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## FIRST BLOOD FOR FREE SILVER.

SENATOR DANIEL DINED WITH THE TAR HEELS.

Senator Hill turned Down by the Democratic Convention at Chicago, and Senator Daniel Chosen Temporary Chairman.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 7.—It was war to the knife to day for five hours between the gold and silver forces. The East was arrayed against the South and West, and for the first time in twenty-five years the Eastern delegates were forced to bite the dust. The National committee by a small majority is for gold, and it was determined to put a gold man in as temporary chairman. They hoped to catch on to Senator Hill's popularity and elect him. Then he was to make a red hot speech. The silver men resolved to permit no man to speak officially who was not a silver man. Upon this the issue was joined. The debate was long and hot, but threats and appeals alike failed to get more than 3 out of the 554 silver delegates in the convention.

The silver men are divided as to the best man to nominate, but there is division upon nothing else. The people need not be alarmed, for day's action shows that Hill and Whitney can make no division. There is continued talk of a silver caucus in order to secure the nomination of a silver man by silver votes alone; but Boies, Matthews and McLean are opposed to it, fearing bland would have a majority and they would be out of the race. The same fear will prevent the immediate abrogation of the two-thirds rule.

The dark horses and candidates with few votes hope to be nominated if the two-thirds rule prevails, and therefore they favor it. If necessary the rule will be abrogated. The silver men lack about forty of the two-thirds vote, but it is believed they will get the needed thirty-six votes after the first few ballots. If Bland is not nominated on the first few ballots a stampede to Bryan is possible. North Carolina delegates will welcome this stampede. Most of them think Bryan is the strongest candidate. There is no chance to nominate Boies or Matthews. Bland is far in the lead. He is the most probable nominee. If he fails Bryan is the probable nominee, with Clark or Blackburn for Vice-President.

Yesterday Mr. Theodore F. Klutz addressed the South Carolina delegation in behalf of Clark, W. D. Turner the Colorado delegation, John R. Webster and B. R. Winburne the Virginia delegation, and B. R. Lacy the Washington delegation. Others called to see other delegates, and claims were presented in the way to win favor. Nothing can be predicted of the vice-presidency with safety, until the nomination is made for President.

To-night when Senator Daniel entered the dining room of the Sherman House the delegates at dinner arose and applauded and cheered him. He made his way to the North Carolina table and dined with a party of Tar Heel delegates. The silver men are jubilant to-night. But they are still anxious over the President. "We must watch the gold vote and move the other way," said Mr. Cy Watson, and that's the general feeling.

When Chairman Harry dropped the gavel to-day the fight began and raged for three living hours. Daniel and Hill were tossed between gold silver, and there was unlimited talk of free coinage and applause.

When Harry called Hill's name there was a wild demonstration and when Clayton read the minority report and mentioned Daniel there was another great demonstration and free silver men jumped to their chairs and yelled wildly.

Waller, of Connecticut, and John K. Fellow, of New York, made great

speeches for Hill. "Why do you single out of all, this great Democrat for immolation and sacrifice," said Fellows. Waller threateningly said: "If you turn him down we will fight you here and hereafter."

Hill's chances melted right there. "The creature wants to rule the master," said Waller, of Alabama, speaking against the committee's report for Hill.

"We love not David B. Hill less, but Democracy more," said Marston, of Louisiana. Marston was assailed by a storm of catcalls, yells and hisses from the galleries and for twenty minutes there was an uproar. Harry pounding with the gavel and calling on the police to quell the stir. These waves of disorder continued until the vote was taken. When New York was called Col. Fellows said: "David B. Hill will not vote." (Applause.) When Virginia was called on Senator Daniel voted for Hill, going the New Yorker one better, while the house rang with applause.

When Harry announced the result, ayes 556, noes 349, not voting one, the silver men joined in cheer after cheer and a thousand hats were in the air.

When Daniel stepped to the chair ten thousand people rose to their feet and cheered until they were hoarse, while the band burst out in "Dixie."

The first fight between gold and silver was over and the silver men felt firm ground under foot.

They know where they "are at." The committee on permanent organization has selected Senator Steven White, of California, for permanent chairman of the convention. Senator White was selected by a vote of 33 to 6, for Senator David B. Hill, of New York.

The North Carolina Delegation. CHICAGO, July 6.—The entire State delegation is present, with Alternates Herrick, of the second district; Hays, of the fifth; Matheson and J. W. Wilson, Jr., eighth, and Posey of ninth; also Josephus Daniels, Cy. Watson, J. P. Kerr, Walters of Reidsville; F. Tate, of Morganton, and District Attorney Glenn. The delegation met in the Sherman House at 10 this morning. Theo. F. Klutz was chosen chairman of the delegation, B. R. Lacy, secretary; J. R. Webster honorary vice president for the State and W. C. Dowd honorary secretary; W. D. Turner, of Iredell, on the credentials committee; E. B. Jones, of Forsyth, on permanent organization; E. J. Hale, of Cumberland, platform; A. M. Waddell, of New Hanover, on rules; Geo. S. Powell, of Buncombe; to notify the presidential candidate P. M. Pearsall, of Jones, the vice-presidential.

