

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

ORGANIZES AT ST. LOUIS AND PROCEEDS TO BUSINESS.

The Platform Will Declare Out and Out for Gold.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

The republican national convention was formally opened at St. Louis Tuesday at noon.

The day was propitious with unclouded skies and refreshing breezes.

Although the convention was not called to order until noon, the streets in the vicinity of the hall were thronged for two hours before that time with strangers, who had come to the city to witness what they could of the grand spectacle and were naturally drifted around the auditorium, but the doors were closed to all persons, including delegates and alternates, until the time should arrive for their official opening.

The only exceptions to this rule were newspaper men, furnished with badges and tickets of admission, officials of the convention and several hundred special and general aids to the sergeant-at-arms. The assignment of seats for the state delegations was completed until 11 o'clock.

In the section immediately to the right of the platform were the seats of the delegations from Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Washington, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, South Carolina, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Jersey, West Virginia and Delaware, California and Alabama being in the front rows and the others coming behind them in the order named. The other seats were fixed in the section facing the platform on the left-hand side.

An hour was occupied by the assistant sergeant-at-arms in instructing and leading his deputies, ushers and assistant ushers and in the meantime a band of music in the gallery behind the platform played various airs.

At 11:30 the next grand space the distinguished delegates were lost in the throng upon entering and got to their seats without recognition or applause.

Henry Clay Evans, of Tennessee, was the first distinguished participant to arrive. He came in at 11:15 o'clock and took a seat to the left of the chairman's seat. Less than a hundred people were in the hall.

At 11:35 the delegates began to arrive, those of California and Maine being the first to enter the hall. They did so without demonstrations. Other state delegates poured in rapidly and soon the section assigned them began to fill up. Outside the clash of brass bands was heard from time to time denoting the coming of the delegations.

Prominent among the Colorado men was Senator Teller, who chatted pleasantly with those in his neighborhood and "saw" Mr. Lodge's floral challenge with a silver white rose in his buttonhole.

While waiting for the convention to be called to order the band rendered some good music. In the interim of the music Mr. Channey M. Depey entered the hall, smiling as usual, and got a hearty reception.

At 12:20 o'clock Senator Carter, chairman of the republican national committee, called the convention to order. By this time all the seats of the delegates and nearly half of the gallery space were filled.

The chaplain, Babbi Sala, opened with prayer, the whole assembly standing as the chaplain invoked the divine benediction.

At the close of the chaplain's prayer Chairman Carter said:

"This convention is assembled in compliance with the terms of a call issued by the national committee on the 14th of December, 1895, which call the secretary will now proceed to read."

The secretary did so, in a voice which was inaudible to ten feet distant and amid frequent cries of "Louder." Chairman Carter then said:

"Gentlemen of the convention, by direction of the national committee, I present for your approval for your temporary chairman Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana."

Mr. Sutherland, on behalf of the New York delegation, moved that the selection of the committee be approved and this was carried without a dissenting voice.

Mr. Fairbanks came forward, and in a clear and distinct tone, with only occasional references to his notes, delivered his address, which was frequently applauded.

After expressing his profound gratitude for the expression of generous confidence which the convention had bestowed upon him Mr. Fairbanks devoted the first half of his remarks to a criticism of the record of the republican party with that of the democratic party as viewed from the standpoint of a protectionist. Incidental to this discussion Mr. Fairbanks made the assertion that the republican party had made "sound money," and that it also made an honest protective tariff to go with it.

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speech Mr. Carter proposed the appointments of the secretary, assistant secretary, sergeant-at-arms, official stenographers and other officials, and the persons so named were declared duly appointed.

Mr. Lamb, delegate from Virginia, offered a resolution which was agreed to, that until a permanent organization is effected, the convention will be governed by the rules of the last convention. Mr. Lamb also offered another resolution, which was also adopted, ordering that the roll of states and territories be now called, and that the chairman of each delegation announce the names of the persons selected to serve on the several committees as follows:

First, on permanent organization.

