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PLATFORM COMMITTEE MAY BE ABLE TO REPORT TO CONVENTION AFTER SUPPER

Has Been in Session Since 9 This Morning, Hearing Arguments for and Against Planks--Tariff, Anti-Injunction and Physical Valuation of Railroads Greatest Sticking-Points in Deliberations of Men Now Drafting Statement of Party Principles---Interest in Vice-Presidency Grows More Intense Every Moment--Gray Said to Have Wired Manager Marvel That if Forced to Run With Bryan He'd Throw Down Nomination and Openly Repudiate Nebraskan---New York, Now for Bryan, Can Name Second Place on Ticket and May Propose Harrison.

(By W. G. F. PRICE)

Denver, July 8.—Unless all signs fail, and the weather is not particularly dry for Denver today, there will be a fight on the floor of the democratic national convention, which was called to order in its second session at the Auditorium at 12:22 p. m.

The news which came from the credentials committee after its all-night session, that Col. James M. Guffey, for a generation, almost, ruler of the democratic party in Pennsylvania, had lost his fight and his contested delegates and that, as a result, his place on the national committee, was taken to mean a fight, and a red-hot one, on the floor of the convention. While the Pennsylvania realizes the hopelessness of fighting the committee's action in the convention, he is a fighter, and he proposes going down, if down he must go, with colors flying and guns blazing.

And that means a fight when the credentials committee reports. Idaho may appear in the minority report, and one or two of the other states. Therefore, unless all signs fail, there is liable to be a lively time in the Auditorium before a recess is taken.

Tammany showed Denver what a first-class political machine looked like this morning. There is an Indian camp at one of the parks here. A score of braves, real Indians in war paint, were secured and this morning bright and early Tammany men were marshaled more than 600 strong. Headed by the Indians, the men of Tammany marched to the convention hall. Big Chief Murphy flanked by Tom Smith, Lewis Nixon, Dan Cohalan and Tom Grady, were in the front ranks and each assembly district leader had his men behind him in company formation. They made a fine showing.

Nearly all the political clubs who are here marched to the Auditorium this morning, and the streets of Denver were lively with music and bright with badges. The auditorium filled earlier today, so far as the galleries were concerned, and when, shortly before noon, Chairman Bell appeared on the platform, there were not many vacant spaces in the great hall.

Announcement is made by the chairman that the Michigan delegation has lost its Bible and a reward is offered for its return.

The chair recognizes Ollie James, of Kentucky, who makes the announcement that the committee on credentials will not be ready to report until 8 o'clock. A motion is made to adjourn until 8 o'clock. Cries of "No, no, no." The chair calls on the band for music. It is now 1 o'clock.

The chair serves notice that he is not going to use his lungs to preserve order. Time, 1:03 p. m.

"Maryland, My Maryland" Makes Usual Hit.

"Maryland, My Maryland," got the first applause today. This and "Dixie" may always be depended on to start the crowd yelling.

About 12:15 Chairman Bell, Secretary Woodson and four or five other leaders were in earnest consultation on the stand. It was impossible to find out what the confab was about.

The convention was called to order at 12:22 by Chairman Bell. It was several minutes, however, before order

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A Group of Dominating Democrats at Denver Today



BURGLARS BLOW TWO SAFES OPEN

Get Plunder Worth From \$25,000 to \$30,000, New York Police Believe

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, July 8.—Burglars blew two safes in the offices of the Diamond Point Pen company, occupying the third and fifth floors of the building at Pearl and Beekman streets some time before 4 this morning and secured plunder worth between \$25,000 and \$30,000, according to the police estimate.

The thieves entered Nos. 98 and 100 Beekman street, the building adjoining 103, where the robbery took place, and went to the fourth floor. There they bored through masonry 20 inches thick and then through a partition, got into the other building, went up a floor and penetrated another wall.

