WRESTLING WITH FUSION

KANSAS DEMOCRATS AND POPU-LISTS SCHEMING.

HUTCHINSON GATHERING.

Guickly Adjourns After the Temporal Organization and Appointment of Committees - David Overmyer Speaks for Fusion on Bryan and Sewall Electors-Populists at Abilene.

HUTCHINSON, Aug. c.-The party eaders did not arrive at the Democratic convention hall until long after the time set for calling the convention to order. At 11:40 o'clock Chairman Bacon of the central committee rapped for order and presented the Rev. Alfred Brown, rector of the Episcopal church in this city, who made a brief prayer while the delegates stood. Secretary Pepperill read the call for the convention, and then a letter from W. J. Bryan was read as follows:

"Lincoln, Neb., July 31, 1896.—Frank Bacon, Esq., Choirman, Member Cen-tral committee: My Dear Sir—Your favor of July 2:, inclosing letter of Mr. Barkley and Oswell of Hutchinson, Kan., requesting me to speak at that city on August 4 has been received. I regret very much that the duties of the campaign which are pressing upon me render it impossible for me to do so. No arrangement for speeches can be made until after the campaign has been outlined by the national committee, and until that has been done I deem it wise to make promises. Very truly yours—W. J.



Kansas City Journal. EX-SENATOR JOHN MARTIN.

H. S. Martin, temporary chairman, was called to the platform and was received with cheers. He thanked the convention for the honor of his election to the chairmanship, and referred to the report of Democratic victory in Alabama, which brought forth prolonged cheers. Then he dwelt upon rule, and closed by lauding the Demo-eratic national candidates.

The secretary was instructed to extend greeting and congratulations to Governor-elect Johnson of Alabama, after which J. C. Orr moved that the usual committees be appointed, with one member from each district. This was at once adopted.

After the appointment of meeting places for the various committees the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock. As the delegates were rising from their chairs some one shouted for a speech from David Overmyer. Almost instantly the hall was in an uproar.

Overmyer was escorted to the platform by a score of delegates, when the applause had subsided he said: "Since we last metat Topeka there has been a convention at Chicago. That convention performed a miracle. It has always been held as axiomatic in politics that a party cannot correct in-ternal evils tending towards its de-struction. Yet at Chicago the Democratic party not only did this, but more. All forms of class destruction, of money power, of precedent and all forms of organized power were overturned, the people rose in their might and declared themselves. This was not an instantaneous development. It was the result of several years. It re-quired time to pass Democracy under the yoke of plutocracy. The miracle performed was that of self regeneration, and the party now stands purged from its self-destructive elements, for the common people of America. (Cheers.) There is a famillar saving that the unexpected always happens. It did happen. There is another saying that man purposes and God disposes. This (pointing to the picture of William J. Bryan) is God's disposition. (Prolonged cheers.) Tak-ing man as man, William J. Bryan is the representative American. He has not his superior. He will be the con-queror of every heathen part of our land, like the young conquerors of

Overmyer further eulogized the standard bearer, at every period being interrupted by cheers. He spoke for fifteen minutes on the money question, strongly asserting the ne-cessity of free and unlimited coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1. In closing he said: "William J. Bryan is as certain to be elected as election day will And when the wild applause greeting this assertion had ceased, he continued with skilfully modulated tone: 'Provided we Democrats make no fatal mistake. See to it that in the state of Kansas there is fusion on electors for Bryan and Sewall. Let this convention carry out the known will of the Democratic party, the People's party and a majority of the Republican party."

THE POPULISTS.

Candidates Scheming for Position -Fusion the First Question.

