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EARLE AND EVANS FIGHT.

AN EXCITING INCIDENT IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN.

A Judge and the Governor of the State in a Fisticuff—Pistols Drawn—Judge Earle Was the Aggressor—What Prompted the Attack.

Judge Earle, of South Carolina, is well remembered in Charlotte through his connection as counsel for Green, in the burglary case. He and Gov. John Gary Evans are stumping South Carolina and the campaign is a surprisingly bitter one, even for that State They spoke yesterday at Florence and matters culminated in a row. Earle brought blood from the Governor, pistols were drawn and great excitement prevailed We give this extract from the account of the scene by the Columbia State's reporter: It was a shocking scene for a South Carolinian to contemplate, but it was the culmination of practices upon the stump that have heretofore been disgraceful. Perhaps if a dozen men had been killed today it would have been a blessing to the State. It might have so shocked her people as to awaken them fully to a realization of the degeneration of her public men Those who have followed the campaign closely are as well qualified to judge of who was responsible for the unfortunate affair today as those who were eye witnesses of it.

Governor Evans alluded to General Earle as a fice dog with its tail cut. General Earle resented that by attempting to slap the governor's face.

The governor ducked and the blow just grazed his head. Evans struck at Earle, they clinched and one or two blows were given, all within the space of a second. The people were astonished, but there were several men expecting trouble and they were quickly on the scene. A State constable sprang between the two men, separating them. Judge Earle was caught by the arms and forced back to his seat. He attempted to get back on the stand, but there was a wall of humanity between him and Evans When the audience realized that the governor and judge had come to blows, there was a roar and a mad rush. Some went for the door, but 200 banked themselves around the judges' bench, on which Evans was. There were cheers and counter cheers. Pistols were drawn freely by that class of men who do not feel safe without a gun in their hands. Some were calling for blood and some for peace.

NEW YORK DEMOCRACY.

The State Convention to be Held on September 16—Believed that Bryan and Sewall will be Endorsed.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The members of the Democratic State Committee began to assemble in the Hoffman House corriders at ten this morning. A meeting of the State committee was called to order immediately after noon. The programme didn't provide for an endorsement of the Chicago ticket. The meeting was purely a business one and no resolutions will be offered. The State convention will be called for September 16th. Chairman Hickley thought the State shouldn't be too precipitate and that the proper time to go on record will be at the convention. It is generally believed that the convention will endorse Bryan and Sewall.

Wisconsin Silver Democrats.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 28.—The silver delegates to the Democratic Convention have given out their address to the public, replying to the letter published by the gold delegates, headed by Senator Vilas and Gen. Bragg. It is devoted mainly to answering the charges promulgated by the gold men, but goes to some extent into the merits of the silver question. The point is made that the silver delegates obeyed their instructions until the chairman of the Wisconsin delegation refused to allow the vote of the State to be cast for any Presidential candidate, and that they then obtained permission from the presiding officer of the convention to cast their votes.

In conclusion the Democrats of the State are urged to get together to see to it that silver men are sent to the State Convention.

Made the Men Quit.

SULLIVAN, Ind., July 30.—The works at the mine of the old Pittsburg Coal Company at Himera, were burned this morning. An effort was made yesterday to induce the men to quit work. This failed and the fire supposedly incendiary.

CLOSE OF THE SILVER CONVENTION.

Bryan and Sewall Nominated with Great Enthusiasm.

In the Silver convention at St Louis yesterday afternoon, the platform was formally adopted, and then the recommendation that Bryan and Sewall be nominated brought the whole convention to their feet with cheers and many demonstrations of delight.

The previous question on the adoption of the resolutions was put and they were agreed to by a rising vote, which was unanimously accompanied by much enthusiasm.

Mr E. C Little, of Abilene, Kan., was recognized to place Mr. Bryan's name before the convention. He did so in a graceful and at times forceful speech.

Mr. L C Pace of Nebraska seconded the nomination.

Mr Doud of Missouri moved that the roll of States be called and the vote recorded. Another delegate moved that the nomination be made by acclamation. This seemed to strike the convention favorably, and it was carried unanimously by a rising vote

The announcement by the chair was followed by a great wave of enthusiasm rolling over the convention hall, carrying the delegates in chairs with umbrellas, hats and handkerchief in the air.

