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AT CHICAGO. THE WISE MAHONE CONTEST FLASHES FIRE. A GENERAL MEETING IN THE MEETING OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - DELEGATE MOTT PICKER UP AND CHUNKED ACROSS THE ROOM. By Telegram to the News and Observer. Chicago, Ill., June 20.—Convention Hall. The great Convention Hall fills more rapidly this morning than yesterday. The uncompleted details in the arrangement of seats compelled the Sergeant-at-Arms to keep the crowd out yesterday until noon. Today there is nothing wanting and an eager, expectant, puzzled, but somewhat weary multitude flows into the building with great expectation visible upon every face. The Wise-Mahone episode of yesterday's session has whetted the appetite of the galleries; for further passages of arms and every body watches the Virginia seats to see the incoming of the expected combination. The weather is much warmer than yesterday, and in the great galleries and balconies there is a quick waving of fans, and some of the spectators have discarded their coats and take their ease in true Democratic style while the crowds flow in.

Some of them in delegation, others alone, in parts and by half dozens, and the convention begins to look like business. The side galleries and organ loft begin to fill up with a large sprinkling of ladies. Mrs. Fitzsimmons, wife of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the convention is scarcely seated when a page goes up to her and presents her with a magnificent bouquet of La France roses. Fred Douglas, who also gets to his seat on the stage about this time, is presented with a bouquet of cut flowers also, and a similar courtesy, extended to Chairman Jones, of the national committee, is the signal for a ripple of applause. A familiar figure circulates among the delegates across the interest of spectators. This is the big, jolly, frank and round, clean-shaven and good natured face of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, the man who, in Cincinnati twelve years ago, made one of the famous nominating speeches of the country and gave to Blaine the title in most men's mouths now, "The Plumed Knight."

About the hour for meeting the convention hall is full of rumors of the usual sort and generally reliable. It is reported among the Blaine men that California has agreed to vote for Stanford for the preliminary ballots in order to save their effectiveness for the Blaine movement at the time agreed upon. It is reported that some New York men have abandoned Depey and are openly for Blaine, but this can be traced to no reliable source. DeYoung, of California, says the Stanford story is not true, and that while the delegates from the Pacific coast are all for Blaine, they don't exactly agree yet upon what man shall present him in the vote. It is somewhat remarkable that up to 12 o'clock there has not been a cheer in the convention hall and there appear to be no special gatherings in the galleries for any special candidate. The delegates are too busy talking about combinations and the result of the meeting of the committee on credentials to burrah.

The committee on credentials met this morning, all the members being present. It was announced that the committee was considering contests in the Fourth and Tenth Districts of Georgia and the Tenth District of North Carolina. The credentials committee has sent a sub-committee of three to the convention to notify it that the full committee will report on the contested cases at 8 p. m. The committee expects to be in secret session till that hour. It is now on Virginia.

It is reported that the committee has decided in favor of Mahone, and the Sherman men are consequently elated. Much speculation is indulged in as to whether the fight over the Virginia contest will be carried to the floor of the convention, and the matter is exciting more feeling just now than anything else. Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, who reached the convention hall after 12 o'clock looks happy, presumably over the Mahone victory. Quay is leading the Sherman forces and is credited with being the Sherman candidate for chairman of the national committee if Sherman is nominated. Noon has long since passed and there is no sign of a coming to order of the convention. The clock is busy about the chairman's desk, and the delegates talk and are as comfortable with the heat as possible, all of which is a great contrast from the condition of affairs at this time yesterday.

The Tribune this morning publishes a highly sensational account of the proceedings before the committee on credentials, late last night in the Wise-Mahone contest. After describing the scene of disorder of which his reporter caught a glimpse when he slipped into the committee room he suddenly opened to admit a spokesman the Tribune says it learned that the Virginia row started between Wise and Mahone. While Mahone delegate, Mr. Allen, was talking, Brady and Wise frequently interrupted him, Mahone and Wise, sitting not more than five feet apart on the same side. Wise said something in undertone to Mahone which no one caught but Mahone at once jumped up and reached for Wise. The latter let out a roar and the member sitting between them prevented any damage. Both were talking excitedly but attention was in a moment diverted from them by Congressman Libby, one of the anti-Mahone men, who struck at Allen. Accounts differ but most members seemed to think Allen was hit. He was still on his feet and Libby was cursing him. Allen struck back and confusion prevailed. Several of the Mahone people went for Libby and bore him to the floor. All the colored men in the room took part and the mass of arms and legs in motion was such that the peace-making members hardly dared approach.