Col. Waddell will nominate Clark for Vice President. Josephus Daniels was elected national committeeman. Jarvis' name was presented, but he withdrew it.

The "Fourth" At the Capital.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The Fourth was celebrated in the old-fashioned way with plenty of fireworks and out of town excursion. All government offices and all the large stores were closed. The District Commissioners made an effectual effort to restrict the display of fireworks, but early in the week retreated before the onslaught of indignant protests that greeted the announcement of their order. The oldest inhabitants and the societies of descendants from revolutionary ancestors formally observed the day, the bodies meeting at the Washington monument, where the Declaration of Independence was read and an address was made.

Supporters Make Claims Regarding His Strength.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The Teller men to-day began to define their policy. They are growing more enthusiastic as the convention draws nearer, and are making definite claims to the strength of their candidate.

They have prepared a statement showing the number of electoral votes which they claim will be obtained if Teller is made the choice of the convention.

President Winston Elected President of the Texas University and has Accepted.

Information by wire is that Dr. Geo. T. Winston has been elected President of the University of Texas and has accepted.

During the five years of his Presidency of Chapel Hill, he has made our University a great power for good. In him the poor boys of North Carolina ever found a friend. To Dr. Winston is due the credit of popularizing the University. The cry that the University is a rich man's school, died out, quickly, when he took the helm.

The secret of his success is unremitting attention to business. If he went off on a picnic, or an excursion, or for a summer's outing, he brought boys back to college with him.

He is the very life of the Graded School movement in North Carolina. How can the Graded Schools spare him?

Let him visit Charlotte or Raleigh or Wilmington or Durham, and time was never so short, nor himself too weary, to visit the Graded Schools and speak words of cheer and encouragement.

Durham, twelve miles from the University, knew Dr. Winston as few cities in the State could know, and of his departure, we declare that the State loses her boldest, wisest, and most resourceful and successful educational leader.—Durham Sun

Another Railroad Scheme for Beating the Government.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The Postmaster General has discovered a clever scheme on the part of certain railroads to avoid postage on mail matter intended for officials of railroads, and their employes by an interchange of mail between roads, carried by the baggage masters in large envelopes. The scheme was worked principally in New York, New York city, Buffalo, and other terminal points, which exchanged mail matter, thus avoiding postage.

The outcome, on discovery, was a communication sent by the department to railroad officials stating that the Revised Statutes forbids regular post route roads carrying mails other than in regular mail cars except when all letters are enclosed in stamped envelopes.

The Delegates Leave.

SALISBURY, July 4.—A Pullman car containing a party of North Carolina delegates to the Chicago convention passed through here this morning. The car came in on No. 11 and was sent West, and will arrive in Chicago about 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The party was joined here by Hon. Theo. F. Klutz. Mr. A. S. Heilig also joined the party and will accompany the delegations as a spectator. The delegates are divided as to the candidate for President. A portion of them will back Judge Clark for the vice presidency. Among the party was Josephus Daniels, of the News and Observer, who goes along as a spectator and perhaps to whoop up the free silver movement. A banner bearing the words "North Carolina to Chicago" was stretched on either side of the Chicago.

Populist State Convention Called.

RALPH, N. C., July 3.—The Populist State central committee got to work quite early this morning. Its members are Marion Butler, chairman; Hal. Ayer, secretary; A. S. Peace, Harry Skinner, W. A. Guthrie, W. H. Kitchen and Cy. Thompson. The latter was not here. Why, no one appears to know. But Spier Whittaker Congressman Stroud, James B. Lloyd, W. E. Bowers, A. C. Green and Editor Ramsey, of the Progressive Farmer, were on hand. The committee met in Senator Butler's rooms, Nos. 49 and 51, at park Hotel. At 12:15 Secretary Ayer came out and said that the convention had been called to meet at Metropolitan Hall in this city Thursday, August 13th.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

## Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Tak Takes Lengthy Space to Make Short Corrections.