Powerful Explosive Does Job. With a powerful explosive they then opened the safes and got away with their loot, the value of which the police cannot learn fully until members of the firm, who were at once summoned, make an investigation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Denver, July 8.—The Georgia delegation today rescinded the unit rule. It is understood that three of the delegates are for Bryan and 23 against him if there is a chance to beat him.

FRANCIS WON'T ALLOW USE OF NAME FOR 2D

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Denver, Colo., July 8.—The name of ex-Gov. David R. Francis, of St. Louis, will not be presented to the convention for vice-presidential nomination by the Missouri delegation. This decision has been reached after the repeated statements from Mr. Francis that he is not a candidate.

"Some of the Missouri delegates think Francis's name should be presented," declared a close friend; "but Gov. Francis, better than the rest of us, recognizes the futility of such a proceeding, and so, fearing that our efforts may be misunderstood, it appears to be best to let things run along without placing him in nomination."

NEMAHIA RIVER IS GRAVE OF FIVE IN FAMILY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Unadilla, Neb., July 8.—Five persons, all members of one family, were drowned in the Nemaha river near here yesterday. The dead are John Doyle, Mrs. John Doyle and their three children.

A flood following a cloudburst lifted their house from its foundation and carried it to the swollen river.

Doyle got out of the house and started for help, but fell from a bridge into the torrent.

TWO BOOMS ARE LAID TO REST

Johnson and Gray Managers at Length Realize Complete Futility of Anti-Bryan Men's Causes, But Jim Guffey Has to Have Last Word---"Won't the Commoner's Crowd Kick Some More?"

The first day was a fatal day for the Johnson boom and the Gray boom—and likewise for Tom Johnson.

The Minnesota governor and the Delaware judge were laid away, so to speak, beneath the Colorado snow. And Cleveland's mayor was kicked off the national committee and superseded on that body by Harvey Garber, Columbus lawyer, chairman of the Ohio state committee, ardent anti-Tom Johnson man, and so on.

Judge Alton Brooks Parker, the strong swimmer from Esopus, also got a little crib cut out for him in those gigantic snowbanks of the Colorado capital. His Cleveland resolutions were read, but his Cleveland resolutions were not the Cleveland resolutions that the convention adopted. The Bryan chairman recognized the Bryan resolution reader, Mr. Dunn, of Omaha, and after the Dunn resolution had been read and carried the Esopus judge was permitted to go on the platform and read his screed about the last president the democracy presented to the nation. At the end, he seconded the motion to adopt the Dunn resolutions and sat down. This will be about all the Parker there is likely to be in the Denver convention.

(By SAMUEL G. BLYTHE)

Denver, July 8.—They brought down a couple of tons of slightly soiled but perfectly good snow from the mountains and dumped it on the street near the convention hall, as a tender tribute to the Gray boom and the Johnson boom.

Any person who passed was at liberty to make a snowball and keep it as a souvenir of an occasion when two sterling patriots, a leading jurist of Delaware and a leading proletarian of Minnesota, was refrigerated by the celebrated Bryan cooling process until there was brine on them a foot thick. Frost is too torrid a term to fit in any description of what has happened to these great popular uprisings for Gray and Johnson. Take all the snow on all the mountains within sight of Denver and pile it in a heap, and that would be a seemly monument.

There were vague whispers that three states instructed for Bryan would bolt and go for one or the other of these forlorn hopes; that if three did not bolt, one surely would, and other rumors even more rain-bow. The ordinary visitor can see for 60 or 80 miles in this rarified atmosphere, but the anti-Bryan people have greater powers of vision. They can discern a flyspot as far away as Pike's Peak, and it looks like a load of hay to them. And, when they

chase up to it and find it is a flyspot, they are not cast down, for in these stirring times it does not take much to cheer up a Gray or a Johnson boomer, inasmuch as the expenses go on so long as the headquarters are open.

