

IT'S FUSION IN KANSAS

POPULISTS ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION.

The bitter fight between Harris and Lewelling results in the shelving of both of them. The fusion agreement—Populists accept Democratic election.

For Governor—STATE SENATOR J. W. LEEDY of Coffey county. For Chief Justice—FRANK DORSTER of Marion county.

Summary of the Balloting. Table with columns for Candidate, Ballot, and Votes. Includes names like Harris, Leedy, King, Campbell, Munger.

ABILENE, Kan., Aug. 7.—The Populist state convention has nominated State Senator J. W. Leedy for governor and Frank Dorster for chief justice of the state supreme court, and has adopted the fusion proposition presented by the representatives of the Democratic State convention, in session at Hutchinson, with the agreement that Cliggitt's name shall be dropped as frat district elector if it proved that he shouldered a musket against the miners in 1893.

The agreement means that the Populists will vote for the Democratic electors and the Democrats will, in turn, support the whole Populist State ticket, which will not have a Democrat on it.

A sop was thrown to the middle-of-the-road Populist element in the shape of a proposition that if Watson should have more votes in the electoral college than Sewall the Kansas electors should vote for him for Vice President.

When the convention reassembled yesterday the temporary organization was made permanent.

The Balloting Begins. A motion to permit each candidate to address the convention for five minutes was voted down and the roll was called for the first ballot, which resulted as follows: Harris, 209 1/2; Lewelling, 15 1/2; King, 12; Leedy, 60; Munger, 22; Campbell, 13.

Before the second ballot was called the motion was renewed to bring the candidates before the convention and, after a wordy scrap it carried.

The first speaker was King and he was followed in turn by Campbell, Leedy, Munger, Lewelling and Harris. Leedy caught the most applause.

After the speeches had been completed, the second ballot was taken. It resulted: Harris, 202 1/2; Lewelling, 30 1/2; King, 10 1/2; Leedy, 97; Munger, 15; Campbell 12.

That was made to adjourn, but it was overwhelmingly voted down. The convention was determined to force a nomination. As the roll call commenced for the fourth ballot it looked as though a stampede to Leedy would be made. The stampede materialized, the ballot resulting: Leedy, 491; Harris, 31; Lewelling, 6; King, 5; Munger, 6.

Then followed a great demonstration. Mr. Leedy's friends carried him, big as he is, on their shoulders to the platform.

He thanked the convention briefly for the honor conferred upon him. Governor Lewelling was again called forward. He congratulated the convention upon its selection, and said that the nominee would be the next governor of Kansas. Colonel Harris was also called for, but he had gone to his hotel.

The other defeated candidates were called for but they did not respond. At 1:30 the convention adjourned till 9 o'clock.

When the convention met this morning Colonel Harris took the stand and pledged his hearty support to Mr. Leedy. The platform was then adopted.

S. M. Scott moved that the chair appoint a committee to draft and send a telegram to the Populist conventions in session in Texas, Georgia, Nebraska and Alabama informing them of the indorsement of Bryan and Watson in this convention. It was adopted with a hurrah, and Mr. Scott was appointed as chairman of the committee to perform the duty.

WATSON IN THE CHAIR. The Populist Vice Presidential Nominee Presides Over Georgia Populists.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 7.—The largest and most enthusiastic state convention of the Populists of Georgia have ever held assembled to-day in the hall of the House at the state capitol. The presence of Thomas E. Watson, the party's nominee for vice president, added interest to the occasion and worked the enthusiasm up to as high a temperature as that of the weather.

Thomas E. Watson called the convention to order at 11:15 o'clock. He made no speech, but the dropping of his gavel was the signal for an outburst from the delegates.

PINGREE FOR GOVERNOR. The Michigan Republicans Nominate the City Potato Farm Author.

GRAND RAPIDS, Aug. 7.—The Republican State convention to-day nominated Mayor H. S. Pingree of Detroit for Governor on the fourth ballot amidst tremendous enthusiasm.