DEAR EDITORS:—The storm has passed, and "after a storm there is a calm," which is necessary to growth, development, and maturity. A tree that is stirred all the time, from center to circumference and from top to bottom, will not grow. Two cities of Greece, Sparta and Athens, give us a beautiful illustration of this. Sparta was noted for her warriors. Like the North American Indian, war was the Spartan's joy; he fought for revenge, they fought for glory. At seven years of age the boys were given to "boy trainers," in order that they might become expert soldiers. All their education consisted in this, for the Spartans had a profound contempt for the learning of the Athenians, consequently Sparta was not the home of many great men, and it soon disappeared from the stage of action. Her native sister, Athens, "The Hub of the Universe," engaged in war but a little, but gave most of her time to literary attainments. She was the home of the "seven wise men," and all classical learning. During the quiet and peaceful years of Athens, she made her greatest mark, but in the turbulent wars with Rome she disappeared. From Athens the world obtained her classical learning, and she still stands a monument to the nations of the earth.

When did Rome reach her palmist and happiest days? It was not when her brave sons were marching from country to country, from battle to battle and from victory to victory, under the Roman Eagle at the command of a Caesar, a Trajan, a Pompey or a Scipio; but it was while Augustus, Antonius, Hadrian, and Marcus Aurelius, with the other "five good Emperors," swayed the sceptre of empire in peace and justice. Again, our mother country, England, of which Neptune one day did say: "That if I ever live on dry land, the place will be England," made her longest steps towards civilization in Alfred's reign, and after Henry the seventh "Good Queen Bess" (Elizabeth) and her present majesty, Victoria, sat upon the celebrated stone of Scone, and received the crown of Empire from the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

All honor and respect to the kind, good people of Leasburg, for some of my happiest days were spent among them; yet, I think if some would turn from war to peace as the countries named above did, and from so much idle gossip, envy and ill will to more industry, better literature and seek a holier life, that they would be happier, and ere long make up the mission of man in the world. Then could they say: "Sit a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, to keep the door of my lips." Such a revolution would follow!

The storm spoken of above is the unusual amount of unnecessary talk about the article I wrote to your valuable paper sometime since. In words of Julius Caesar, as he hesitatingly stood on the banks of the Rubicon, undecided about making war on Rome, when he suddenly exclaimed, "the die is cast," and what I have written, I have written. I have no regrets at all, neither remorse of conscience, and I offer no excuse or seek any apology. One thing I know, I wrote free from compulsion, envy, malice or fear. If I remember correctly, in the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America these words, with others, are used as a reason for writing it, "to establish justice and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." But it may be, that since free silver has taken the day,

it is "free silver" instead of "free country."

Pause a moment, kind reader, and we hold a conference with all those who read or who heard of my piece. I want those especially who have been on the war horse for about three weeks, for I know by this time they are expert in throwing the javelin, drawing the sword, and are as good warriors as any of the Lacedaemonians that were in Xerxes' great army.

Now the council has assembled. It is my object to inquire into this trouble, and if able, to see why they have punched and pierced old Tak's back so full of wounds. I ask the leader to please come forward.

Now, Mr. Leader, what is the trouble, and why is this great uproar among you?

Leader.—Because you ought not to have said anything but what was complimentary.

Oh my, Mr. Leader, what a mistake you make. Oh Taffy, oh taffy, thou art the thief of our affection! Good Lord, when will this course lie mouldering in the dust. The doctors and druggists have a way of sugar coating pills, but I never did like the figure in Rhetoric called irony on that account. When I see a horse, I say there's a horse, not an angel; I call a man not god, and if I see a child playing around its mother's knee, I do not ask her what she is doing with that goat. Therefore I am not given to compliments.

Have you another objection, Mr. Leader?

Leader.—You expressed yourself too plainly.

Why, have not I as much right to express my opinion as any one else? You remember the proverb, "Many men of many mind." Suppose this was not true, then everybody would have the same husband or wife, or all would want the same sweetheart. So it was a wise providence that divided mankind into pairs. I am very fond of onions, but some do not even like to smell them, yet I do not eat the onion to give offense to any one, but because I am fond of them and think they are healthy. This is true in this instance. I did not write the article to give offense, for I wrote with a clear conscience, and what I wanted to say. I did not intend an injury, neither did I do any, but if you want to know who did, read Prov. xx. 3-19.

Is there another objection?

Leader.—Some of the young ladies took exceptions at what you said about Mr. —.

"A short duck will flutter." "The truth hurts." Is there another?

Leader.—There is not.

Is this the sentiment of your followers?

Leader.—It is.

Very good, we are about to adjourn, but before we do, allow me to say this, always hereafter allow me equal rights and social privileges, and do not think that when I say anything, either private or public, that I'm mad, envious or jealous. "To ere is human, to forgive devine," and I may do wrong, but I do not intend it. Ruth Ashnure's advice, when she says: "Do not grow into the critical habit."

And in conclusion I will say as you go from this hall, leave all weapons of war behind, then live peaceably with all men, and may each one of you live a quiet and peaceful life such as God would have you to live. TAK.

Leasburg, July 6.

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