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## PALMER AND BUCKNER.

The Ticket Chosen by the Gold Democrats' Convention.

### BOTH VETERANS OF THE WAR.

General Palmer Fought with the Union Forces and General Buckner for the Confederacy—The Platform Declares for the Gold Standard and Lauds Cleveland.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 4.—John M. Palmer of Illinois and Simon Bolivar Buckner of Kentucky, two white haired veterans of the war, rival commanders of the blue and gray, were nominated yesterday by the National Democratic convention for president and vice president, on a brief but emphatic platform which repudiates the doctrines enunciated by the Chicago convention; indorses President Cleveland and his administration in glowing terms; declares for the gold standard, tariff for revenue only, liberal shipping laws, currency reform, civil service and economy in public expenditures.

The real work of the convention was soon transacted when it was reached, but the delay in reporting the platform gave opportunity for a series of eloquent and stirring speeches. The attendance was larger than on Wednesday, and the enthusiasm was great. Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge, the famous Blue Grass orator; Dewitt C. Warner of New York, H. A. Hammond of Georgia, F. W. Lehman of Missouri, W. D. Bynum of Indiana and Comptroller of the Currency Eckels of Illinois were in turn called to the stage.

When the platform was at last brought in, shortly before 2 o'clock, after the convention had been in session three hours, it was read amid an almost continuous storm of applause, and was adopted unanimously without a word of debate. When the nominations for president were called for it was apparent that Palmer would be nominated over his protest, as the opposition to Bragg had concentrated upon him. These two names were the only ones presented to the convention. It was known that a message from President Cleveland had reached the convention that he could not entertain for a moment the suggestion of his own nomination.

The roll call immediately developed an overwhelming majority in favor of Senator Palmer, but it proceeded to the end.



GENERAL JOHN M. PALMER.

Palmer receiving 75 1/2 votes and Bragg 124 1/2. At its conclusion the commander of the "Iron brigade" mounted a chair, and in a brief but graceful speech moved that the nomination be made unanimous, and pledged that he and Wisconsin in the coming battle would be where brave soldiers should always be, nearest the flashing of the guns. He was given three hearty cheers, and General Palmer was declared the nominee amid an enthusiastic demonstration.

There never was any doubt about General Buckner's nomination for vice president, except while the nomination was being talked of for Senator Palmer for president. When Chairman Caffery instructed the secretary to call the states for nominations for vice president the latter called but one state, Kentucky, and the band struck up "My Old Kentucky Home." William F. Broder, of Kentucky, placed General Buckner's name formally in nomination, and the nomination was forthwith made unanimous. After the convention had adjourned Senator Palmer succumbed. He said he would accept.

The platform as agreed upon by the committee declares for a single gold standard, with such subsidiary coinage as is necessary, without disturbing the parity. It does not mention international agreement and makes no reference to the income tax. The tariff policy of the Republican party is denounced, international arbitration urged and liberal pensions favored. All "efforts to degrade the supreme court" are condemned, and President Cleveland's administration is highly indorsed.

The national committee has chosen ex-Congressman W. D. Bynum chairman of the executive committee, with John P. Frensel, of Indianapolis, as treasurer. Headquarters will probably be in Chicago. General John McCauley Palmer is a native of Kentucky, and is 79 years old. He was formerly a Republican, but left that party in the Greeley campaign. He has a brilliant war record, having risen from colonel to major general. After holding many minor offices he was elected governor of Illinois in 1868, and in 1890 was chosen United States senator.

General Simon Bolivar Buckner is also a native of Kentucky, and is 75 years old. He graduated from West Point in the class with General Grant, and served with distinction in the Mexican war and in the Confederate army. He has been governor of his state, and was a leading candidate for the United States senate last winter, when no election was had.

## SECRETARY FRANCIS IN CHARGE.

Hoke Smith's Successor Takes the Oath of Office.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Ex-Governor Francis, of Missouri, yesterday took the constitutional oath of office as secretary of the interior, succeeding Hoke Smith.