Fusion in West Virginia. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 7.—After wrangling all afternoon and evening, the Populist state convention nominated Isaac Cox Ralphsnyder of Fairmount, free silver Democrat, for governor, over Judge J. A. Stealy, middle-of-the-road Populist. Ralphsnyder is rich and expects to secure the Democratic indorsement.

For Belle Indorsement. "Tubbs has found a way to protect his celebrated grandfather's grave." "What is it?" "He has had it planted with poison ivy." Chicago Record.

FUSION PLAN.

Terms of the Democratic Conference—The Populists Finally Fall Into Line.

ABILENE, Kan., Aug. 7.—The two fusion conference committees had a stormy and protracted session last night, and it was resumed again this morning. Finally it was agreed that the Democratic committee should make the following proposition to the Populist committee:

To the members of the conference committee of the Populist State convention of Kansas: Gentlemen: This undersigned acting as a conference committee, appointed by the Democratic State convention now in session at Hutchinson, Kan., beg leave to submit on behalf of the body they represent through you to the body you represent the following plan for united action upon a State and electoral ticket to be voted for by both parties at the coming general election:

First—The State convention of the Populist party now in session to name candidates for all State offices and also for Congressmen at large such candidates to be at once adopted and nominated by the Democratic State convention now in session as the candidates of the Democratic party of Kansas for said offices.

Second—The following qualified Presidential elector suggested by the delegates to the Democratic State convention—to-wit: Morris Cliggitt, Pittsburg, Kan.; Albert Perry, Troy, Kan.; George T. Pitts, Wellington, Kan.; Sidney Hayden, Hays, Kan.; J. G. Goshorn, Iola, Kan.; W. H. Linton, Cherokee, Kan.; Earl M. Blackshear, Elmdale, Kan.; Charles A. Hiller, Salina, Kan.; James R. Logan, Lincoln, Kan.; H. J. Rootzel, Ellinwood, Kan.—to be nominated by both the Populist and Democratic state conventions now in session as the Presidential electors to be voted for by the respective parties at the coming general election and each of said conventions to adopt after the nomination of the said electors the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the candidates this day nominated for electors of president and vice president are hereby instructed that in case of their election they shall call the ten electoral votes of the state of Kansas for William J. Bryan of Nebraska for president of the United States. That in case it shall be found that, as de facto the votes of Kansas, Arthur Sewall has received more of the electoral votes of the other states of the Union than Thomas E. Watson at the presidential election of 1892, then in such case said electors shall cast the ten electoral votes of the state of Kansas for said Arthur Sewall for vice president of the United States, but in case it shall be found that Thomas E. Watson has secured more of said electoral votes, aside from the electoral votes of Kansas, than said Arthur Sewall, then in such case said electors shall cast the electoral votes of the state of Kansas for said Thomas E. Watson for vice president of the United States.

The members of this committee pledge their personal efforts with the Democratic State, congressional and other committees toward a union of Democratic and Populist voters wherever practicable, in support of the same congressional, legislative and county candidates at the coming general election and recommend similar action by you and the Populist committees.

Dated at Abilene, Kan., this 5th day of August, A. D. 1896.

J. G. JOHNSON, JOHN H. ARWOOD, JOHN W. MARTIN, W. P. WILLARD, W. S. GLASS. Afterward the Populist committee held a meeting, and after much discussion it was agreed by a vote of 13 to 1 that the Democratic proposition should be recommended to the state convention for adoption.

FUSED IN NEBRASKA.

Populists and Democrats Divide the Presidential Electors.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 7.—All of yesterday afternoon and evening was consumed by the Populist state convention in wrangling over the terms of fusion.

During a brief intermission Governor Holcomb was nominated for governor by acclamation and John Z. Harris for lieutenant governor.

This morning the convention nominated four Populist and four Democratic electors. It was not done, however, until several hours of hard fighting had been gone through with.

