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It was a commendable thing in the "anti-snap" delegates to withdraw from the democratic convention. In the same interest they should never have gone to Chicago at all.

The first thing the Hill delegates from New York had to do when they got into the convention yesterday was to raise their umbrellas. They will need them again today when there will be quite a shower.

The little money needed to have some photographs taken that will turn many an eye toward North Carolina from the Chicago World's fair ought to be quickly forthcoming here in Asheville. The CITIZEN prints a letter about the matter today. Competent photographers have offered their services free of other than actual expenses, and there ought to be several other citizens equally liberal.

It would appear that there is at once necessary on the part of the joint board some very active work to find out why the paving of Patton avenue is so much delayed. Mayor Blanton says—and he is probably right—that if the joint board does not soon put its foot down there will be no paving done this season. It will also be in order pretty soon now to find out why a start was made and the street torn up before it was certain that everything and everybody were ready.

About the same time the aldermen act on the report of the committee appointed to investigate Mayor Blanton's bill for services allowed to have been incurred in selling bonds, they should also, if not too much trouble, fix his salary. The words of the charter are mandatory as to the time of fixing, being now some months ago. As the mayor has thoughtfully drawn a salary that was intended to include the recorder's salary as well as that of mayor, it would appear that the whole matter would bear investigation. Mayor Blanton should do the recorder's work or drop the recorder's salary.

AN HONEST FIGHT.

Ex-Secretary Whitney is already receiving praise for the way in which he managed the Cleveland before the assembling of the convention. The New Herald's correspondent says: "The new methods he brought into the fight, which he planned and carried out, were entirely good nature, candor, and a kind of open, undisguised man-to-man appeal that captured everybody within its reach. There was no 'sneaking and snooping' about Gen. Whitney's battle plan. Indeed, the contrast this man afforded to regulation convention manners was refreshing in many respects. He saved the reputation of New York from the surly, crossed-grained, ill-behaved Tammany on one side and the sour Calvinistic fury of the Syracuse bigot on the other. He was unfailingly polite, not at all ostentatious, an easy-mannered man of the world, and he talked with an amazing readiness and fecundity of ideas."

It is a real pleasure to know that Cleveland's canvass was carried on in just this way. An honest fight for an honest candidate is always a cheering sight, no matter who wins.

NEWS FROM CHICAGO.

Some news from Chicago is more interesting than some other news, for the reason that the former has a strong local flavor; as witness this, from the United Press reports:

"About noon J. H. Merrimon, of the North Carolina delegation, called at Tammany headquarters and said that of the twenty-two votes in his delegation he believed ten would swing in line for Mr. Hill, while two more were anti-Cleveland, undecided. This is considered a gain as the Cleveland people have been claiming twelve votes from this delegation."

It may fairly be supposed that it was J. G. Merrimon, of Asheville, who talked as reported in the foregoing. Now Mr. Merrimon went to Chicago, if we are correctly informed, as an alternate in the stead of R. M. Furman, a Cleveland delegate. Why then should Mr. Merrimon fan the hopes of the Tammanyites with a Hill breeze purporting to be from a section of mountain country that has not had that kind?

Then there is Senator Ransom. He has been working for Gorman, though the Maryland man said he was not a candidate. Moreover the senator from North Carolina has been stating as a fact what there could be only an opinion on. "One thing is certain," he is reported as saying, "Cleveland cannot carry North Carolina, and we have to agree upon somebody who can carry New York."

Now such language is offensive, because it does not represent North Carolina opinion. It places the state in the doubtful column, as likely to favor Harrison and the force bill—a ridiculous assumption.

The CITIZEN calls attention, also, to the following remarkable table which, it is to be hoped, will be explained by some Cleveland or Hill delegate when he touches his home soil once more:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Status. Includes J. L. Moore (Undecided), F. A. Buester (Undecided), W. H. Williams (Undecided), etc.

The Chicago Tribune compiled this table, and it is the most beautiful product of the imagination any convention of ancient or modern times has produced. Twenty-three North Carolinians without an opinion, "undecided" as to first choice and having "none" for their second! This table is a gem.

June 24, (Friday next) see third page.

THE FIRST DAY'S WORK

THE CONVENTION'S ROUTINE BUSINESS.

Not Much Was Done, But It is Interesting To Read How It Was Accomplished—Sympathy For Blaine

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago, June 22.—At half past 11 yesterday forenoon the great wigwam of the democratic convention was the coolest place in Chicago. The planks of the floor, the great timber standards, the roof, in fact the entire structure was yet moist from its drenching by the furious rains of Saturday last. The result was a cool damp atmosphere, like that of a country cellar on a hot summer day when the walls drip with moisture. To those pioneer spectators, who had climbed the outer stairs and were seeking their places, the cool moisture was a grateful change, though not a permanent satisfaction. Out in the smoke-hazed streets the slowly moving and reeking crowds betrayed a general impulse to move toward the lake shore where the great wigwam is. In parties they bent their way thitherwards and as the muggy morning grew in age others and more people were drawn into the center, and the bells clanged the hour of 11 hours reached the hall and the crowds had established a steady flow. They disappeared within the monstrous barracks-like bees who crept over the sill of their eyes and disappeared.

