

Nebraska Notes

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The Ennis Record will be put on the market after September.

The United Brethren began a series of revival meetings at Shelton the first of the week.

The Alma Record spaces out its lines a la mode and looks like its dear old self again.

Joseph Chilcoat of Howells marketed three hogs the other day that averaged 506 pounds each.

The rye crop is harvested in Platte county and the estimated yield is thirty bushels to the acre.

Ashland will organize a law and order league for the purpose of squelching the tramp nuisance.

Cheyenne county will issue bonds to pay off its floating indebtedness and bring warrants up to par.

A widow living at Alma lost her family and the neighbors didn't do a thing but make her a present of one.

The Dorchester Star says that Johnson creek, north west of that town, contained more water last week than it has since 1875.

Rev. W. W. Lewis has resigned his position as pastor of the Mason City Baptist church and will leave soon for Centerville, S. D.

A Kearney man put up at a canyon factory in Grand Island found in the morning that he had been robbed of \$21.50. It served him right.

The Hall county agricultural society has decided to give an exhibition of the wonderful crop that will be harvested before the fair season.

Joseph Bosler of Carlisle, Pa., has faith in Nebraska. He lately placed \$50,000 farm loans in Nance county at straight 8 per cent interest.

Mosquitoes are thicker, bigger and more persistently annoying in this city this season, says the Columbus Times, than for the past thirty years.

A dog belonging to Ferdinand Hasse, who lives south of Norfolk, went mad the other day, biting the hired man, a blooded bull and several pigs.

In the wheel race at North Platte on the Fourth, three riders collided and were badly injured. One is liable to sport a stiff leg as long as he lives.

It cost Fred Peterson of Buffalo county about \$75 for the fun of getting drunk and breaking the shin bone of an officer who was trying to run him in.

The little son, aged two years, of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson of Williamsburg swallowed a copper cent and died a few days after from gastric inflammation.

Alexander Black of Plattsmouth was severely bitten in the hand by a dog supposed to be mad. Mr. Black is greatly worried over the possible outcome.

A Saunders county farm hand lately skipped out with a mule, cart and other fixtures, but becoming frightened returned with everything intact but a shotgun.

The Meridian Star, published at Cozad, pays more attention to religion than politics. In striving to make men better it is indirectly helping the republican party.

While trying to break a frisky colt the other day Gilbert Harrison of Wayne was kicked out of his road cart and landed bottom end up, fracturing his shoulder.

Rev. J. H. Davis, state evangelist appointed by the Nebraska Baptist convention, is expected to hold a series of tent meetings in St. Paul, beginning about July 14.

A Seward girl sent the usual 25 cents to find out how to whiten the hands and she got the answer in a few days, "soak them in dishwater." It tickled her tired mother almost to death.

A young man at Kearney lost a finger in a peculiar manner. He was oiling his bicycle and raised the hind wheel off the ground and spun it around. His fingers caught in the chain and one of them was cut off and two others badly cut.

Quite a curiosity has been caught out of Cut-Off lake, says the Cedar Bluffs Standard, in the shape of a fish. In general appearance it resembles a catfish, having the same ugly mouth and antennae, or feelers, as the cat, but in addition is equipped with four perfectly formed legs, which in claws resembling the human hand. A dorsal fin extends almost the entire length of the body and the back is covered with a dark brown mottled skin. It is thought the specimen belongs to the same genealogical class as the catfish.

Farmer G. S. Johnson of Plattford precinct, says the Papillion Times, brings the best corn story of the season. He planted an eleven-acre field on the 8th day of May, and on the 25th day of June the corn averaged a trifle over five feet in height—having made a growth of one and one-fourth inches per day after it began coming through the ground. This is a remarkable showing, and more remarkable still when we recall that corn planted on this same ground last season failed utterly.

HILL AND DANIEL TO MEET

At Noon the Crash Will Come With Full Force.

TILLMAN HOPES THEY WILL BOLT.

