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DEMOCRATS WRANGLING OVER PLATFORM

CONVENTION ACCOMPLISHES LITTLE WORK

Met This Morning but Adjourned
Until Eight O'clock
Tonight

Platform Committee Not Ready to
Report---Bryan Gets
Roasted

St. Louis, July 8.—Tempted by the exciting and interesting events of yesterday's session, and hoping that they would witness equally inspiring scenes today the crowds this morning thronged towards the convention hall earlier than usual, in order to secure good seats. By 9 o'clock the galleries were half filled, and when time came to call the vast assemblage to order there was scarcely a nook or cranny of either balcony unfilled with resplendent humanity. The thermometer registered pretty nearly the 100 mark yesterday in the hall, and the prospects are that this will be duplicated, if not exceeded, today.

St. Louis, July 8.—The Democratic convention was called to order at 10:44 o'clock this morning for its fourth session. Prayer was offered by Rabbi Samuel Sale, of St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 8.—The call for the report of the committee on resolutions brought no response, and 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, and Guggery, of Pennsylvania, were loudly cheered. The new national committee was asked to meet at the Jefferson Hotel immediately after adjournment of the convention. At 10 o'clock the committee on resolutions, for the first time since early this morning, showed some indication of reaching a definite conclusion on the trust plank, which was almost unanimously adopted, and declares against interstate traffic in trust made articles. It is authoritatively stated that the platform would not have a money plank nor income tax plank this was the oasis of a compromise

between Hill and Bryan and there will probably be no minority report, Bryan being satisfied.

On motion a committee was appointed to wait upon the resolutions committee and ascertain when it will be able to report. Several delegates suggested that the interval be filled by the silver-tongued orator from New York, Bourke Cochran, who was loudly cheered, but he was not in the hall. Calls for "Towne," who refused to speak. Bailey was then called for. To kill time the roll of honorary vice-presidents was called. Richard 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 o'clock tonight. There will be no minority report. The convention adjourned until that time tonight.

Committeeman Mack announced that there would be no business done at the morning session, as the platform committee was not ready to report.

The Platform Committee.
St. Louis, July 8.—The committee on resolutions this morning by a vote of 35 to 15 struck out the plank declaring the monetary system no longer a political issue. The fight was led by Bryan, who was assailed by Senator Daniel, of Virginia.
Hill was asked: "What are Parker's views on the income tax and gold plank?"
"Don't know," replied Hill.
"Well, if you don't know, who in—does?" He was asked concerning the platform. Bryan said to a Scripps News man, "there will be no minority report, as the platform is not what any one of us wanted, but it 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 laughed heartily. Former Congressman Heard, of Missouri, said: "Everything is now harmonious, and Hill has made many additional friends, because of his great efforts to bring about harmony. Some times when Bryan disagreed with the committee Hill would offer resolutions that would satisfy both sides. Hill and Bryan understand each other thoroughly, and good feeling prevails, even General Weaver told the committee that he would take off his hat and work for Parker."

Senator Daniels created a sensation. He said: "Under what pretense does this man Bryan come under to instruct us upon an issue which led us to defeat twice; this man whom the Democratic party has twice honored. He has seen fit to pick flaws in every candidate proposed for the 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, and 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, and such vituperations."

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

avored free silver but, right or wrong, he thought the exigencies of the situation demanded that the democracy bow to the wishes of New England and the great Empire state. Heroic situations demanded heroic remedies. Shively, of Indiana, pleaded that no mention of finances be made in the platform asking why raise the question again to cause a rupture in the party.

Fleming, of Wisconsin, declared that he was there to oppose any specific declaration on finance. He had great respect for Hill, but he could not let him lead the democracy into this act of commission without a protest.

Poe, of Maryland, declared that the committee should remember the effect of such a deliberate refusal to incorporate a financial plank in the platform would have. Without this plank Maryland's vote could not be had. He asked only that the committee give the great interests of the country assurances that they would not be disturbed, and declared impressively that if the committee failed in this duty, they had lost the democracy the electoral vote of many states.

Hill made a strong plea for the plank, declaring that it was in the interest of good government and augured success in the fall. Drifting from the plank to Parker, Hill declared he was an able and safe man, not the coward some would have us believe. Parker had always 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. The vote on the plank resulted in a decisive victory for Bryan. At 7 o'clock this morning the committee was still in session, and Bailey said that it might not complete its labors for many hours.

The resolutions committee, after
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LARGE FLEET ENGAGES IN HARD FIGHT

Persistent Rumors Are Current
of a Heavy Battle on
the Sea

Japanese Army Forces Its Way Into the
Very Outskirts of Port
Arthur

New Chwang, July 8.—General Kuroki is advancing all along the line. A Liao Yang dispatch reports that there is a rumor of a naval engagement near Port Arthur, in which 21 Japanese warships participated, resulting in a Russian victory.