Second, on rules and order of business.

Third, on credentials.

Fourth, on resolutions.

Also, that all resolutions in respect to the platform shall be referred to the committee without debate.

The names were then called for their selection of delegates as members of the several committees.

After an announcement of the places and times of meeting of the four committees, the convention at 1:47 adjourned to Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

A chilling drizzling rain began about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, and the second day of the great republican convention promised to be very disagreeable. There was but very little interest felt by the great mass of delegates, as McKinley's nomination was certain and the platform was settled except perhaps as to a few technical points of phraseology in which comparatively few were much interested.

Chairman Fairbanks rapped for order at 10 o'clock and Dr. Williams, of the Methodist Episcopal church of St. Louis, made the prayer.

Mr. Lodge rose to ask for the committee on resolutions the privilege of session during the progress of the convention, that the subject matter had completed the report and that it was now being considered by the full committee. The request was granted.

The chairman's call for the report of the committee on credentials met with no response and the matter was passed.

Mr. Sewell, of New Jersey, and Senator Wellington, of Maryland, asked unanimous consent to make the report of committee on permanent organization and rules, but objections were heard.

Several resolutions were handed up and referred to the committee without debate. Business then seemed at a standstill.

Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, moved that the report of the committee on permanent organization be declared in order. His motion was granted with cheers by the galleries, which wished the convention to proceed.

The motion was put and Chairman Fairbanks declared it carried. Senator Wellington indignantly protested that the motion was out of order, as the convention could not suspend the rule, and his point was warmly supported by Delegate Littlefield of Maine, but the chair ruled that both gentlemen were out of order as the convention had decided to receive the report. When the reading clerk, who intoned the committee report to the house, announced the name of John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, to be permanent chairman, there were cheers from the galleries and the same demonstration greeted the name of U. S. Grant, of California.

The reading of the report on permanent organization was followed by a wild and tumultuous scene.

Mr. Mudd of Maryland, jumped to his feet and loudly protested against action upon the report. "It can be received," he shouted, "but it cannot be acted upon. Nothing can be done until the convention has acted upon the report of the committee on credentials. Until that committee has acted there will be no action."

Mr. Fairbanks ruthlessly overruled the point of order and left Mr. Mudd angrily shouting on the floor.

Mr. Fairbanks called for a vote on the adoption of the report and demanded a call of the roll. His demand was seconded by Delegate Evans of Minnesota.

Mr. Fairbanks, however, called for a rising vote, and the convention seemed to rise en masse to the call. The galleries cheered and pandemonium reigned before the convention realized that a few dissenters had won a victory over the convention.

Senator Sewell of New Jersey, Congressman Payne of New York, were designated to escort the permanent chairman to the platform.

Thurston Spoke.

Mr. Thurston faced the arena and spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Convention:—The happy memory of your kindness and confidence will abide in my grateful heart forever. My sole ambition is to meet your expectations, and I pledge myself to exercise the important powers of this high office with absolute justice and impartiality. I beseech your cordial co-operation and support to the end that proceedings be orderly and dignified. Eighty years ago I had the distinguished honor to preside over the convention which nominated the last republican president of the United States. Today I have the distinguished honor to preside over a convention to nominate the next president of the United States. This generation has had its object lesson and the doom of the democratic party is already pronounced. The American people will return to the republican party because they know its administration will mean supremacy of the constitution of the United States, maintenance of law and order, protection of every American citizen to live, labor and vote, vigorous foreign policy, enforcement of the Monroe doctrine, revenue adequate for all governmental expenditures and the gradual extinguishment of the national debt, currency as sound as government, unimpaired as its honor, whose dollars, whether gold, silver or paper, shall have equal purchasing and debiting power with the best dollars of the civilized world; a protective tariff which reciprocates, thereby securing markets for American goods."

The Southern and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton have made a joint lease of the Cincinnati Southern for 100 years, with an option on the road. At least their bid has been accepted, and the lease papers will be signed by the Southern.

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