Physical Force to be Expended—It Will be Mixed Somewhat.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Senator Hill's expressed desire is to be gratified. The first fight between the silver and gold forces will occur on the subject of the temporary organization of the convention when Chairman Harrity calls it to order at noon today. According to present appearances the prayer is about the only part of the preliminary proceedings which is likely to pass unchallenged. In no previous national convention has the recommendation of the duly chosen national committee in regard to a temporary presiding officer been antagonized by a minority report and a demand for a vote, but the present gathering is an exceptional one and is likely to break in upon precedents in more respects than one. By a vote of 27 to 23 the majority of the national committee yesterday decided to recommend Senator David B. Hill as temporary chairman of the convention. C. S. Thomas of Colorado gave notice that a minority report would be presented, recommending the selection of Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia and the convention would be asked to make a choice from the two nominations.

It is a curious fact that in the last democratic convention held in this same city during the memorable discussion which resulted in the nomination of Grover Cleveland, Senator Daniel, with dauntless courage, faced for over an hour a hostile, howling audience as the special champion of Senator Hill, the man whom, by the irony of politics, he is now antagonizing.

The method of proceedings today will probably be as follows:

When Chairman Harrity calls the convention to order as the representative of the national committee and recommends the selection of Senator Hill as temporary chairman a minority member of the national committee will offer a substitute naming Senator Daniel. Under all forms of parliamentary law a substitute must first be voted on, and the only open question in this case seems to be whether or not Mr. Harrity will recognize one of his silver associates for the purpose of offering this substitute, the convention not having been organized and no roll of the delegates having been passed upon.

The silver men claim that the chairman's act in recommending a temporary chairman for the approval of the convention is an admission that the convention is qualified to act upon it. If this be true in the one case, they assert that it must be so in the case of the substitute. Should Mr. Harrity refuse to put the motion for the adoption of the substitute, some silver member of the national committee on the platform will put the question himself and the first skirmish between the silver and gold factions will be precipitated.

TILLMAN HOPES FOR A BOLT.

"I know very little about the parliamentary status of this matter," said Senator Tillman last night, "but I do claim to be possessed of a little common sense. I know that Senator Daniel will be the temporary chairman of this convention and will make the opening speech. If the gold men think that their 300 votes from the majority of this convention just let them try it. The silver men are running this affair and they propose to run it after their own fashion. If the gold men don't like it, let them bolt. I hope they will."

During the early hours of the day a conservative spirit seemed to pervade the more radical of the silver men, and the desire was expressed by many to avoid, if possible, a clash in the convention. The conclusion of the committee to recommend the selection of Senator Hill has caused a sudden drop in this conversation, and the feeling between the two factions of the party now seems to be more bitter than before, is such a condition be possible.

As to the possible choice of a presidential candidate to represent the free coinage platform, the day's developments have brought no marked change in the situation. Mr. Bland's friends are doing most of the claiming and shouting. Effort to get the silver men to caucus on the nominations in advance of the meeting of the convention continue to meet with failure, some of the prominent silver leaders declaring their fears that the result of such a caucus would be to create dissensions in their efforts to disorganize them.

The California delegation appears to be determined to present to the convention the name of Senator White of that state, despite the protests of the senator that he is not a candidate and does not desire his name to be considered. At a meeting of the delegation yesterday afternoon the matter was discussed, several delegates stating that they believed the time would come in the contest when the convention would turn to Senator White as the only man upon whom the contending delegations could unite. For this reason they proposed to keep him as their candidate.

Senator White, who was present, entered an emphatic protest, and if his wishes are respected, the delegates will look elsewhere for their candidate.

Big Boat Race.

LONDON, July 7.—The weather at this hour in London is calm and slightly cloudy, promising a hot close day for the great boat race.

In their issue tomorrow Sporting News and the Sportman will both predict that the Leander crew will defeat Yale eight in the first trial heat for the grand challenge cup, and that Dr. McDowell will defeat T. A. Guinness in his heat with the latter for the diamond sculls. The cessation of the wind favors Leander.

THE LATEST FROM CHICAGO

Michigan Sound Money Men Ousted Without Mercy.

BRYAN DELEGATION ALSO SEATED

Convention Works but Slowly—Bill Cheered to the Echo.

CHICAGO, July 9.—After passing through a listless morning session, the democratic national convention witnessed two scenes last night which compensated those whose pent up feelings had been given no vent in the earlier part of the day. Men and women joined in the demonstration for each of the contending factions of the democracy. They shouted and cheered, sang and stamped, and fairly turned the great convention hall into a pandemonium.