A dark fringe of spectators soon adorned the rail of the upper gallery. A humdrum others scrambled down the aisles of the lower gallery and pressed forward to the front places. All seemed to have brought fans and the flash of these before the hundreds of dripping faces lent life to the growing scene. The great press stand was early astir, and ranging up behind the news-writers the solid oaken chairs provided for notable spectators became filled with occupants. Alexander Sullivan and his wife found their way up to the loft and finally descended to come down into the press row and did so. Mrs. Sullivan at once unlimbered her pencil and began taking notes, for she is a news-writer of repute.

First Shout for Boies.

At 11:50 o'clock the first shout went up. A blue satin banner, the ensign of the Horace Boies club, of Davenport, Iowa, was borne forward to the convention floor and beneath it behind it came the rugged men who will sit in the convention and vote for their governor to the last ditch. Close behind them followed Hon. Bonke Cochran, Gov. Flower, Lieutenant Governor Sheehan, behind this trio came Richard Croker and a cry started, "There's Croker, There's Tammany's chief."

While the New York men were seating themselves in the center of the hall Illinois filed in on the right. The sound of hand music and the rattle of drum beats, preceded the magnificent blue banner carried by Pennsylvania to the seats on the left.

Drowned Out

Then, in groups and in pairs and singly, other states trailed to their places. Meantime the galleries were filling rapidly and as they recognized their friends among the delegates shouts were launched upon the air.

It was high noon and a shadow suddenly crept up from the north. The shadows grew larger within the great hall. At length so great was the outer blackness that the news-writers at their desks were obliged to pause. Then there quickly followed the rattling of rain upon the roof and almost instantly a stream of water flowed down through the cracks in the center directly upon the heads of the New York delegation. Umbrellas were hoisted, but suddenly as the storm had come it passed away and the light flowed again in the great hall.

Michigan came in, with Don Dickinson at its head; to the dripping wet chairs of the Campbell and Ohio's sons came in last and were cheered rapturously.

The Convention Opens.

As he seated himself Chairman Bruce of the national committee, arose and commanded silence after which he presented Key, John Rouse, who offered prayer. At 12:45 Secretary Sherin announced the temporary organization: Wm. C. Owens, of Kentucky, temporary chairman; secretary, S. P. Sheerin; principal reading clerk, Nicholas Abell, of Missouri; sergeant at arms, Richard J. Bright, of Indiana; Chas. Jewett, of Indiana; Thos. Wilson, of Minnesota, and Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois, were named to escort Mr. Owens to the speaker's chair.

After the greeting of applause was over Mr. Owens addressed the convention. The speaker's voice penetrated to the farthest recesses of the galleries and his remarks were cheered to the echo. At the close of Owens' speech, upon motion of delegate White, of California, the roll was called for the constitution of the committee on credentials, on rules and order of business, on permanent organization and on resolutions, each state to name one member of each committee. All resolutions and communications to the convention were ordered referred to the resolution committee.

The first breeze of applause arose when the state of Wisconsin was called. The name of Wm. Dewitt, on the permanent organization committee, passed without comment. Roswell P. Flower's nomination caused a ripple, Bourke and Croker's name was received with a hearty applause. John W. Daniel, of Virginia, was greeted with yelling.

Democratic Victory in Oregon.

W. H. English, of Indiana, moved a resolution providing that all ex-union soldiers be admitted to any vacant seats in the galleries. W. A. Collyer, of Tennessee, objected, claiming that the demonstrators on the ground should be the first admitted. O. W. Orr, of Kansas, moved to amend the resolution so that visiting democratic organizations should be admitted to the vacant seats, but the subject was referred, on motion, to the resolution committee.

Delegate Hollman, of Oregon, announced that he had received a telegram from Portland, Oregon, stating that that city, the strongest republican city on the coast, had given 1,000 democratic majority, instead of 2,000 republican majority which had previously been the case.

Highly Proper.

Delegate Cable, of Illinois, then offered this: "Resolved that this convention tender its profound sympathy to that distinguished American, James G. Blaine in the heavy affliction which has befallen him."

The reading of this was interrupted by the loudest applause heard up to that time, and it was adopted unanimously. Mr. Swett, of the Maine delegation, in behalf of the democrats of Maine, thanked the convention for the sympathy it had extended to the distinguished resident of their state. "God forbid," he said, "that the democracy of Maine or any other state, should hesitate to tender their sympathy in the presence of that grim tyrant who wipes out all political lines and levels all ranks. From the misfortunes and bereavements which have come upon this distinguished gentleman in the past two years, it may be said that 'one who doth tread upon another's heels, so fast they follow' 'Only in a democratic national convention can we,' Mr. Swett said in conclusion, 'extend to him the sympathy which comes from every section and from every state.'"

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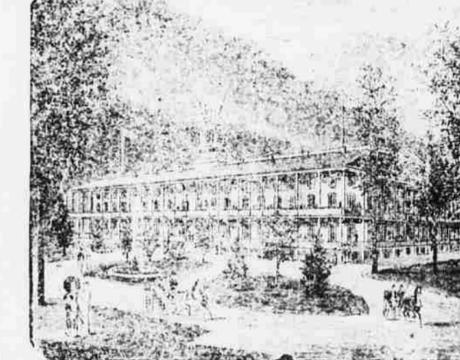
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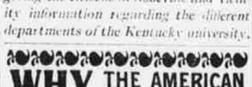
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