ARILENE, Kan Aug. 5.-It is agreed among the party managers that the first work of the Populist state convention, which will assemble here tomorrow, after the permanent organization shall have been effected, will be the appointment of a committee to confer with a like committee from the

Democratic state convention in session at Hutchinson, on the question of presidential electors. This action will be taken in obedience to the wishes of the candidates for the state



A. HARRIS offices, who do not concest their desire for fusion with the Democrats. Some go so far, as has already been published, as to express a willingness to give the Democrats all of the electors in consideration of Democratic indorsement of the state ticket to be nominated here. About one-half of the delegates

have arrived and have been busy with caucuses and conferences in the pretty park in front of the hotel since park in front of the hotel since 6 o'clock. The majority of sentiment seems to favor Bryan and Sewall electors, but a strong following led by John W. Breidenthal, Harrison Kelley and J. M. Allen, are fighting for a Bryan and Watson ticket. Others favor a division of the ticket, five electors to each party with possibly a Democrat and a free silver Republican on the State ticket. Such an arrangement, however, would only an arrangement, however, would only come by the grace of the Democrats, who, it is admitted by the more practical of the Populist politicians, are in a position to dictate terms as to electors. They may take all or divide the ticket as they may see fit. It is only for the sake of appearing to keep faith with the Populists of the Southern states, that the proposition Southern states that the proposition to give Watson representation on the electoral ticket finds favor. It especially is desired to conciliate the Texas Populists who will hold their convention to-morrow, and Breiden-thal is very anxious to wire them that Kansas has done the fair thing. Other politicians are not so kindly disposed toward the Southern brethren. They say that the middle-of-the road leaders cannot hold the Southern Populists in line; that 50 per cent of the rank and file will vote for Bryan and Sewall. Among the candidates who take this ground is Colonel W. A. Harris.

The news received this morning that the Democrats had carried Alabama by a sweeping majority has strengthby a sweeping majority has atrengthened the position of advocates of Sewall electors. It is accepted as significant that the Populists of the South, even with Republican fusion, are not equal to the task of turning down the Democratic electors. R. W. Turner of Mankato, a leading free silver Repub-



From Kansas City Journal. L. D. LEWELLING.

lican, says that if the Populists fail to nominate or indorse a full set of Bryan and Sewall electors the free silver Republican committee will nominate one and advocate it before the people.

All of the candidates for governor, with the exception of George M. Munger, are here. They are W. A. Harris, L. D. Lewelling, J. W. Leedy, L. P. King and George Campbell. Mr. Munger is expected to-night. The Harris boom was given a little backset and the Lewelling boom a boost this morning by the Douglas county delegates, who openly declared that they would not be bound by their instructions for Harris, but would support Lewel-

ling.
Both Harris and Lewelling are making an open fight. The other candidates are quietly working, hoping that the two leading men will succeed in destroying each other.

MILLIONS LOST.

Moore Bros'. Liabilities Pinced at Be tween \$4,000,000 and \$5,500,000. CHICAGO, Aug. 5. -It is estimated by those in a position to know that the Moore Bros. have lost between \$4,000,-000 and \$5,500,000 in the Diamond Match deal. Some say it has wiped out every cent of their immense for-

This morning the following was posted on the front door of the Stock

exchange:
"The Chicago Stock exchange has adjourned subject to the action of the governing committee.—J. R. Wilkins,

At a meeting of the governing com mittee a resolution was adopted calling for the appointment of a committee of four, the chairman of which shall be the president of the stock exchange and the other three to be appointed by him to confer with the bankers of Chicago and the Moore Bros., to arrange upon a basis of set-

tlement Chicago banks and bankers, who hold approximately \$4,000,000 worth of Diamond Match stock as collateral for money loaned, will not press bor-rowers for settlement. Another thing the banks have decided to do is to accept the stock of the Diamond Match owned by Moore Bros. at a cash value of 170.

The German government has set

MISSOURI

CANDIDATES IN POSSESSION AT JEFFERSON CITY.

WAR HORSES LINING UP.