Ex-Congressman Brody, who is himself pugnaconic, was one of the Wise followers, for whom Mahone seemed to feel the greatest animosity. "Don't let Brody get away," yelled a voice that sounded like Mahone's, and a rush was at once made for him. A pair of Western men at once closed in and saved Brody from much harm. The peace-makers finally succeeded in pulling most of the fighters apart, but it was not until a policeman at the door who rushed in had cracked several colored heads with his club. One man, said to be named Mott, was especially ugly and could not be quieted till Sergeant-at-Arms Smith seized him by the throat, exclaiming, "Stop! Stop!" and threw him half across the room.

When a semblance of order was restored two or three members were standing on a table. The policeman and sergeant at arms had squads of belligerents under their care while Chairman Hepburn was keeping a close eye on Mahone and Wise. Wise expressed his regret at the occurrence, explaining how aspirations had been cast on him that were unbearable. Mahone said nothing. Libby also spoke half apologetically, saying in the heat of the moment he thought Allen was striking at Wise, but he did not think he himself had really hit Allen. The committee felt that something of this kind was necessary. Several members had proposed to

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Again the hall was packed with people to enjoy the great and only Frank Beard in his artistic diversions. His "talk" tonight was somewhat different from the one last evening, being specially illustrative of the art of telling a story solely by pictures. Every variety of subject was handled by the artist, and the closest attention of the audience was constantly held, and sometimes they almost breathlessly followed the rapidly-moving chalk, every stroke of which gave a new expression to the picture and told a new story.

At a concluding piece the artist invited Prof. Winston on the platform, and even while the Professor was congratulated by laughter at the novelty of the situation the skillful artist put his portrait on the board with the "big laugh" over his face. The entire entertainment gave the greatest pleasure to every spectator. The Assembly then adjourned till tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

The Sherman Support. The sad thing about Sherman's prospects is the unreliability of the Southern delegates. They do not hold themselves very high, with few exceptions. A Virginia negro, of full blood, one of the Wise delegates, said in Washington on the way, "O, de Wise delegates will be seated. They'll hab no trouble 'bout dat. They represents de white gemmen 'o Vah-ginnny, but de Mahone party—dey's all niggers." John W. Jones of Alabama, colored, said: "We cannot give an electoral vote to the nominee and we do not think that we should dictate. We came prepared to give our votes to the best man, whoever the North wants. Most of us have preferences, but we are willing to yield them. I should say 12 or 15 of our delegates are for Sherman. Alger has three or four of the others." One other delegate, D. N. Cooper, said, "One of two of us, I think, are favorable to Gresham." The story that Senator Riddleberger intercepted a delegation from the South, treated them royally and sent them on to Chicago changed from Sherman to Alger men, is probably a fiction, but it serves to show what is thought of the average Southern delegate.—Springfield Republican.

The Virginia Squabble. The Virginia squabble between Mahone and Wise was greatly enjoyed by the crowd in the convention, who had no thought of the division in their party ranks in Virginia which this bringing of local life strife into national politics would engender. The people looked upon Wise and Mahone as curiosities, and were delighted when they called each other hard names. An Illinois delegate thought that neither of the contestants should have been a member on the committee. Mr. George L. Wellington, of Maryland, made a motion that neither should have a member on the committee on credentials, but that Mahone should name the members of other committees. Both the Illinois and the Maryland man failed to get the majority of the convention to agree with them. The ruling of chairman Thurston prevailed, and Mahone named the committee members and scored a victory over Wise. The prestige was with Mahone.

Shopper's Note. Note Messrs. W. C. & A. B. Stronach's advertisement this morning. It is interesting to all who desire good staple and fancy groceries. We note the advertisement of J. L. Watkins, trustee, announcing the sale of the Durham Woolen and Wooden Mill. All should note the advertisement of Johns Hopkins University in another column. An interesting announcement of sale of valuable property in Oxford is made elsewhere. See advertisement.

