

THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

ONE PLANK MISSING FROM THE PLATFORM.

The Financial Plank and it is to be put in tonight—Platt to Name the Vice President—Fred Grant a Candidate—Warner Miller Does Not Insist on the Word "Gold"—and Joins the Straddlers—A Roll Shows 24 States for Gold, 9 for Free Silver, 12 for a Straddle and 6 Doubtful—Convention Scenes and Incidents.

St. Louis, June 16.—A hot sun came early, after which a brisk, cooling breeze prevailed. The convention was more characteristic of a business convention than any having been seen. Trains arrived from all sections of the country from five o'clock until noon, and brought a large contingent of visitors to the convention. Warner Miller who has been making a stiff fight for gold, says he will not stick for the "gold plank" in the platform. He has joined the straddlers. U. S. Grant, a member of the California delegation, makes the announcement that his brother, Col. Fred Grant, of New York, is a candidate for the Vice Presidency. Grant's friends don't attach much importance to the petition from Boston, urging him to accept the second place, and still maintain that he will not accept it.

As a result of much telegraphic communication between St. Louis and Albany it is definitely stated on this date that it is believed to be good authority that Governor Morton has finally decided to the solicitation of his friends and has agreed to accept the Vice Presidency, and despite the split in the New York delegation, he will be vigorously pushed. Other candidates prominent today are Hastings of Pennsylvania; Hobart of New Jersey, and Evans, of Tennessee. The canvass of delegates shows five hundred and forty-three names in all, and the others are scattered between fifteen candidates.

A careful summing up of the situation seems to indicate that the recognition of the gold standard in the platform is certain. The figures show twenty four States for the gold standard, nine for free silver, twelve straddlers, and six doubtful. The silver men today are undecided as to their course of action. They are not openly organized. It looks as though some might bolt the convention. They have not caucus. Their leader, Senator Teller, however, is doing some vigorous, but not very effective work, and will put up a strong fight on the committee on resolutions. The Tennessee delegations resolved today to earnestly push Grant for the Vice Presidency.

Made will come out with the name of Lodge for Vice President, regarding him as the father of the gold plank. At one o'clock the convention hall is filling slowly. A crowd of delegates are in the seats, and the waiting seats in the gallery are occupied. The aisles are crowded, and there appears to be considerable difficulty in finding the seats in the convention hall. The roll call follows in the Missouri hall, favoring McKinley.

At 1:20 the Convention was called to order with prayer by the Rev. J. H. T. It was short and lasted but a few minutes. He was not heard from again.

At 1:30 Secretary Joseph Manley called the roll for the Convention. Seats were filled, but many were vacant in the gallery. At 2:00 Chairman Carter presented the names of Fairbanks as temporary chairman. He was elected to that position.

The platform already sent was read by Hanna, Foraker and Fairbanks began his address. His reference to the gold plank was applauded by the delegates from the East, but received a cold reception by those from the West. A long effort has been made to incorporate in the tariff plank a provision favoring a bounty on sugar manufactured from beets, on which the states of Nebraska, Kansas, California and several others are interested in. The draft plank adopted was not finally adopted until nearly noon. After the platform was carefully read and approved by Hanna and Foraker, it will be chairman of the committee on resolutions. It was stated that Lodge would be chairman of the straightout gold plank, but having declined to be chairman, Fairbanks brought out a plank of applause when he declared

the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 was an impossibility when silver was worth thirty to one-one ten. The mention of the Monroe Doctrine brought applause. The reference to Blaine aroused cheers. There was hand clapping for free Cuba and Protection.

Fairbanks finished at 1:20 and Carter read the list of temporary secretaries. National Committeemen Lamb, of Virginia, offered a resolution that the Convention be governed by the rules of the last convention; also that the usual committees be appointed on resolutions, credentials and permanent organization, and that all resolutions in relation to the platform be referred to the committee on resolutions without debate. Adopted. When the roll call of States for names of representatives of the various committees began, at 1:35 there was hearty applause when Foraker was named for chairman of the committee on resolutions.