Sovernor Stone's Alleged Slate in Behalf of Lon V. Stephens for Governor Likely to Be Put Through-Ball and Waddill Not Yet Ready to Give Up-Judge Gib. son a Dark Horse

JEFFERSON CITY. ag. 5.—Delegates and politicia 11 c gathering in hosts to attend to semocratic state convention, which will open to-morrow. Early this we ning there were at least 500 strange, in the city. By to-night the nump. will be doubled. Six weeks ago there was published the story that the Stone forces had concentrated their strength to nominate Lon V. Stephens for governor, J. M. Seibert for state auditor, Frank Pitts for state treasurer, A. A. Lesuer for secretary of state, Ed Crow of Webb City for attorney general and H. M. Ramey of St. Joseph for su-preme judge, leaving the other places



LON V. STEPHENS.

on the ticket to be fought for by who-ever might choose to enter the race. The best informed politicians who are here to-day do not vary the slate

It is generally conceded that there will be a hard fight between Crow and Morton Jourdan for attorney general, with no particular advantage on either aide; that Judge Theodre Brace, the present incumbent, and D. P. Stratton of Vernon county are giving Judge Ramey a very interesting race and that there is always a chance for a whole slate to be broken.

Since the delegates began to gather there has been a little boom started for Judge Gibson for governor. This morning he was active among the delegates, but appears as a dark horse

only.

For lieutenant governor there are these candidates: G. T. Dunn of Troy,
A. H. Bolte of Washington, John B.
O'Meara of St. Louis, John A. Lee of
St. Louis, J. F. Davidson of Hannibal,
Henry W. Hickman of Jefferson City, T. K. Gash of Liberty, E. S. McCarty of Cape Girardeau. It is considered a good guess here to say that the race is between Bolte and O'Meara and that the Stone-Stevens crowd will try to pull Bolte through. Bolte is a German, and since the Republicans have placed Rudolph Hirzel on their ticket the Democrats are desirous of making a bid for the German vote. Frank Pitts of Farris is the only man talked of for State treasurer.

R. W. Carey of Kansas City and M. K. McGrath of St. Louis are A. A. Lesueur's opponents for secretary of state. Carey's name may not be presented to the convention.

These are the entries in the race for railroad and warehouse commissioner A. J. Connelly of Warrensburg, T. J. Hennessey of St. Louis, B. F. Bourne of Memphis, Charles Sain of Brook-field, J. W. Morris of Westboro, Joseph Garnett of Kansas City, A. C. Head of Moberly and F. P. Bronaugh of Henry county. It appears to be anybody's race, with no particular favorites.

Bishop Newman Challenged. Boston, Aug. 5.-George F. Washburn of this city, eastern member of the national executive committee of the People's party, has issued a chal-lenge to Bishop John P. Newman of San Francisco to name a single Populist who is known as an anarchist. The challenge is in reply to a newspaper report which stated that Bishop Newman had made a statement that the Populists were no better than anarchists and were not good American citizens.

A Kentuckian Murders His Family. PROVIDENCE, Ky., Aug. 5. - Tom Brown, 30-years old, a farmer living near Clay, beat his mother-in-law, Mrs. Cash, to death with the poll of an axe, Sunday night, chopped his wife to death with the blade and beat his infant in the face and head, presumably with his clenched fist. Then he went to the house of his nearest neighbor, told him what he had done, and asked him to shoot him. He was arrested.

Theater Managers Combine.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 .- A meeting at Hoyt's theater yesterday, attended by all the local managers and most of the traveling managers of theatrical companies, organized the United Asssociation of Theatrical Managers, the object of the association being mutual protection.

Mrs. Ben S. Henderson, wife of the

RECORD BREAKING HEAT.

The Southwest Warmer for Ten Days Than Has Ever Been Known.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .- The weather

bureau issued the following special bulletin to-day: "Intensely hot and unusually dry weather has prevailed throughout a portion of the Southwest, including Western Tennessee, Northern Louisians, Northern Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory during the past ten or twelve days, the temperature reported being, in many instances, higher than any previously recorded by the weather bureau during this season of the year. Maximum temperature of 100 degrees and over have occurred daily in Arkansas and Oklahoma during the period mentioned and throughout most of the region the temperatures have ranged continuously above 95 degrees. At Little Rock and the city of Oklahoma maximum temperature of 104 degrees unusually dry weather has prevailed Little Rock and the city of Ok/shoma maximum temperature of 104 degrees occurred on August 1, which were, respectively 5 and 7 degrees higher than any previous record at these stations during the first ten days of August. During the past tweive days the maximum temperature at Little Rock has been 100 degrees on seven days, 102 degrees on seven days, 103 degrees on four days and 104 degrees on one day."