PEOPLE CROWDING TO THE CELEBRATION. Special to the News and Observer. MORNING AIRY, N. C., via Dalton, June 20.—At every station as we came from Greensboro here numbers of well-dressed, holiday-seeking men, women and children boarded the trains. The first section pulled out with four coaches and four hundred people, and was followed a half hour later by two other sections with three hundred each. A hundred people went up Monday and yesterday's regular mail carried up two hundred. On this train were His Excellency the Governor, State Treasurer Bain, Supreme Court Clerk Col. T. S. Keenan, Dr. W. A. Leah, Robt. T. Gray, Esq., J. C. Buxton, Esq., Col. Jas. T. Morehead, Col. A. M. Waddell, Wallace Seales, Hon. D. F. Caldwell, J. G. Gilmer and other distinguished gentlemen. On the first section were President Gray, Superintendent J. W. Fry, Chief Engineer Roger Atkinson, Maj. James Morehead, State Senator Alex. Lillingston, Prof. Ludlow of Winston, Lewis Williams, Esq., and a score or more of local notables.

After leaving Germantown the first section was so packed that no further stops were made. At every station knots of people stood with dismay on their faces as the train shot past them, but shouts from the cars of "Another train is coming" reassured them. At Mt. Airy there are literally acres of people. Every tree has a circle of people courting its shade. The fields have blossomed with umbrellas, marshals are practicing on very fine horses, gorgeous in regalia, flags are flying, bandannas are bobbing on bridles and are neck-ties for one a head-gear for another, a mop for all. The speaking is taking place at the Academy. There are floats illustrating industrial enterprises; three brass bands enliven the occasion with music.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—SENATE.—The motion heretofore made by Mr. Vance to reconsider the vote passing the joint resolution to amend the act of the 15th of June, 1882, changing the boundaries of the fourth district of Virginia was withdrawn. The Senate bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Staunton, Va., was on motion of Mr. Daniel taken up and passed. Mr. Fry presented a petition of the "Constitutional Defence Association of America" against the ratification of the fisheries treaty. The Senate then took up the private pension bills on the calendar and passed all of them, ninety-two in number, including one giving \$12 per month to each of the two daughters of Maj. Abner Berg, of the revolutionary army. The Senate then, at 2:30, adjourned.

Three quarters of an hour was spent in an effort to displace certain private pension bills which had been made the special order for today, and their consideration was finally postponed for two weeks. The House then went into committee of the whole on the sundry civil appropriation bill. The item relating to special agents was made the occasion for political debate, Mr. M. C. Shane, of Nebraska, making a bitter attack on ex-Congressman Sparks, of the General Land Office, and upon the present administration of the Land Office. Messrs. Holman, Randall, Weaver and Townsend defended both Sparks and the administration. After a long contest Mr. Hermann, of Oregon, succeeded in securing a modification of the clause relating to the surveys of public lands so as to remove the restrictions in the price in case of mountainous and wooded lands. While discussing the clause Mr. Randall remarked that the present administration had seen fit to drop many of the reforms inaugurated by Commissioner Sparks. Said he: "The reforms of Gen. Sparks seem to have taken wings, I don't know why." Without completing the consideration of the bill the House took a recess until 8 o'clock, the evening session to be for the consideration of bridge bills.

HE DECLINES TO STATE WHETHER HE WILL ACCEPT THE NOMINATION. By Cable to the News and Observer. LONDON, June 20.—James G. Blaine, in an interview at New Castle today, declined to state whether or not he would accept the nomination for President. Bond Offering. By Telegram to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, June 20.—Bond offerings to-day were \$4,260,950; acceptances \$1,086,500 at 127@128 for four per cents and 107 for four and a half. A Warning. The modes of death's approach are various, and statistics show conclusively that more persons die from disease of the Throat and Lungs than any other. It is probable that every one, without exception, receives vast numbers of Tubercle Germs into the system, and when these germs fall upon suitable soil they start into life and develop, at first slowly and is shown by a slight tickling sensation in the throat and if allowed to continue their ravages they extend to the lungs producing consumption and to the head, causing catarrh. Now all this is dangerous and if allowed to proceed will in time cause death. At the onset you must act with promptness; allowing a cold to go without attention is dangerous and may lose your life. As soon as you feel that something is wrong with your Throat, Lungs or Nostrils, obtain a bottle of Boschee's German Syrup. It will give you immediate relief.

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