About half the delegates were in their seats shortly after noon. Tom Platt was given the first applause. Teller has an aisle seat in fourth row from the front. Platt has a seat on the aisle to the left of the speaker. Miller, Bliss and Lanterbach took seats without any demonstration. Depew was cheered.

After the roll call, the convention took a recess until 10 tomorrow. The committee on resolutions, credentials, rules and permanent organization was notified to meet immediately after the adjournment of the convention.

THE PLATFORM.

Up to the hour of the meeting of the convention Hanna and his benchman worked with a vim for a straddle platform. There was great joy in the New York delegation when it was positively announced that Hanna would permit Platt to name the candidate the Vice Presidency. Every other issue of the platform was agreed upon. It will be a fine patriotic declaration in favor of free Cubans. Cleveland's administration will be bitterly excoriated, with special reference to the infamous bond deal. It will favor more liberal pensions, and civil service will be commended. The platform has been analyzed by Hanna, Quay, Platt and other leaders, and no objections were made to anything except the currency. That will be finally considered tonight by the committee on resolutions.

The text of the financial plank in the platform as agreed to at the conference of leaders just before the convention is as follows: "The Republican Party is unreservedly for Sound Money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of Specie Payments 1879. Since then, every dollar has been as good as gold. We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of the country. We are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver, except by international agreement and until such agreement is obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silver and paper money now in circulation as currency must be maintained at a parity with gold, and we favor all measures to maintain inviolable the obligations of the United States and all our money whether, gold or paper, at the present standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth."

FLOWERS FOR THE SOUTHERN CANDIDATE.

The Massachusetts delegation last night sent an immense bouquet to the Tennessee headquarters bearing the compliments of the easterners to H. Clay Evans, the Southern candidate for vice presidency.

WILL LEAVE THE HALL.

The extreme silver men have decided to leave the convention upon the adoption of the gold standard financial plank. This conclusion was reached at a conference this afternoon between Teller, Dubois and Cannon. The disaffection will not take the form of a bolt, but they will quietly leave the hall, and refrain from further participation in the proceedings. There will be no attempt at sensationalism. They regard the matter as too serious to be attended by any display of pyrotechnics.

REED GETS GOOD NEWS.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Speaker Reed has very encouraging news from St. Louis, but declined to state its nature, further than the indications of a split in the financial plank will probably break Hanna's slate.

THURSTON IS CHAIRMAN.

HE IS AN ARDENT CHAMPION OF MCKINLEY.

After Perfecting the Permanent Organization, the Convention Adjourned to 2 O'clock—The Silver Men Have Decided to Leave the Hall as Soon as the Gold Standard is Adopted—A Bouquet for Clay Evans—Strong Language by Dewey—Committee in a Tangle on the Money Plank—Quay's Significant Silence—McKinley's Men Think a Nomination Will be Made Today.

St. Louis, June 17.—Before the convention met this morning much preliminary dead wood had been cleared away and the committee on permanent organization had but little difficulty in discharging its task. The selection of Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, McKinley's warmest champion in the Senate, as permanent chairman had been agreed upon weeks ago. As to the Secretary and other officers, the committee followed the usual course and recommended that the temporary selections be made permanent.

There is more talk of the vice presidential candidates this morning. Nothing positive can be ascertained as to whether Morton will accept the doubtful honor. It is believed, however, that he wants the office, but expects it to be showered upon him in such a manner as to force from him a dignified acceptance. Manager Sanders, of Tennessee, says that Evans has sufficient following to nominate him if it is left to an open fight. He denies that Evans has been asked by the McKinley management to withdraw from the race. Gov. Hastings

WHAT THE PLATFORM SAYS.

The preamble to the platform is said to address itself to the "awakened intelligence, experience and conscience" of the country after "reaping the bitter fruits of four years of Democratic control." It scores the Democratic party for its record, unparalleled in capacity, dishonor and disfavor. It renews and emphasizes its allegiance to the policy of protection as the bulwark of



Charles M. Thurston, Chairman of the Convention.

is still being quietly pushed by his friends. Significance is attached to Quay's silence. It is thought that he made a deal with Hanna favoring Hastings.