SWEPT BY DEMOCRATS.

The Size of the Majority in Alabama the Only Question-Frauds Charged-

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 5 .- The size of the Democratic majority seems to be all that remains in doubt with regard to the result of yesterday's state slection, though Populist leaders are claiming frauds of the grossest kind. Because of the slow process of counting the votes under the new ballot law, returns are necessarily slow, but there is no doubt of a complete Democratic victory. Incomplete returns from about half the counties, so far received indicate Democratic gains in all but Mobile and Macon. In the former the Democrats appear to have lost some 500 votes by stay-at-homes, but the county is still in the Demo-cratic column by 500 majority. In Macon county, which gave Oates a majority of 800 in 1894, the result is To-day the lowest Democratic esti-

mate places the majority at 25,000 and the highest at 60,000. The legislature s safely Democratic by at least two-

The Populist leaders in Birmingham claim that thousands of fictitious votes were cast in the "black belt" and they threaten that if Goodwyn is not elected they will organize the Populists of the State against Bryan and carry Alabama for McKinley in November.

IRISH RELIEF PLANS.

Features of the Report of the Special Commission -State Aid Proposed.

LONDON, Aug. 5. - The Chronicle this morning gives a summary of the report of the commission appointed last year through the instrumentality of the Right Hon. D. R. Plunkett, Conservative member of Parliament for Dublin university, to consider any practical means of benefiting Ireland. s refused t commission, which was formed of Unionists and Parnellites, including Dr. Kane, John Redmond, Joseph E. Kenney, M. P. for Dublin, and Mr.

The report favors the creation of a department headed by a minister and responsible to Parliament for the development and furtherance of Irish industry, agricultural or otherwise, with a consultative council of fortytwo members representative of Ire-land's various commercial and industrial interests. The scheme would involve state aid and the Chronicle learns that the government is seriously inclined to take some action in the direction suggested. The department would give bounties to promote agricultural experiments and encourage several years ago, after the first great co-operation in dairy and other indus-tries.

SILVER LESSONS.

Armour Gives Ment and a Mexican Doilar for an American Dollar.

CHICAGO, Aug. A .- Philip P. Armour. the packer, has had printed notices distributed among his 5,000 employees announcing that for an American silver dollar he will give them 50 cents worth of meat and a Mexican silver dollar in change. He also has pre-pared a circular showing the rates of wages and prices of goods for the working classes in Mexico as compared to what is received in this coun-

A ready-made clothing merchant has also hung out a placard saying that he will give for an American sil-ver dollar 50 cents' worth of goods and a Mexican dollar for change.

Judge Pratt of New York Dead. NEW YORK, Aug. 5 .- Justice Calvin Pratt of the appellate division of the state supreme court died suddenly yesterday of apoplexy at Rochester, Mass., agea 68 years. His health had been poor for years, owing to a wound he received in the late war. In politics he was a Democrat. He had a distinguished war record and left the army with the rank of brigadier gen-

Peru Borrows \$16,000,000.

LIMA, Peru, Aug. 5 .- President Pierola has effected a loan of \$16,000,-000 guaranteed by a salt tax and other revenues. It will be subscribed partly in Paris and partly in Lima. It will be submitted to an executive session of Congress for ratification. The government's object in raising the money is to ransom the province of Tacus and Arioa.

Cecil Rhodes Reckless.