Completed Its Labors. Governor—Silas A. Holcomb. Lieutenant-governor—J. E. Harris. Secretary of state—W. E. Porter. Auditor—J. B. Mervin. Treasurer—J. B. Mervin. Superintendent—W. R. Jackson. Commissioner—W. R. Jackson. Judge (long term)—William Neville. Judge (short term)—J. S. Kirkpatrick. University regent—A. A. Munro.

HASTINGS, Neb., August 7.—At 5:20 yesterday morning the populist state convention completed its work and adjourned after empowering the state central committee to fill any vacancies that might occur.

All offices were filled with the exception of that of attorney-general, which was left vacant for the democrats.

Senator Squire for Bryan. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—The committee consisting of Dr. G. V. Calhoun, Colonel George G. Lyon and Hon. John Wiley, recently appointed by the Henry M. Teller club of Seattle for the purpose of ascertaining the position of United States Senator Squire, who is in New York, in the present campaign, received a reply to their telegram of inquiry yesterday afternoon. Senator Squire declares for free silver and announces that he will support Bryan and Sewall.

Republicans Agree to Disagree. BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 7.—The Republican conference agreed that the Republican State convention shall nominate candidates for State offices, after which the silver Republicans shall withdraw, organize a separate convention and nominate electors for Bryan and Sewall, while those remaining nominate electors pledged to McKinley and Hobart. The convention will be held September 9, at Helena, six days after the Democratic convention.

Bill Doolin Kills Two More Deputies. GUTHRIE, Okla., Aug. 7.—Bill Doolin, the outlaw who escaped from the United States jail in this city four weeks ago, was surrounded by deputy marshals at Newoka. A desperate fight took place, and during a fusillade of shots Doolin escaped. Deputies T. M. Gregor and Horace Reynolds were killed.

The Steer Dressing Record Broken. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 7.—John Glass of Buffalo, holder of the world's record for dressing a steer, cut down the record yesterday from 5 minutes and 55 seconds to 4 minutes and 14 1/2 seconds at the butchers' outfit.

SLATE WENT THROUGH.

Nominations Made by Missouri Democrats—Not a Break Occurs.

For Governor—LON V. STEPHENS of Cooper county. For Lieutenant Governor—A. H. BOLTE of Franklin county. For Secretary of State—A. LESUEUR of Lafayette county (renominate). For State Auditor—JAMES M. SEIBERT of Cape Girardeau county (renominate). For State Treasurer—FRANK PITTS of Jasper county. For Attorney General—E. G. CROW of Jasper county.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 7.—The slate arranged by Governor W. J. Stone and his friends, has been put through without a break by the Democrats in state convention here. From Lon V. Stephens, the man nominated for governor, clear through the list to Ed C. Crow of Jasper county for attorney general, the combine has triumphed.

Desperate efforts were made at various times, notably before the ballots for auditor and attorney general, to make at least a crack in the combine slate, but all of them failed utterly, because the combination was able to keep its forces under perfect control.

When the convention reassembled yesterday afternoon it was addressed by Senator Vest. The committee on permanent organization named C. E. Peers of Warren as permanent chairman, Cor. Roach of Jasper as permanent secretary. The order of business was fixed at Governor first, then Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, Supreme judge, railroad commissioner and electors-at-large in order. Senator Peers was given a warm reception and he also in his speech sounded a note of warning against any Populist fusion. "Bryan and Sewall," he said "and notice that I link the names together! We will stand by them and elect them. I am surprised," he added, "that some of the party seem inclined to wander off after strange gods." The committee on resolutions was not ready to report and convention voted to begin balloting for Governor, and proceeded to nominate Lon B. Stephens by acclamation.

The nomination was made with a whoop and a cheer. Mr. Stephens was sent for and thanked the convention for the honor.

Convention then adjourned till 8 o'clock. On reassembling the platform was adopted without amendment. Sam B. Cook of Mexico was then elected chairman of the State central committee.