The Reed men are greatly encouraged over the accessions last night and this morning. They propose to make the first fight today on the committee on credentials' report, and test the strength of the convention. The McKinley men say that he will be nominated today and that the convention will not adjourn without a nomination though there may be a short recess. The McKinleyites will labor to proceed with nominations immediately on the adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions.

The convention was called to order by Chairman Fairbanks at 10:30. There was considerable difficulty in clearing the aisles and obtaining quiet. Fairbanks had to use his gavel several minutes before obtaining order. Dr. W. G. Williams offered prayer. Temporary chairman Fairbanks was prompt in taking his place but it was evident that the opening would be considerably delayed. The chairman informed the correspondents that Senator Lodge had made a private request to be recognized as soon as the gavel had fallen. for the purpose of asking that the committee on resolutions be authorized to sit during the sessions of the conventions. It was intimated that the committee is in a tangle on the money plank and may not be ready to report before night.

Thomas Evans, from the committee on permanent organization, reported that the committee had

selected Charles M. Thurston, of Nebraska as permanent chairman. Cheers greeted Thurston's name. A long list of Vice Presidents was read. U. S. Grant, of California was applauded. Opposition was made to the adoption of the report on permanent organization before the report of credentials had been received. Chairman Fairbanks over ruled all protests and put the motion for the adoption of the report. He declared it carried. The decision was doubted, and a rising vote was called for. The eyes won. The chair appointed Senator Sewell, of New Jersey and Senator Payne of New York, a committee to escort Thurston to the chair. Thurston was loudly applauded when he took the chair and began his speech.

At 11:20 Mr. Thurston finished amid a whirlwind of applause, elicited by the brevity and point of his remarks.

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MCKINLEY IS THE MAN.

HIS NOMINATION MADE ON FIRST BALLOT.

Teller, Dubois and Cannon Leave the Hall—The Gold Men Have a Tremendous Majority—The Vote by States—Nominations as They Were Made.

St. Louis, June 18.—The plans of the managers are to bring the convention to a close today. The second place is still in doubt. The probabilities now favor Morton, Hobart or Hastings, and the platform will declare for gold. The Cuban platform will declare that the active influence and good offices of the United States should be interposed for the restoration of peace.

During the wait for the delegates to take their seats, the Glee Club from Nebraska, sang campaign songs from the platform. The convention was called to order at 10:32. Rev. John Scott, of Florida, offered prayer. At 11:35 the chairman called for the report of the committee on platform. Foraker was received with cheers. The preamble to the platform adverts to the calamitous results of Democratic rule, and charges that party with incapacity to direct the country's affairs (laughter). The tariff plank extols protection and denounces the present tariff as sectional. The question of rates is declared to be practical and to be general by the conditions of time and production.

Ample protection is promised the producers and manufacturers of wool and woollens and the restoration of and encouragement to the merchant marine is promised. The financial plank as already published is unreservedly for gold. Liberal pensions are advocated and generous treatment of all pensioners; a vigorous and dignified foreign policy is advocated. The Hawaiian Islands should be under our control. No foreign power should be permitted to interfere with the Nicaragua canal. The purchase of the Danish Isles is advocated and Armenian massacres are denounced. The Monroe Doctrine is reasserted to its full extent. We shall not interfere with the existing European possessions on this hemisphere, but such possessions must not be extended. The repeal of the reciprocity arrangements made by the last Republican administration was a national calamity. Reciprocity and protection go hand in hand. The Democratic administration is condemned for not keeping faith with the sugar producer. The Republican party favors such protection as will lead to the production on American soil of all the sugar which the American people use and for which they pay other countries one hundred million dollars annually.