It was during the roll call of states on a motion to adopt the minority report of the committee on credentials that both demonstrations occurred. The majority of the committee had submitted a report unseating members of the Michigan gold delegation and providing that silver contentants should take their places. Chairman Daniel had put the question on the adoption of the minority report and the voting by states was proceeding with comparative quiet and some preciseness. When New York was reached Chairman Hinckley's large frame loomed up under the little bannerette that indicated the locality of the empire state democracy. This was only for a brief second. Then Mr. Hinckley's voice rang out: "New York casts her seventy-two votes aye."

Not Interested.

LEBANON, Mo., July 8.—Mr. Bland came to town yesterday afternoon. He heard of the preliminary balloting and selection of the chairman, etc., unmoved and was the most unconcerned man in Lebanon. There was no enthusiasm displayed here, not over twenty friends of Bland being present at the free silver club's headquarters, most of whom were newspaper men. When the message came that the convention had adjourned until tomorrow, Mr. Bland said:

"Well, good night, boys. I'll come in before noon tomorrow, sure." Then he went down the street to the postoffice and got in line with about fifty others, farmers, hired men and housewives, and waited for the distribution of the mails.

After getting his mail he crossed over to the hardware store and bought a new plowshare and a pump chain, and getting back into his surrey with General Mitchell set off for home.

Good Week for Crops.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The week ending July 6, like that immediately preceding, was, upon the whole, exceptionally favorable for crops. Winter wheat harvest is about completed, except in the more northerly states, where it continues. Heavy rains in Kentucky and Tennessee have caused some damage to the shocked wheat. Some threshing has been done in West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, Minnesota and North Dakota spring wheat made favorable progress during the week and in Iowa it is beginning to ripen. Reports generally indicate that corn has made fine progress and the outlook for an exceptionally fine crop in the principal corn states is most promising. The condition of cotton has improved, especially over the eastern portion of the cotton belt, and the complaints of injury by lice continue to diminish. The outlook for tobacco continues flattering; the weather conditions of the week proving very favorable for the crop.

Brouth continues in Colorado, over the greater part of Texas and northern Louisiana and is felt in western Tennessee and in a limited area in Minnesota. Rain is also badly needed in Oregon and Washington. Light frosts occurred in New York and in Nevada and Utah, causing no serious damage.

No Use for Tupper.

TORONTO, Ont., July 8.—The Globe, the chief organ of the incoming liberal government, in a leading editorial says: "There are ominous rumors afloat as to a plot at Ottawa to defeat the will of the people and to maintain Sir Charles Tupper in the seat of authority and in control of the government. There is grave uneasiness among the liberals; among the friends of constitutional government there is a suspicion of distrust and anxiety, but we doubt if there is serious ground for alarm. We do not care very much whether Sir Charles Tupper resigns or meets parliament, except that the public convenience would be served by his prompt resignation. The liberals for nearly a score of years have been fighting against tremendous odds and have taken beating after beating like men. They did no whining. Sir Charles Tupper can determine the spirit and temper in which the liberal party shall approach their new tasks and responsibilities."

Will be Declared Off.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 8.—The fight scheduled between Peter Maher and Joe Chovnski before the National sporting club of San Francisco August 3 may be declared off.

Moving for a Bolt.

CHICAGO, July 8.—After a session last night of nearly three hours the gold men who are here under the leadership of Mr. Whitney adopted the following resolution: "That a committee of one or more be appointed from each state to confer with the people and report the temper concerning the formation of an organization of the sound money and old democracy and how far such organization should go in independent action in the election next fall."

At Canton.

CANTON, O., July 8.—Major McKinley shook hands with and talked to a great many callers yesterday. They were not men of wide reputation as a rule, but were for the most part intelligent, alert, active commercial travellers. Preparations are being made for the visit of a large number of ladies on the 16th of July. Among the callers yesterday was Capt Charles Roberts of the United States army. Captain Roberts served on Crook's staff with Major McKinley.