Beat Tom Johnson in a. The day started pleasantly, with an early meeting of the Ohio delegation wherein the delegates, while declaring in triple tremolo their unwavering loyalty to Bryan and their undying friendship to all his policies and most of his politics, gayly took large handfuls of Bryan's, Tom L. Johnson, into a pulp.

It was not that they loved Bryan less, but that they ardently desired a chance to macerate Mr. Johnson, which was done amid loud cheers, punctuated now and again by a few piercing shrieks from Johnson, who, after the festivities were over, was snatched several times while posing as a martyr, a not altogether successful performance, for no martyr ever weighed more than 200 pounds.

After Mr. Johnson's case had been attended to, the city was all agog over the arrival or non-arrival of the temporary chairman, Bell.

Finally, the local papers issued extras, saying that Mr. Bell had come in on a handcar, or on foot, or some

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SUPERIOR COURT HERE NEXT WEEK

Docket Composed of Smaller Cases---No Capital Cases Placed Yet.

There will probably be but one capital case tried at the next term of Wake county superior court and none has yet been placed on the docket. If John Evans, the young negro accused of killing his father, is sent to jail by Police Justice Badger tomorrow, and if Boots Brown, a negro accused of murdering a negro woman in this city, is ready for trial, there will be two cases; otherwise the docket will be made up of smaller cases.

Officer F. M. Barnum, of Norfolk, Va., is on route to Raleigh with Boots Brown, wanted here for the murder of Sarah Davis several years ago. He will reach the city late this afternoon and will receive a reward of \$200. If it is probable that Brown will be tried at this term of court.

There are now on the docket 118 cases and most of these are for larceny, some are for housebreaking, others for carrying concealed weapons and still others for numerous petty crimes.

Criminal court will convene next Monday for two weeks with Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, presiding.

NEW YORK'S HOT WAVE IS TO REACH ENDING TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, July 8.—With a record of 16 dead and almost 100 prostrated during the last 24 hours, the hot wave which had New York in its grip the past two weeks will come to an end today. Continued cool weather is predicted by the weather bureau.

Despite the drop in temperature, two deaths and several prostrations were reported by the police.

The relief came about midnight, at which time the thermometer registered 82. All during the early hours a steady decline was recorded, and a still further decline was predicted for this afternoon.

Hobson Sticks to Belief That We'll Have to Fight Jap

War, He Tells Resolutions Committee, Is Not Only Possible But Inevitable, Wherefore Let's Have Those Extra Battleships Built to Police the Pacific.

(By ERNEST ELI ROESER.)

Denver, Colo., July 8.—Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, erstwhile hero but now on the threshold of statesmanship, went before the committee on resolutions and painted a picture as he saw it. The members of the committee went with him into the future; they were fascinated by his prophecies and, when he finished, they sighed involuntarily—like the audience of a theatre does on the rendering of a tense dramatic situation.

Hobson painted the picture of war. A yellow man, powerful, grinning with confidence, with blood of conquest still dripping wet, lips thin and drawn with the territory greed that glowed within them, was the allegorical representation Hobson displayed to democracy.

The figure of war was Japan. Its creator justified its place in a political convention by the fact that the next party in power, according to his visions, must cope with the ravages of this yellow giant.

That the platform-builders of the

democratic party attached importance to the evil prophecies to which they listened, and that they believed the future of democracy depended upon what action should follow the warning Hobson uttered, was evidenced by the fact that they gave to him more time for boosting his plank providing for coast defenses and more battleships than was allotted to the men who pleaded for the provision in the platform for improvement of the rivers and harbors of the country.

Hobson told the committee on resolutions that war alone is not inevitable, but that it is now imminent. The party now in power is responsible for the present conditions of coast defenses, but that will not relieve the party incumbent in war-time from responsibility for the outcome.

"The lack of preparation entails the nation," said Capt. Hobson. "It is not unlikely that war will come before the next democratic national convention is held, and it is more than likely that our party will be the power when that war comes. That war, if it comes, will be a war of annihilation."

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