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DOES WATSON'S NOMINATION SIGNIFY ANYTHING?

Bryan's Nomination Changes no Surprise. The Republicans Want Tariff, Not Finance the Issue, Administration's Position.

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The nomination of Bryan for President by the Populist convention was considered so certain before the convention met that it has caused comparatively little comment in Washington, but the action of that convention in nominating Tom Watson, of Georgia, for Vice President has set the politicians to guessing as to what object is behind that action. Was it, as many Populists say, merely done to keep up the Populist party organization, or does it indicate a desire to capture the Vice Presidency, if the Democrats and Populists combined have a majority in the electoral college? Some guess that the election will be divided with the Democrats in the states which the Populists have no chance of carrying unaided, but that in the five or six states which they believe they can carry by themselves, all the electors will be Populists, and that should they carry enough of those states to give the Democrats and Populists combined a majority of the electoral college, the Populist electors will demand that the Democrats shall vote for Watson for Vice President, and unless the demand is acceded to, they will refuse to vote for Bryan for President. Whether this guess or any of the others which are being made is right only time can tell, unless some of the Populist leaders do. There is no denying that the Populists do not like Sewall even a little bit, and that is why so many people are inclined to believe that they will put Tom Watson in if there is any way to do it; yet, there is danger in the attempt, as the constituents of the Democratic electors might take a big row should they vote for Watson instead of Sewall. Taken altogether, the Populist convention did not clear the political atmosphere to any marked extent.

Col. Jere Baxter, of Nashville, Tenn., is one of the Democrats who doesn't exactly know "where he is at". He said, after mentioning his doubt about his political standing at present: "It must take a man with an elastic conscience and a powerful constitution to remain in the Democratic party, and I confess that the frequent switching is very trying to the nerves. But I am free to maintain also, that Tennessee is rapidly inclined to silver, and that there is no question of Bryan's popularity down there. It is a fact that he will carry the State by a rousing majority." Republicans are inclined to regard the suggestion of the gold Democrats that the tariff be side tracked, so that all the gold men, free traders and protectionists alike can work together, as nothing more nor less than a bluff, made to open the way for the nomination of a gold Democratic ticket. Whatever it was intended for, the man who made it must have known that no attention would be paid to it. The Republican party is nothing if not a protective tariff organization. Its leaders would as soon recommend that its name be dropped, as that the party should quit, even for one campaign, advocating a protective tariff. That circumstance should have made finance the lead of the tariff as an issue this year does not count. It was not the wish of the Republicans that those circumstances should arise; on the contrary, it was in spite of their efforts to keep the tariff there that silver has come to the front as a leading issue. If it had been possible, and the gold Democrats had been sincere, the Republicans might have profited by the suggestion without delaying tariff legislation a single day. It is a fact that no matter how much tariff may be talked in this campaign that no tariff legislation will be possible until after March 4th, 1899, and very doubtful whether there will be any during the term of the President to be elected next November, no matter which party wins, unless it is accepted by the silver senators who are bound to have a majority in the Senate until March 4th, 1899.

Three members of the administration only have declared their political positions up to date, and it is said that President Cleveland is inclined to be offended with those three for having done so before he publicly stated his own position. Of these three, two—Secretaries O'ney and Herbert—will not support Bryan and Sewall and one—Secretary Hoar Smith—will support the ticket. Secretary Smith will not talk for publication, but the impression is general, especially among his friends that if President Cleveland comes out openly against the ticket, as he is expected to do, Secretary Smith will at once tender his resignation. Two other members of the Cabinet—Carlisle and Wilson—are understood to have almost made up their minds to support Bryan but it is not expected that either of them will say anything for publication until after Mr. Cleveland speaks. If the gold Democrats put up a ticket the position of those two officials will be in doubt, but if they have to choose between the Republicans, Populists and Democratic ticket, they will probably be found voting for the latter.

Winslow Declines It.

PORTLAND, Me.—A letter of withdrawal was given out by Hon. Edward B. Winslow of this city, who last month was nominated as the Democratic candidate for governor. It reads as follows: "Hon. Charles F. Johnson, Hon. C. G. Gorham and Hon. John W. Deering: "Gentlemen—Your letter of June 24, informing me of the action of the Democratic State convention, held in Portland on June 17, which made me the unanimous choice of the convention as candidate for governor, to be voted for at the approaching election, was duly received, and in reply would say: "While I deeply feel the honor conferred upon me and am profoundly grateful to the Democrats of Maine for the confidence they placed in me, in placing me in nomination as their standard bearer, I deferred answering this letter until after the national convention, held at Chicago, July 17.

"I regret very much the complications which have arisen, which will make it impossible for me to see any way clear to accept this nomination, so kindly extended to me. The platform adopted by the State convention, which has declared for a single gold standard, is plain, and it was upon that platform that I was nominated and I could not, even had I so desired, have accepted this nomination under any other circumstances than to stand firmly upon the platform made by the Democratic party of Maine.

"The Democratic national convention adopted a platform declaring for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and there was a strong pressure brought to bear to have me announce myself in favor of the national convention, which I did not consider was right to do in accepting the nomination as it was tendered to me by the State convention.

"There have been many expressions on the part of the Democrats of Maine in regard to my duty, but it has been plain to me at all times that there was but one thing for me to do, and that was to stand firmly by the Maine platform."

Twenty Thousand Quit Work.

NEW YORK.—The striking tailors held several meetings, but no definite action was taken.