The nomination of Mr. Sewall was made by acclamation, in diminished measure of spirit and time. the demonstration following Mr. Bryan's nomination was repeated with variations.

Mr. Baker of California moved that a committee of one from each delegation be named to notify the candidates of their nomination. Agree to.

Mr. Pace of Nebraska moved as the sense of the convention that inasmuch as Messrs. Bryan and Sewall will be notified of their nomination by the Democratic notification committee in the east, that Mr. Sewall come west and with Mr. Bryan, receive the notification of their nomination by this convention at the latter's home in Lincoln, Neb. Carried.

Mr. Doud of Missouri moved, and the motion was adopted, that Mr. Lane of California, the gold miner who addressed the convention yesterday, be selected chairman of the national committee, and then, at 6:30 the convention apjourned sine die.

LABOR FOR BRYAN.

Journal of the Knights of Labor Supporting Democracy.

NEW YORK, July 27.—The official journal of the Knights of Labor is taking an active part in the campaign, supporting the Democratic candidates. In the issue of to-day the Journal says:

"The deep interest which the gold bankers are manifesting in the welfare of the workingmen in these presidential election times is something truly touching. These benevolent financiers are positively panic-stricken over the impending danger to the workingmen from free coinage and an increased volume of money. The movement to curtail production in the textile industry has already affected 5,000,000 spindles in New England and the Middle States, and will throw from 40,000 to 50,000 persons out of employment. This is the skirmish line of the goldbug army, and will, no doubt, be followed elsewhere by similar coercive measures. Like the waving of the bloody shirt, these tactics nowadays act as a boomerang, and chickens come home to roost. Three things are necessary to the business prospects of land, labor and money. Nature furnishes the land, the people furnish the labor and the Government should furnish the money. The total amount of coined gold in the world is $4,000,000,000, and the total public and private debt in the United States alone is $20,000,000,000, which, 'to save the honor and credit of the nation,' should be payable in gold. The old lady of Threadneedle street sets the price of gold as a commodity at 3 pounds 17 shillings and a few pence per ounce, and compels the rest of the earth to recognize her standaed. Any person with sufficient audacity to object to this elegant little arrangement is an Anarchist, a repudiator, a danger to our free Republic."

Future of the Building.

ST. LOUIS, July 30.—The building in which the Republicans and Populists held their conventions will be used for horse shows, bicycle meets and other indoor sporting enterprises.

DETERMINED ON BRYAN.

THE POPULISTS FIRST NOMINATED WATSON FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

When That Was Done, Bryan Telegraphed That he Would Not Accept the Nomination by the Populists—All is Chaos, but Bryan is Their Nominee.

THE NEWS' report of the Populist convention closed Friday with the adoption of a resolution limiting the time for the nominating speeches. The element favoring the nomination of a vice president first, had its way by a vote of 685 to 615 General Weaver, of Iowa, chairman of the committee of resolutions and platform, took the stand at five minutes past 3 to read the platform and resolutions setting forth that the country had reached a financial and industrial crisis, and demanding an economic financial system; national money issued directly by the government; the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; legislation to prevent demonetization of lawful money by private contract; that the government shall use its option as to the kind of lawful money to be used in paying its obligations; a graduated income tax; postal savings banks, and the government ownership of railroads and telegraphs; denouncing the sale of bonds, and demanding that no more bonds be issued except by act of congress. It further demands the prohibition of the private monopoly and alien ownership of land; favors direct legislation under proper safeguards; demands election of President, Vice President and United States senators by a direct vote of the people; favors the recognition of Cuban independence, recommends home rule in the territories and District of Columbia; suggests employment of idle labor on public works; condemns the injunction power of the Federal courts; favors pensions; calls for a free ballot and a fair count, and invites co-operation of all political organizations. The platform was duly adopted, and next in order was the nomination for vice president. Bauman, of Alabama, nominated Harry Skinner, of North Carolina; Rev. Howard; of Alabama, nominated Thos. E Watson, of Georgia; Lafe Pence nominated Mr. Sewall; Capt. Burnam, of Tennessee, nominated A. L. Mims, of Tennessee. Gen. Weaver had heard of Bryan's telegram saying that he would not accept the nomination if Sewall was turned down, ascended the platform, and in earnest tones stated that the gravity of the situation was such as to require that each delegation should have an opportunity to consult. This suggestion was received with loud cries of "no" Then Gen. Weaver made another proposition that one vote should be taken until tomorrow. This was also howled down and the chairman took a hand. He said the leaders of the party had been driven away from that platform tonight and he asked if there was enough patriotism and decency in the gentlemen on the floor and in the galleries to accord a respectful hearing to any one. The audience shamed into silence, quieted down, but the hour of midnight being now past, all further attempt at remonstrance was abandoned and the convention rushed on The voting for Vice President began at 12:10 a. m. The roll was completed at 12:35. Then Mr. Burkitt of Mississippi took the stand to withdraw his name and to ask his friends to change their votes to other candidates. Mr. Mims of Tennessee next took the stand and asked his friends to cast their votes for Watson, adding, "I release them from all obligation to me." Then changing of votes began and delegates almost tumbled over one another to change their votes to Watson, who soon had enough to insure a nomination, though the whole proceedings were so irregularly conducted that the clerks could not make a record. Finally Texas changed 103 votes to Watson and that settled it.