Nominations for lieutenant governor followed.

B. W. Lyon nominated John A. Lee of St. Louis, D. H. Shields named J. H. Davidson of Hannibal, A. D. Burns named T. K. Gash of Clay, O. H. Avery named G. T. Dunn of Lincoln, J. J. Butler named John B. O'Meara of St. Louis, J. W. Gould named A. H. Bolte of Franklin, and W. S. Anthony named E. S. McCarty of Ste. Genevieve.

The first ballot resulted: Lee, 101; Davidson, 63; Gash, 72; O'Meara, 95; Bolte, 70; McCarty, 52. Necessary to choice, 268.

Second ballot: Lee, 148; Davidson, 38; Gash, 48; O'meara, 103; Dunn, 88; Bolte, 88; necessary to choice, 267.

Third ballot: Lee, 173; O'Meara, 121; Bolte, 101; Gash, 40; Dunn, 97. Necessary to a choice, 278.

Fourth ballot: Lee, 173 1/2; Bolte, 212 1/2; O'Meara, 61 1/2; Dunn, 81 1/2. Necessary to choice, 268.

When the fourth ballot was announced there was the wildest enthusiasm among the Bolte men.

The fifth ballot was never finished, for when St. Charles county was reached Bolte was known to be nominated, so Lyon withdrew Lee's name and moved to make it unanimous, which was carried.

After Bolte's nomination Frank P. Walsh moved that the rules be suspended and A. E. Lesueur be nominated by acclamation. This was carried and the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m.

T. A. Lovelock of Ray county placed the name of J. C. Brown of Richmond before the convention.

The result of the first ballot was: Seibert, 35 1/2; Brown 158; Kollmeyer 62 1/2. Seibert was nominated with fifty votes to spare.

Ed O'Leary moved that Frank Pitts of Monroe county be declared the nominee for State treasurer by acclamation. There was no opposition and the motion carried with a whoop.

For attorney general R. P. C. Wilson of Platte county nominated Morton Jordan. M. E. Benton of Neosho nominated Ed C. Crow of Jasper county. Crow was nominated on the first ballot. Convention adjourned to 2:30.

TEXAS POPS RADICAL.

Bryan's Indorsement Contingent on Watson's Acceptance.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 7.—If W. J. Bryan will not take his stand upon the Populist platform and openly accept Tom Watson as his running mate—things which it is manifestly impossible for him to do—the Presidential electors of the Texas Populist party will not cast their votes for him. The convention in session here will name a full set of electors under such conditions as will cost Bryan their vote if he does not accept the conditions. Norton of Illinois will probably be the man on whom the Texas Populists will unite.

It is significant that the Populist State convention of Louisiana yesterday took precisely the action here contemplated, and named a full set of electors. They are as yet for Bryan and Watson, but they were named under conditions which expressly provide for Bryan's replacement. There, as here, Norton will probably be the man.

The engagement of the Princess Maud to Prince Charles is said to have been the result of simon-pure love. It is not stated, however, whether this bubbling fountain has its sources in the hearts of the young people or in the patent adjustable blood-pumps of the heads of their respective houses.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 7.—James B. Sheehan, president of the Jacksonian club, who attended the dinner given in honor of Secretary J. Sterling Morton at the Omaha club Tuesday evening, declares that a motion made at the party favoring a new ticket was defeated by a small vote.

THE GOLD DEMOCRATS

A NATIONAL CONVENTION SURE.

The Sentiment of Those Assembled at Indianapolis Strongly in Favor of a National Gathering—Divisions on the Nominations Question.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 8.—The provisional national committee of the gold standard Democrats who positively refuse to accept the Chicago platform and ticket, began its initial meeting here this afternoon, first considering the question of calling another national Democratic convention.

That a convention will be called there is almost no reason to doubt, but whether another ticket will be called for is still an open question, for several of those present are strongly in favor of ex-Congressman Bourke Cockran's plan of adopting an old line Democratic platform and indorsement.