It was announced at the meeting of the strikers that all of the coatmakers in New York, Brooklyn and Brownsville, to the number of 20,000 had left their shops.

The United Clothing Salesmen's Local Union, No. 94, met and endorsed the action of the strikers. Both moral and financial support was offered.

A meeting of the contractors will be held when some agreement may be reached.

Newman on the Populists.

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—At the national service in the Asbury Park Auditorium Bishop John P. Newman created sensation by declaring that Populists were no better than anarchists and were not good American citizens.

Instantly a man in the rear of the hall jumped up and shouted: "Bryan is a good American!"

He tried to propose three cheers for the Democratic-Populist candidate for President, but was drowned by the music of the choir.

Grasshoppers in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Myriads of grasshoppers, in clouds so dense as to almost obscure the sun, passed over this section of Nebraska.

Their appearance caused apprehension among farmers but few alighted. Their course was from west to east.

The last grasshopper scourge in Nebraska was in 1874, and as they usually make their appearance much earlier in the season it is thought the present visitation does not preclude any serious damage to crops in this locality.

Race Riot in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—A race riot occurred fifteen miles northeast of here, in which six men were killed and eight wounded. Two of the latter were women.

Those killed are said to be Henry Jackson, Albert Sullivan, Edward Johnson, white; Jim Solomon, Amos Campbell, Ike Mitchell, colored. The names of the wounded have not been learned.

The tragedy occurred at Haggard's turpentine still, where many colored men are employed. They gave a "festival" last night and while it was in progress a number of white men intruded and the shooting resulted.

It is rumored that the colored people are generally arming and a posse of whites left Jasper for the scene of the tragedy.

Recovering the Bodies.

DEVER, Col.—The victims of Friday night's flood were three in Golden, four in Mount Vernon Canon and twenty one near Morrison, making the total twenty-eight.

The youngest girl, Anna Hansen, who was reported dead was not at the camp at the time of the flood and consequently escaped. A charred burser named Nichols up at Evergreen is reported missing and the total list will twenty-eight. Of these fifteen bodies were recovered yesterday and the body of May Hansen, a little child, was found today. F. Johnson of Arvada telegraphed to Denver this afternoon that he had found four bodies

in the bed of Clear Creek about 5 miles above the town of Arvada.

Up to the discovery of these four bodies no report of any missing persons has come from Golden. Arvada is a country hamlet between Golden and Denver, along Clear Creek valley. These bodies, therefore, either floated down from Golden or are those of campers in Clear Creek valley between the two points, and are not to be confounded with missing dead over the ridge in Bear Creek valley, where Morrison is located.

Populists Through.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Populist national committee has finished its work. J. A. Ekgeron, of Nebraska, was elected secretary, and M. C. Rankin, of Indiana, treasurer. Messrs. J. A. Sovereign, of Arkansas, C. F. Taylor, of Pennsylvania; H. W. Reed, of Georgia; Frank Burkitt, of Mississippi; G. F. Washburn, of Massachusetts, and J. W. Breidenthal, of Kansas, were selected for members of the executive committee.

Mr. Burkitt resigned and on his motion Mr. J. C. Dore, of California, was placed on the ticket in his place. Mr. Burkitt did this to give the Pacific coast representation on the executive committee. The committee adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

To Gold Democrats.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Ellis B. Usher who was appointed provisional chairman for Wisconsin by the gold conference at Chicago, issued a call to the gold Democrats of the State calling upon them to take steps at once to perfect an organization in every county in the State and select a county chairman.

A conference of leading Democrats of Wisconsin was held at Democratic headquarters yesterday and it was decided that an address shall be issued to the voters of the State in reply to the statements which were given last week over the signature of Senator Vilas, Gen. Bragg, and the gold delegates from the Chicago convention.

Thinks Bryan Won't Win.

LONDON.—The Daily News will publish a report of an interview with Mr. J. H. Tritton, a prominent London banker, regarding the chances of the election of the Presidential candidates in the United States, in which Mr. Tritton says he considers it improbable that Bryan will be selected, but that the situation is one of the most serious character.

Confidence, Mr. Tritton believes, will not be restored here until United States Congress shall have passed a resolution declaring that it is firmly determined to maintain a gold standard.

Certainly, says Mr. Tritton, the national finances of America need to be overhauled. The country is suffering from a plethora of paper money.

Bill Near Cleveland.

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass.—As is his usual custom the President has remained at home all day. There were no callers.

He did not attend the memorial exercises of the late W. E. Russell at Sandwich as expected.

It has been reported by several seamen that the yacht Albion, with Senator Hill on board, has been seen cruising off the coast of Marion. The Senator has not landed at that place, however, nor has he visited President Cleveland.

WASHINGTON.

Mr. S. R. Fowle's oldest son, J. L., a lad of about 14 years, attempted to ride across the bridge, the draw was partly open for a steamer and he not noticing that, rode in and was drowned. Jimmie was one of the most courageous and gentlemanly lads I have ever known. The funeral services on Wednesday afternoon were largely attended by both black and white. The Presbyterian church, the largest in town, was about full. A more general and heartfelt sympathy, I have not seen here.

The Edenton and Washington base ball clubs played here on Thursday and Friday; Washington won on both days.

Much rain has damaged the crops in the lower part of the county greatly, and has stopped some of the mills here for lack of logs.

To the surprise of friends and acquaintances, Mr. A. F. Vines returned from one of his frequent trips during the past week accompanied by his bride. We congratulate him for his good judgment.



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