A Day in the Convention

CHICAGO, July 10.—Yesterday was a day of days in the history of national political conventions. From early morning until late at night, with the exception of three hours in the session, the gigantic Coliseum, the largest hall in the world, was crowded to the doors with interested and enthusiastic spectators. But great in number as had been the masses who attended the morning and afternoon sitting, they were as nothing in comparison to the tremendous, record-breaking audience that thronged the stupendous auditorium at the evening assembly. Such a gathering had never before been seen at a national convention. Floor and galleries formed one great mass of solid humanity. Where the narrow ribbons of aisles had marked the various divisions of the huge interior, there were gathered hundreds, perhaps thousands, of those who could not find other accommodations. Every chair was filled and some idea of the meaning of this may be gained by the knowledge that the Coliseum has a seating capacity of 16,000. And in addition to the myriads who choked and crowded every available space, many more, estimated at 5,000 in number, were gathered about the entrance during the greater part of the evening, tickets in hand, fruitlessly clamoring for admission.

MANY WILD OUTBURSTS.

Like Wednesday yesterday was a day for remarkable demonstrations of enthusiasm, but the pinnacle of emotional expression was reached in a scene wonderful in its spontaneity, and unprecedented, probably, in any similar gathering of a political party. There had been an outburst of enthusiasm stirring to behold when David B. Hill finished a great rhetorical effort in antagonism to the platform presented by the committee on resolutions; the vast assemblage had listened to a sensational speech by Senator Tillman, replete in impassioned expression and in incrimination of President Cleveland, and had showed approval and disapproval by cheers and hisses.

But when William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, handsome, vigorous and magnetic and not unlike McKinley in voice and facial expression, concluded the effort of his life in support of the free coinage platform, there occurred one of those scenes which send the blood coursing fast through the veins of even the most passive spectator, and remain fixed in the memory for a lifetime. Like the premonitory rumbling that gives warning of the approach of ten thousand cattle stampeded delegates and spectators began the ovation to the young Nebraskan. And then the volume of sound grew and grew until it could grow no more and enthusiasm went mad as Bryan, in his passage down the aisle toward the Nebraska seats, was caught in the whirlwind of frenzied enthusiasm and lifted high on the shoulders of delegates.

From floor to gallery the waves of applause swept and back again from gallery to floor, and when the shouting, yelling, cheering masses fell back exhausted, William J. Bryan had been cast into the arena of presidential hope as a full-fledged candidate for his party's nomination.

TILLMAN PARTLY BALKED.

An attempt on the part of Senator Tillman to have the convention condemn President Cleveland and his administrative policy had been frustrated by many protests from Senator Jones and Bryan, who, though admittedly anti-administration in their views, decried any abuse of the man who had been twice the choice of their party. Senator Tillman, admonished by the cheering which gave commendation to the remarks of Jones and Bryan, withdrew his resolution.

At night the candidates for the nomination were named by noted orators and the usual demonstrations followed. Bland was cheered to the echo, and a scene of the wildest enthusiasm ensued when Senator Vest mentioned his name at the end of the nominating speech. Bryan, suddenly injected into the list of probabilities by his speech of the afternoon, was put before the convention in the maiden effort of Delegate H. T. Lewis of Georgia, who established a reputation for natural oratory in the few brief moments he took for the purpose, and equal to the demonstration for Bland was that which followed the Georgia delegate's address.

A girl in white, frantic in her enthusiasm for Horace Boies, leaped to a chair in the gallery and waved a Boies banner with frenzied vehemence, and nearly every man in the vast hall, whether from gallantry or actual sympathy, rose and cheered with a right good will. And when the pretty young woman, swaying, jumping, clapping her hands and giving vent to her emotion in divers other ways, marched through delegates and spectators with the Boies standard borne above her head, the audience caught the full spirit of her enthusiasm and shouted approval with might and main.

Until late in the night these stirring scenes continued and the thousands gathered under the vast expanse of iron canopy never seemed to tire of using their lungs.

South Dakota Republicans.

ABERDEEN, S. D., July 10.—The republican state convention adjourned at 6 o'clock yesterday morning after a continuous session of eleven hours. R. S. Gamble and Coe L. Crawford were nominated for congress. The following state officers were nominated by acclamation: Governor, A. O. Ringer; lieutenant governor, D. T. Hindman; secretary of state, W. H. Ruddle; treasurer, K. G. Phillips; auditor, H. E. Mayhew; attorney-general, S. W. Jones; land commissioner, John Lockhall.