DAVID ROWLAND FRANCIS.

The oath was administered by Associate Judge Harlan, of the United States supreme court, in the office of the secretary of the treasury. There were present to witness the ceremony Secretary Carlisle, Secretary Lamont and a number of treasury officials. Secretary Francis took formal charge of his department this morning.

### Candidate Bryan's Confidence.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 7.—William Jennings Bryan spent a quiet Sunday in this city yesterday. In the morning, with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wall, he attended Immanuel Presbyterian church. There were no demonstrations of any kind further than a few introductions to some friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wall. In the afternoon the nominee accompanied his host on a drive throughout the city. There were but few visitors and the day passed quietly. Mr. Bryan left for Chicago this morning to speak at the labor picnic at Sharpshooters' Park. In an interview Mr. Bryan said: "I feel certain of carrying New York state, and I have never had a doubt about my election."

### A Minnesota Lynching.

GLENCOE, Minn., Sept. 7.—The trial of the first of the two men charged with the murder of Sheriff Joseph Rogers resulted on Saturday in a verdict of murder in the second degree, which did not please some of the people of this county, and a double lynching has resulted early yesterday morning. The two men lynched were Darnan Musgrove and H. A. Cingmars. On June 23 they assaulted a farmer, and on being pursued killed Sheriff Rogers. The calling out of troops prevented them from being lynched at the time. The lynchers, who were all masked, overpowered the jailers, took the men to a bridge, fastened ropes about their necks and compelled them to jump off. Their necks were broken.

### Train Robber Shot Dead.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 7.—An attempt was made Saturday night to hold up the overland express train at Webster. The engine was in charge of Engineer F. Ingles and Fireman Patrick Burns. As the train approached Webster, six miles from here, a man crawled over the tender, covered the engineer and fireman with a revolver and compelled them to stop the train. A moment later the robber looked over the side of the train, and as his back was turned the engineer shot him dead and put on full steam. His accomplice escaped. The dead man's body was found this morning. He is believed to be F. J. Morgan, of San Francisco.

### Gold Democrats to Visit McKinley.

CANTON, O., Sept. 7.—Two of the most notable events of the present week will be the visit of a thousand members of the Democratic Sound Money club of Chicago, and the call of the workingmen of the Carnegie Homestead (Pa.) Iron and Steel mills on Sept. 12. Governor Bushnell and staff will also call. An immense delegation is preparing to come in about two weeks from northern Indiana. Delegations are now being scheduled for Canton to the number of six and eight in a day.

### A Marvelous Grape Crop.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—The grape growers of northern Ohio are afflicted with a big crop. The vines are black with fruit, which is selling at five cents a basket of ten pounds in the vineyard. There is no profit in such a price, for the basket costs two and a half cents and the packing as much more. It is said that no more grapes will be sent to market, but that the remainder of the crop will be sold to the wine makers. This year's crop is the heaviest ever known in this section of the country.

### Blinded by a Grasshopper.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 7.—Tommy McAndless, a 10-year-old son of a Marion county farmer was playing in a field, when he was kicked in the eye by a grasshopper, the sight being immediately destroyed from the force of the blow. He was brought to Topeka to receive medical attendance, there being imminent danger of the loss of the eyeball as well as the sight. The grasshopper was of the large locust variety, and is noted for the great force of its hind legs.

### CASTORIA.

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## A MICHIGAN HOLOCAUST.

Appalling Sunday Morning Fire in Benton Harbor.

### ELEVEN DEAD AND THREE INJURED

The Fire Started in a Theater Not Long After the Audience Had Left—A High Wind Prevailed and Caused the Flames to Spread Rapidly.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Sept. 7.—The most horrible holocaust, with great loss of life, that has ever occurred in this part of the state occurred Saturday midnight, when Yore's Opera House took fire, and in the fight to save the building and other blocks adjoining eleven firemen, one a volunteer, were killed, the death being instantaneous with five of them, six living only a few hours in awful agony, while several others met with severe bruises and burns.