Chee Foo, July 8.—A trustworthy Chinaman from Port Arthur says fort No. 16, of the main line of defenses, was captured by the Japanese on Wednesday. The Japanese line now reached the northeast slope of Taku-shan mountain, which is less than three miles from Port Arthur.

Kuroki is Cunning.
Tokio, July 8.—Late telegrams from General Kuroki's headquarters at the

front show that the rains have not stopped the working out of the Japanese plans, either in the interior of Manchuria or at Port Arthur. The final assault on the fortress is thought to be very near, although there is much work to be done in the way of constructing siege batteries. The Russians have abandoned the outer positions, after a great deal of fighting, and have strengthened their main defenses.

Japanese correspondents allowed to send dispatches reveal the skill with which the generals maneuvered their columns so as to capture the mountain passes between the Yalu and the Liao valley without heavy loss and without risking the least temporary
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WATER DAMAGE GREAT

Kansas Get a Plenty of the
Light Beverage

Kansas City, Mo., July 8.—Not less than \$16,000,000 damage is the figure named by this season's flood. The Kansas river continued to rise there this morning, and no appreciable relief from the flood conditions are expected before tomorrow. The day dawned with another torrential rain. Seven thousand refugees are the objects of systematic relief work in Kansas City, Kas.

MORMONS HAVE APOSTLE

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

MORE SURVIVORS SAVED

London, July 8.—Word was received today that 19 more survivors of the steamer Norge were picked up and landed at Thorshaven, on the Faroe islands.

Three American Submarines.
Paris, July 8.—Cabling from St. Petersburg, a well-known correspondent states that having been authorized to visit the naval station at Kronstadt, he had the opportunity to see there the submarine torpedo-boat Protector on the deck of a Norwegian steamer there. The correspondent further states that he was also shown there two other submarines of American manufacture being prepared for shipment to the Far East.



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THE "WHITE CORNER" (TRADE MARK)
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JOLLY SUMMER GO-AWAY DAYS ARE HERE

The mountains and lakes and seashore are but a step away now. Every train, every coach hurries its precious freight to "green fields and pastures new." Hardly a person but what has some sort of holiday in mind. Women folks are gathering wearables and trinkets for home and country; men folks are looking about for cool apparel and pleasant pastures.

Right here the Jos. Meyers & Sons step in and says: **We supply every need and save you a bit of money.** The buying time and saving time is here. Our ads are full of interest to go-aways and stay-at-homes and should bring to Salem's Greatest Store a month of unprecedented selling.

Bathing Suits

Bought your new bathing suit yet? The best and newest styles for men and women are here at very modest prices. We have a special ladies' suit for \$3.50, made in black brilliantine, trimmed with two rows of white braid on the sleeves, collar and skirt; well made and roomy. Second floor.

Ladies' Suits Half Price

Here's the opportunity of the summer. Not a woman who reads this announcement can begin to measure the value by the mere reading—you've got to see the goods, know how they are made and catch the swing and dash of style that goes so far to make this half-price sale interesting.

St. Louis Fair Contest

One vote with every 25c purchase, two with 50c purchase, and so on.
Total number votes cast . . . 37,504
Total number voted for . . . 63
Miss Mellen, East . . . 14,323
Miss Shelton, Music . . . 14,310
Miss Thomas, Park . . . 1,645
Miss Cosper, East . . . 1,554
Miss Bushnell, Park . . . 1,257
Miss Kramer, East . . . 534
Miss Knight, Music . . . 633
Miss Patrick, O. E. S. . . 388
Miss Prunk, Elocution . . . 359
Miss Gordon, North . . . 398

Items of Every-Day Interest

If there is a novelty in the market, anything in the notion line that's an improvement over the ordinary, you'll find it here. We strive to keep abreast of the times in this line as in all others, a little in advance if possible. Here's the newest
SIMON'S GIRLDE FORMER
A simple piece of ribbon or velvet is made into a most neat and tasty crushed effect girde—no sewing, no boning, no fitting, no frame work to go around the body. Price
15c

Men's Suit Sale

This season's best (except staple blues and blacks).
\$8.50 clothing now . . . \$ 6.50
\$10.00 clothing now . . . \$ 7.00
\$15.00 clothing now . . . \$10.00
\$18.50 clothing now . . . \$13.50
\$20.00 clothing now . . . \$15.00
\$22.50 clothing now . . . \$16.00
\$24.00 clothing now . . . \$17.00
\$25.00 clothing now . . . \$17.00

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Where Price Is the Only Recommendation

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