Coolness of a French Crew.

A gun cartridge exploded in the central powder magazine of the French ironclad Admiral Duperre at Toulon recently, blowing out the magazine door to a distance of 30 feet. The magazine was closely packed with three tons of explosive shells, but no further harm was done. The crew of the vessel stood to quarters and pumped water into the magazine while Admiral de Cuverville went in to find what had happened, all expecting to be blown up.

BRYAN BOOM A WINNER

Get the Presidential Nomination Without a Struggle.

THE STAMPEDE CAME EARLY

Fifth Ballot Did It—Gradual Gain From the Start.

CHICAGO, July 11.—William J. Bryan, of Nebraska was selected yesterday as the standard bearer of the democratic party in the campaign for the presidency of the United States. Yesterday when the handsome young Nebraskan mounted the rostrum in the convention hall to close the debate on the party platform he was considered the merest possibility in the race for the honor to be conferred. Half an hour later, when he concluded his great rhetorical effort, he had become a seeming probability. With the hours of the night his chances grew and when the convention resumed business this morning he had been established as Richard P. Bland's most formidable competitor.

As the balloting progressed his popularity among the delegates became more and more apparent and his strength in votes went by leaps and bounds until the culmination came in the capture of Illinois and Ohio and the withdrawal of Bland, with the consequent transfer of Missouri to the Bryan column.

There were no glaring transparencies, no life-sized lithographs, no special bands of music to attract to the eloquent young lawyer and newspaper man. The modest banner of the William J. Bryan club, a Nebraska organization, was the only conspicuous emblem of the Bryan cause.

During the night a standard had been prepared bearing the concluding words of Bryan's speech of yesterday: "No crown of thorns, no cross of gold," and this alone was the most suggestive outward indication that the Nebraskan was in the race to stay. But it needed no artificial means such as these to keep the name of Bryan to the fore. His striking presence, his earnest bearing, his wonderful melodiousness of voice exhibited in his speech had not faded from the minds of delegates and spectators and every mention of his name brought forth hearty cheers that told the story of the firm hold he had upon those who could make or unmake him in his presidential aspirations and upon thousands of onlookers.

BATTLE OF BALLOTS.

The battle of the ballots was fought with a doggedness that showed a firm determination on the part of those pledged to particular candidates to be consistent in the desire of their hearts, but little by little the standard of Bryan was pressed nearer and nearer to the point of vantage. At first he gained slowly, then a great leap would be made as some delegation of formidable number would throw in its lots with his cohorts. The fifth ballot was reached and the result was still uncertain, but at its end Bryan was all but within the goal. Delegates and audience became excited when it became apparent that the Nebraskan had gathered many recruits from the Bland forces, and cheer after cheer went up from floor and gallery.

A rumor went around the vast hall that Illinois, consistent as Missouri in adherence to the lifelong champion of free coinage of silver, was wavering, and when Governor Altgeld and his associates withdrew for consultation the excitement grew to fever heat. Change followed change in the ballots cast by the various states and all went to the man from Nebraska's capital city and when Illinois, Ohio and finally Missouri threw their strength to his support the case had been won and William J. Bryan stood forth in triumph as the leader of his party.

Exhausted by cheering the name of the Nebraskan, the vast congregation in the convention was slow to avail itself of the opportunity for displaying the full extent of its vigor, but it gradually rose to the demands of the occasion and turned loose a volume of sound that made the iron roof tremble in unison. Every man and woman in the hall who was standing as the Bryan supporters on the floor, grasped the guidons indicating the positions of the various states and marched in triumph through the aisles bounding the square spaces reserved for delegates, and as the guidons of other states joined the procession the cheering became madly intense.

Bland banners, Boies banners and emblems of other candidates fell into line and the culminating point in the enthusiasm was reached when the Bland band, headed by the numerous transparencies bearing the Missouri's name took step with the rest and bent their endeavors to Dixie's quickstep. When it was all over people fell back in their chairs weak and exhausted and listened quietly to the formalities which concluded the session.

Last night a session was held for the purpose of selecting the candidate for vice-president, but without proceeding to a ballot an adjournment was forced until this morning at 10 o'clock, when efforts will be made to complete the business of the convention.