ST. LOUIS, July 25.—All is chaos in the Populist convention today. They are undecided what to do if Bryan sticks to Sewall. All sorts of plans are talked about as the nominations progress. An effort will be made to force the nomination upon Bryan.

The entire day has been frittered away in the attempt to nominate Bryan. His nomination was seconded by State after State, and Mrs. Lease was one of those who made a Bryan speech. The carrying of guidons from point to point was a time killing feature.

Bryan was nominated on the first ballot.

BRYAN CONSIDERING IT.

Sena or Jones Says no Definite Action Will be Taken Yet.

LINCOLN, July 26.—Senator Jones, of Arkansas, arrived in Lincoln this evening, and was immediately driven to the residence of Mr. Bryan, where an earnest conference was held on subjects of much importance to the Democratic and Populist parties. In spite of its importance as a political centre, having two candidates for the Presidency—Mr Bryan and Mr. Bentley, the prohibition-silver nominee—as citizens, Lincoln is a quiet place these days.

Mr. Bryan has been seen little by the Lincoln people since he reached here Friday week. He spends most of his time in his library going over the mass of mail matter and the packages of telegrams delivered to his residence every day and dictating replies to his clerical assistants. Of these he has three, one a lady, and each have their hands full in keeping up with the nominee's correspondence. So great has been the avalanche of written matter addressed to Mr. Bryan that he is practically swamped and many of the letters and telegrams that were sent immediately after his nomination are not yet answered

The Bryan and Sewall headquarters at the Lincoln hotel are intended principally for the use of Mr. Bryan in receiving and inviting delegations and conferring with Democratic managers. Mr. Bryan has used them two or three times only, but with the national silver and Populist conventions added it is expected that he will obliged to go there more frequently.

A meeting of the State central committee of the free silver wing of the Democratic party of Nebraska will be held at the Lincoln hotel in this city on July 30. Mr. Bryan has promised to be present.

Senator Jones left Lincoln on a late train tonight over the Missouri Pacific for his summer home, Washington, Tenn. He wired Governor Stone, of Missouri, to meet him tomorrow. Just before leaving, Senator Jones said he would leave it to the common sense of the people to right the nomination of Watson. No definite action, he said, would be taken at this time with regard to the acceptance or declination of the Populist nomination by Mr. Bryan. Senator Jones added that he thought the notification meeting in New York would take place August 10th.

"BRIGHT FOR BRYAN."

Senator Pettigrew Is Confident the Democratic Candidate Will Win—Fusion in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 29.—Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota was a caller yesterday on Governor Holcomb and other Populist leaders. He was warmly received and chatted pleasantly and confidently with the governor and others before his departure for the east. While awaiting an audience with Governor Holcomb, Senator Pettigrew said:

"Things are looking bright for Mr. Bryan. Although he is a young man he has made a deep impression among intelligent voters. As the country is rapidly growing in favor of free silver, he is bound to hold a tremendous vote. Such a man as he is cannot fail to command the respect of thinking people and from now on he will grow in strength."

