

THE REPUBLICANS.

Their National Convention Moves at Minneapolis.

THOUSANDS ATTEND THE SESSIONS.

J. Sloat Fassett, of New York, Made Temporary Chairman—Gov. McKinley, of Ohio, Chosen to Preside Permanently.

THE GAVEL FALLS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 8.—The national republican convention was called to order Tuesday at 12:31 p. m. by J. S. Clarkson, chairman of the national committee. The delegates were all in their seats, and the parts of the great hall devoted to spectators were crowded to suffocation. When the chairman's gavel fell Mr. Clarkson announced that the session would be opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Brush, chancellor of the University of South Dakota at Mitchell. A moment after the whole convention stood as Dr. Brush, a venerable looking man with sparsely covered head and long white beard, delivered the invocation.

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Mr. Sewell, of New Jersey, offered a resolution on resolutions in as follows:

Alabama, William Vaughan; Arkansas, A. S. Fowler; California, George A. Knight; Colorado, H. M. Teller; Connecticut, James F. Platt; Delaware, Gen. J. H. Wilson; Florida, Edward R. Gunby; Georgia, R. B. Wright; Idaho, W. R. Hepburn; Illinois, James G. Calhoun; Indiana, C. E. Griffin; Iowa, J. H. Gear; Kansas, O. E. Learned; Kentucky, George Denny, Jr.; Louisiana, Robert F. Guichard; Maine, C. F. Libbey; Massachusetts, John Q. A. Brackett; Maryland, John Q. A. Brackett; Michigan, Charles Austin; Minnesota, George Thompson; Mississippi, (Pa.) J. H. Wilson; Missouri, D. H. Montgomery; Montana, Thomas Couch; Nebraska, C. H. Gere; Nevada, John F. Jones; New Hampshire, David R. Pierce; New Jersey, Gilbert Collins; New York, Edmund O'Connor; North Dakota, John A. Percival; Ohio, J. B. Foraker; Oregon, George Drury, Jr.; Pennsylvania, W. H. Oliver; Rhode Island, Frank C. Harris; South Carolina, S. E. Smith; South Dakota, Edward Corn; Tennessee, Newton Packen; Texas, A. K. Rosenthal; Vermont, A. Brown; Virginia, Edmund Waddill; Washington, Edward Eldridge; West Virginia, John A. Hutchison; Wisconsin, Lucius Fairchild; Wyoming, S. W. Downey; Arizona, George N. C. Murphy; District of Columbia, Perry Carson; New Mexico, J. A. Whitmore; Utah, F. J. Cannon; Oklahoma, A. J. Seay; Ex-Gov. Foraker, of Ohio, was made chairman.

SECOND DAY.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 9.—Three minutes before the hour of opening the second session of the republican national convention (11 a. m.) Gov. McKinley, the chairman-elect, walked down the main aisle to an accompaniment of cheers. He bore no roll of manuscript, and it was evident that he had prepared no set speech. At 11:43 when Chairman Fassett rapped the convention to order, Mr. Rev. H. B. Whipple, Episcopal bishop of Minnesota, who had been

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