubly attractive this year.

Careful inquiry among the business men and property owners yesterday failed to reveal a single one not in favor of holding the regatta. There are some who contributed last year who have felt unable to give anything this year; there are others who contributed nothing last season, but have given liberally for this year's event. The committee desire to impress upon the mind of each business man that subscriptions made to this fund are not merely for a carnival or a fair which will benefit the few, but that they will be paying investments for every subscriber, and the benefits will speedily accrue.

An earnest appeal is made, not only by the soliciting committee and the executive board, but by others who have the success of the carnival at heart, that those who have not already made their donations, will consider the matter in all its bearings and come forward with their names before Saturday night, so that at the meeting to be held there definite arrangements can be made regarding the whole affair. There is no time for delay, as every day now before the date to be set for the carnival is of the greatest value to enable the committees to block out every detail in order that no errors may be made and plenty of time had for sub-committees to do their work. Let one and all combine in harmony and do the needful at once.

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