Soon after the discovery of the fire flames broke through the roof and illumined the sky and streets with a lurid glare that served to make vivid the general scene of confusion and excitement. As soon as the flames broke through the windows and walls and let in the draft the burning block was known to be doomed. It soon became a fiery furnace. The falling walls proved to be not only a death trap for the fire fighters, but dangerous to every one who was trying to help stay the progress of the flames or assist in saving goods. One could see portions of human bodies through the fallen bricks. Parties going in to save the imprisoned men were overcome by heat.

During the evening the play "A Factory Girl" had been given by local talent, and had closed but a half hour before fire was discovered. There was much confusion at the outset, owing to lack of hook and ladder facilities. St. Joseph was called on for assistance, the firemen approaching the building through an alley in the rear of the building. While hoisting ladders the upper walls fell over without a second's warning, covering the men. The tragedy was witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

The following were killed: Frank Watson of St. Joseph, leaves a wife; John Hoffmann of Benton Harbor, leaves a wife and five children; Thomas Kidd of Benton Harbor, unmarried; Frank Woodley of Benton Harbor, leaves wife and three children; D. H. Gange of St. Joseph, drayman; Scott Rice, bell boy at the Benton hotel, lived but a few minutes; Will I. Mitten of Benton Harbor, leaves wife and seven children; Louis Hoffman of Benton Harbor, widower, leaves two small children; Arthur C. Hill of St. Joseph, foreman of St. Joe Hose company, lived one hour; Frank Seaver of St. Joseph, lived three hours; Robert L. Role of St. Joseph, lived one hour.

The injured are: John A. Crawford, ex-chief of Benton Harbor fire department, overcome by heat and smoke and burned about the head, will recover; Will Fround of St. Joseph, cut about the head; Frank Paget of St. Joseph, leg bruised by falling brick.

Frank Woodley and Thomas Kidd were on top of adjoining buildings with hose, when they encountered live electric wires, on which they were hanging dead when found.

The cause of the fire is a mystery. Several theories, from a cigar stub to a lamp explosion, are given. Guy Prescott is under arrest as being one who knows of the origin. When asked by a reporter the cause he remarked that he "was not going to give anybody away." This remark caused his detention.

The building was comparatively new, having been erected seven years ago at a cost of \$40,000, by Patrick Yore, a wealthy farmer, who had since leased it to A. J. Simon, who has had charge for six years. A two story brick block owned by Joseph Frick, which stood adjoining, was demolished by the Opera House walls falling on top and crashing through to the basement. The total loss is \$55,000.

A high wind prevailed, which caused the walls to fall outward, and adjoining buildings were saved only with greatest efforts. A large quantity of stage scenery belonging to Harry Emery, of the Katie Putnam company; J. A. Simon and W. C. Hooks was destroyed, with no insurance. Thousands witnessed the conflagration, and with difficulty the crowds were kept out of danger.

### Police Prevent a Double Lynching.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Sept. 7.—Prompt action by the police authorities yesterday prevented a probable lynching here. Early in the morning four negroes broke into the residence of William Marsh, a prominent picture dealer, for the purpose of robbery and probably a more heinous crime. They entered the sleeping apartment of Mr. Marsh's three daughters, and upon discovery one tried to strangle Miss Annie Marsh. The father came to the rescue and the negroes fled. One of them, Isaac Mills, jumped from the second story window and was so badly hurt that he will probably die. The others were arrested and a crowd of about 300 planned to lynch them, but the officials smuggled them out of town and lodged them safely in jail in Pittsburg.

### Sewall Will Not Retire.

BATH, Me., Sept. 5.—Arthur Sewall, Democratic candidate for vice president, authorizes the following: "Any statements or inferences that I propose to withdraw from the Democratic national ticket are without foundation. I never had, and have not now, the remotest intention of doing so."

### Perry Belmont's Resignation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Perry Belmont has resigned as a member of the Democratic state committee. In his letter of resignation he says: "The Indianapolis convention in its selection of candidates for president and vice president and in its declaration of Democratic principles has in every way fulfilled my hopes. It now remains for the Democracy of the state of New York to select presidential electors, candidates for state offices, for congress and the assembly."