Benton Maretta, private secretary for Governor Holcomb, has returned home from St. Louis. He was delegate to the silver convention in that city The electoral ticket in Nebraska, he believes, will be composed of about equal proportions of Populist, free silver Democrats and bolting free silver Republicans Thus every free silver voter can go the entire ticket and trust for luck as to whether it be Sewall or Watson.

Taubeneck for Bryan.

MARSHALL, Ill., July 25. — A monster Democratic ratification meeting was held here tonight. Fully 5,000 people were present and shouts for Bryan and 16 to 1 filled the air. The Citizens' Band paraded the streets and the grandest fireworks ever seen here were exhibited, A. J. Hunter, Democratic candidate for Congress, delivered one of his old time campaign speeches, making an able argument for the Democratic platform and especially 16 to 1. The Populists from the country were in line with 16 to 1 badges on, furnished by the committee. Many Republicans have declared for Bryan and free silver. This county is strongly Populist, the home of H. E. Taubeneck, and his party organ here, the Acorn, has declared for Bryan, which means 500 majority in this (Clark) County for the Democratic ticket.

WATSON IS BOUND TO RUN.

WILL NOT WITHDRAW UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

One of the Sort Who Would Pull Down the Temple—His Party has "Gone to the Extreme Limit of Generosity"—He Really Does, For a Fact, Want to be Vice President of the United States.

THOMSON, July 27.—Hon. Thomas E. Watson furnishes the Atlanta Journal today a most remarkable statement in direct reply to questions equally as direct. As the nominee of the national Populist convention for vice president on a fusion ticket, his outline of the policy of his party in the national campaign will to many people be a surprise. He speaks not through a reporter but above his own signature. His letter is as follows:

To the Atlanta Journal:

I reply to your questions as follows:

1. I will run the race to the end.
2. I will make the fight, if Mr. Sewall does not withdraw.
3. My opinion of the Fifty second congress, which was arraigned in my book, has undergone no change.
4. I am not a political trader, and will not resign in Sewall's favor even if offered a cabinet position.

Having answered your questions please allow me to state briefly my reasons for the replies numbered 1 and 2

I allowed use of my name to save my party from extinction. In my opinion the continued existence of the People's party is indispensable to the success of free silver. For me to withdraw, would be for me to sign the death warrant of my party. Ours is the party of free silver, and we maintained that principle while the Democratic party in 1892 and in 1893 was making war upon it. We do not think our party should close up and quit business simply because the Democrats have partially duplicated our sign-board.

If the Democrats are so unreasonable as to refuse us Populists of the south any recognition at all, that fact would show that the real purpose of their apparent adoption of our principles is to kill our party and not enact those principles into law. If the Democrats are sincere, they would not try to put upon us such terms that every man in our party at the south will feel insulted and humiliated.

If Mr. Bryan did not want our support Senator Jones had no business at St Louis at all. If Mr. Bryan does want our support, he ought to be willing to adopt that policy which will most certainly assure him that support.

And that policy is to accept as running mate a southern Populist, named by the unanimous voice of the Populist national convention.

Our party has gone to the extreme limit of generosity in the south to procure a union of the silver forces. We did not claim first place on the national ticket; we are content with the second.

If the Democrats should scorn our overtures, insult our party, and demand that we bury the People's party before they will accept our aid, they and they alone, will be responsible for the triumph of the gold standard and the Republican party.

The Populists have gone as far in the direction of concession and surrender as they can safely go. Self-respect, self-preservation and the preservation of our principles demand a halt,—and we halt.

If the Democrats will listen to the dictates of moderation and fair play, we shall have a mighty coalition of the south and the west which will sweep all before it.

But if they are so arrogant and unreasonable as to demand that everything shall be surrendered to them, and that we shall disband our party before they can accept our aid to the cause of free silver, then we shall stand to our colors and fight it out.

THOS. E. WATSON.

Mutiny of Prisoners.

HAVANA, July 30.—Details received from the Isle or Pinas, the penal settlement of the coast, show a conspiracy to murder Colonel Barriz, the Governor, and capture guardship and barracks. The prisoners rose when the soldiers of the garrison were at mess. The possible plan might have succeeded had it not been for the fact that a woman gave the alarm in time for the troops to be called. The arms were taken and the insurrection suppressed. Twenty-one ring leaders in the revolt will likely be severely dealt with.