Mr. Watson explained at length his course in leaving the Democratic party after having been elected to Congress as a Democrat and by the machinery of the Democratic party. He said that his opponent had run as a straight platform Democrat, while he had made his race on the Alliance platform and was pledged to stand by that platform though the heavens fall. Furthermore, the national Alliance convention had instructed those Congressmen elected on the Alliance platform not to go into the caucuses of either of the two great parties. Not only had he felt bound to stand by principles rather than party, but he had seen then as he saw now that the only chance for Jeffersonian Democracy was to unite the farmers of the South with the farmers of the West. To do that required a new party. The Southern Democrat could not be induced to go into the Republican party, nor could the Western Republican be induced to enter the Democratic party. A common rallying point was absolutely necessary. When Congress met in 1892 eleven Western Congressmen stepped out of the Republican party.

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There is talk of Senator Palmer, Secretary Carlisle and General Bragg for the nominee for President, and General Buckner of Kentucky, ex-Governor Francis of Missouri and ex-Congressman Bynum of Indiana for second place.

NO ADVICE BY CLEVELAND. The President Denies Having Expressed Any Gold Ticket Opinion.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—In answer to an inquiry as to the truth of a report published in this city yesterday that President Cleveland had made known his disapproval of the proposed gold standard ticket project, the President telegraphs as follows to the Evening Post: "Bazzard's Bay, Mass., Aug. 6.—It is absolutely untrue that I have given any advice touching the course of the Indianapolis conference."

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

FUSION IN ILLINOIS.

Four Democratic Electors and One State Candidate May Be Retired.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—H. E. Taubeneck, late chairman of the Populist national committee, has come here for consultation with leaders of his and the Democratic party. He is confident that the Populists of the whole country will vote for Bryan and has little doubt that satisfactory arrangements will be made for electoral tickets in all the states.

In Illinois it is understood four of the Democratic electors will be retired and four Populists substituted. It is also the understanding that at least one of the candidates on the Democratic state ticket will be withdrawn and his place filled by the Populist convention next week.

Deaths in New York. NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—New York has sweeter under a wave of oppressive heat since Wednesday morning. At one time yesterday the mercury registered 104 degrees on the streets. To-day, the highest point reached officially was 92 degrees, with an average street temperature of 87. Six deaths occurred yesterday and last night, and to-day three persons died as a result of the excessive heat. Many cases of prostration are reported.

Hottest Day of the Year. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 8.—To-day was the hottest day of the year—101 degrees in the shade. The heat seems to extend generally for hundreds of miles and if it lasts much longer the cooling exhalations at night from the forests around Kansas City will cease. Patrick Dolan an old man, died from sunstroke. There were several prostrations.

New Orleans Bank Closes. NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 8.—The American National bank failed to open its doors to-day. The board of directors have decided to go into liquidation.

THOMAS WATSON SPEAKS

Opens His Vice-Presidential Campaign in Georgia—Talks for Two Hours.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 8.—Thomas E. Watson opened his vice presidential campaign last night with an address two hours in length, delivered before an audience of 3,000 people in the rough shed used for the Moody revival meetings several months ago. Mr. Watson appealed at the outset for a non-partisan hearing, declaring that he spoke with bitterness to none and in behalf of the men who held the plow, who used the hoe, who wielded the hammer. If God gave him strength, he declared, he would plead the cause of these people through pens of reporters present before 65,000,000 people in the morning.

He entered into an enumeration of the reform demands of the Populists, indicting the government for high crimes and misdemeanors in the granting of the governmental power of making money to a special class; in the unfair levying of taxes which laid the heavy hand of tribute upon those least able to sustain it; in closing the mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver; in leaving the great public highways of the country in the control of grasping corporations, who levied tribute upon the people who were compelled to use them, and in the corruption of the ballot.

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