### Blown Up by His Own Blast.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 7.—John M. Thomas, of Wayne avenue, employed as a miner in Storrs shaft, touched his lighted lamp to a squib, and was running to a safe place when his head came in contact with a piece of projecting rock, knocking him senseless only a few feet away from the squib. The explosion took place and Mr. Thomas was completely covered by coal and rock. He was removed to his home in the ambulance. His condition is critical.

### Steam Yacht Captured, Two Drowned.

BUFFALO, Sept. 7.—A steam yacht containing twelve people was swamped off Elmwood Beach, in the Niagara river, during a squall yesterday afternoon. William C. Farthing, aged 45, and Miss Lou Gilbert, 25, were drowned.

### Sentenced for Insulting the Queen.

CAIRO, Sept. 7.—Two Egyptian editors, charged with insulting Queen Victoria, have been sentenced to undergo the maximum penalty of eighteen months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of £30.

### Disease in the Spanish Army.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Reports to the surgeon general indicate the continued prevalence of yellow fever and smallpox in Cuba, and that the fever is especially prevalent in the Spanish army. It is, however, impossible to obtain exact information from this source. Two hundred new cases of fever were reported in Havana for the week ending Aug. 27, with seventy-one deaths. Fifty of the deaths occurred in the military hospitals, where there were 123 new cases. There were 120 new cases of smallpox in the city for the same week.

### A Mystery of the Sea.

MADRID, Sept. 7.—An explosion heard off the coast near the town of Muros, in the province of Corunna, during the night is the cause of much excitement and speculation among the inhabitants. It seems evident that a disaster has occurred, as much wreckage is strewn along the coast. It is supposed that two vessels collided during the night and foundered. Nothing has been discovered to show the identity of the vessels, nor is it known how great a loss of life accompanied the catastrophe.

If you want to buy a good watch cheap go to J. J. Privett the Jeweler.

### Clara Barton Sails for Home.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 7.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross society, with her party of aids, sailed for New York on board the Cunard line steamer Umbria on Saturday. Upon Miss Barton's arrival at her home in Washington, D. C., it is understood that she will be given a grand reception in honor of the great success which has attended the extraordinary relief work of herself and corps during their sojourn in Turkey.

### Chile's New President.

VALPARAISO, Sept. 7.—Frederico Errazuriz, the Conservative-Clerical candidate, was elected, after a bitter struggle, to the Chilean presidency on Thursday last. The polling began in July. Perfect quiet now reigns, and the Rjyists take their defeat with dignity. President Montt, who will retire when Errazuriz is inaugurated, will do so with the full esteem of most of his countrymen after an untainted administration.

### Four Moonshiners Reported Killed.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Sept. 7.—A bloody battle occurred on the northern portion of Bell county, Ky., between moonshiners over the division of money made by selling the liquor. Three men and a boy are reported killed. Details of the fight have not been obtained.

### Iron Mill Resumes Operations.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Sept. 7.—After several months of idleness the Hollidaysburg Iron and Nail works was put in operation today, giving employment to 250 men. The capacity of the plant has been increased. The iron workers are jubilant over the prospective renewal of better times.

### Cambria Iron Works Close Down.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 7.—Practically every department of the Cambria Iron works shut down Saturday night for an indefinite period, throwing at least 2,000 men out of employment. Lack of orders is given as the cause of the suspension.

### Back from a British Prison.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Dr. Thomas Gallagher, who was liberated last week after serving thirteen years' penal servitude in Chatham and Portland prisons, arrived here yesterday afternoon on board the American liner St. Paul. The doctor is a mental wreck, though in excellent physical condition. He will be sent to a sanitarium on Long Island, and will be well cared for by the Irish societies.

### Japan's Ministry Resigns.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 31.—The entire Japanese ministry has resigned. Count Kuroda has been appointed acting premier. The crisis arose on account of a difference of opinion regarding the vacant foreign portfolio.