The Government of Spain having lost control of Cuba and being unable to protect the property or lives of resident Americans, or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe the United States government should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the Island. The continued enlargement of the navy and a complete system of harbor sea coast defenses is strongly urged. The exclusion of illiterate immigrants is favored and civil service is advocated; a free ballot is demanded, and lynchings are denounced. The remaining planks favor the free homestead policy of the Republican party, the admission of the remaining territories, encouraging temperance, and favors woman's rights. Cheers greeted the financial, reciprocity and Cuban planks. Eleven delegations and two-thirds of the States rose and cheered the declaration against the coinage of silver. Foraker moved the adoption of the platform. Teller was recognized, and offered the minority report. There was loud cheering in the silver States when Teller arose.

Hahn Hanna's right hand man, says that Morton will be nominated by the McKinley delegates. It was decided to boom Thurston for the Vice Presidency this morning in the convention. Teller referred to the financial plank and said he favored the use of both gold and silver, and favored free coinage both at the ratio of sixteen to one. He took the platform and spoke in favor of the report signed by the members of the committee from Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Montana, and Nevada. He said the issue of the civil war was not greater than the financial issue confronting the country.

11:33. Teller said if the gold plank was adopted, he must sever his connection with the party. He was cheered and hissed. The Illinois delegation voted to

support Hobart for the Vice Presidency. Foraker replied to Teller. Colorado, seconded by Nevada, demanded that the roll call begin. Alabama voted 15 ayes, 7 nays. California 3 ayes, 15 nays. U. S. Grant was cheered when he voted "no." Connecticut, ayes 12; Delaware, ayes 6, nays 2; Illinois, ayes 47, nays 1; Indiana, ayes 30; Idaho, nays 6; Kansas, ayes 16, nays 15; Maine, ayes 12; Maryland, ayes 16; Massachusetts, 30 ayes; Michigan, 27 ayes; Missouri, 18 ayes; Kentucky, 26 ayes; Louisiana, 16 ayes; Nebraska, 16 ayes; Nevada, 6 ayes; New Hampshire, 8 ayes; New Jersey, 20 ayes; New York, 72 ayes; Montana, 6 nays; Missouri, 33 ayes, 1 nay; Michigan 6 ayes; North Carolina 7 ayes, 14 nays; Ohio 46 ayes; Pennsylvania 64 ayes; Oregon 8 ayes; South Carolina 18 ayes; South Dakota 6 ayes, 2 nays; Tennessee 23 ayes, 1 no; Vermont, 8 ayes; Virginia, ayes 19, no 5; Washington, ayes 8; West Virginia, ayes 12; Wisconsin, ayes 24; Wyoming, 6 ayes; Arizona, 6 nays; Oklahoma, 5 ayes, 1 no; Indian Territory, 6 ayes; District of Columbia, 2 ayes; Alaska, 4 ayes. Total, 818 ayes; 1054 nays.

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RESULT OF FIRST BALLOT.

St. Louis, June 18.—First ballot McKinley 6612, Reed 831, Morton 55, Quay 612, Allison 354. Hobart, of New Jersey, was nominated for Vice President on first ballot.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Platform Committee Feller's amendment in favor of silver was supported by California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico, representing 96 votes in all. Forty-one members of the Committee voted for maintaining the present gold standard. The vote of Foraker's motion to lay Teller's substitute to the financial plank on the table was carried by a vote of 818 to 1054. California voted against laying the substitute on the table. The financial plank and the platform in its entirety, was adopted at 1 o'clock.

Indorsed "Silver Dick" Bland.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., June 16.—The Territorial Democratic Convention met yesterday afternoon and effected permanent organization, electing Hon. H. B. Ferguson, of Albuquerque, as chairman. Resolutions were adopted favoring "free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold independent of action of foreign nations at the ratio of 16 to 1, as the same existed prior to the demonetization by the Republican Party in 1873, and we hereby instruct our delegates to the Democratic National Convention to support no man for President of the United States on any platform which is not in faithful accord with these principles, and to vote as a unit on this proposition." Richard P. Bland, of Missouri was indorsed for President. The delegates chosen were: Antonia Joseph, Taos County; M. M. Salazar, of Colfax; M. A. Jones, San Miguel; John A. Hewitt, Lincoln; W. S. Hopewell; Sierra, and Demetrio Cevaze, Demayo County.

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