CAPETOWN, Aug. 5 .- Cecil Rhodes displayed great courage in the field while bullets were raining around him, a war correspondent from Matabeleland reports. The former premier said that he could not see that anything was to be gained by his go-ing into a hot corner, but if he did not do so he would be tainted with cowwell known Kansas lawyer and politician, has brought suit for divorce at ardice. Therefore he exposed himself Kansas City, Kan. Infidelity is the unnecessarily to stop the mouths of principal charge.

A STUPENDOUS COLLAPSE

CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED TO PREVENT A PANIC.

TWO BIG BUBBLES BURST.

Bottom Drops Out of the Diamond Match and New York Biscuit Speculations Biggest Deal of the Kind in History-Many Millions Lost-Moore Brothers the Principal Victims.

CIRCAGO, Aug. 5.—The speculative deal in Diamond Match and New York Biscuit stock has come to an end. The Biscuit stock has come to an end. The Moore Bros. have failed. The greatest speculation ever known in Chicago has culminated in the failure of the people who were behind the deal. The Chicago stock exchange addressed at the chicago stock exchange addressed at the chicago stock exchange for the chicago stock exchange addressed at the chicago stock exchange and selected at the chicago stock exchange and selected at the chicago stock exchange addressed at the chicago stock exchange and selected at the chicago stock exchange at the ch journed at 10 o'clock this morning for national committee, and asking him if an indefinite period. This action was an indefinite period. This action was decided upon at a meeting held last

The speculative deal of which the failure is the culmination is by all odds the most important in the history of Chicago stock exchange affairs. It began early in this year. The stock of the Diamond Match Company had been selling along 130 for quite a time and there had been no special activity in the market. Just prior to the Venezuela incident, the tip had got out in inside circles that there were to be some important European developments in connection with Diamond Match affairs and the buying of the stocks commenced by strong people.

The Venezuela incident, Aug. 5.— A strong this match affairs and the buying of the stocks commenced by strong people. Match affairs and the buying of the stocks commenced by strong people. The Venezuelan panic interfered with the speculation and the stock dropped during the general decline at that time to 115. From there the rise started which is the most remarkable in the history of the exchange.

A strong group of speculators.

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A strong group of speculators, headed by John H. Moore and William H. Moore, began buying the stock. It moved up with scarcely a hait. The bears occasionally endeavored to interfere with the rise, but they each time found that there was both speculative genius and financial strength behind the market, which was unlike anything in local speculative affairs. The rise went on for a

was unlike anything in local speculative affairs. The rise went on for a considerable time before the general public had any intimation of what was really behind the advance.

When the decline in stock markets generally came, following the Democratic convention, the stock was selling at 224. The values of other securities tumbled day after day, but Match was held steadily without so much as a fractional decline. The Moores bought the stock with confidence that inspired confidence in fidence that inspired confidence in others. The people who had the best information about the company's spects seemed to feel absolutely certain of the value of the security, and prices were held through all the sharp fluctuations in other stocks fluctuations which carried West Chicago to the lowest point in its history, and marked startling declines in all

cago to the lowest point in its history, and marked startling declines in all other securities.

Yesterday the stock was held with hardly a waver at 222, but there was an outpouring of long stock which led the keen observer of the market to fear that the load might become too heavy, and the events later in the afternoon proved that those fears were correct.

The deal in Diamond Match was only part of this great speculative operation. The Moore Bros had organized the New York Biscuit company several years ago, after the first great success of the Diamond Match com-

success of the Diamond Match com-pany. The panic of 1893 had hit the biscuit company severely as it did all the other industries and the stock was far below par. The success which was met with in a speculative manip-ulation of Diamond Match led to a desire to see what could be done with New York Biscuit and that stock was taken several months ago and ad-

vanced from 70 to 108.

From that it dropped back to 92, and for weeks was held close about that figure, in spite of the sharp declines in other securities. Enormous quantities of this stock were also poured upon the market, but they were taken with the same steadiness which marked the action of Diamond match. The accum-ulations, however, represented a great sum in time, and the operations in the stock will add largely to the total of the amount involved.

It is not at the present time possible to make any estimate of what the figure is. The Moore's have unquestionably purchased an enormous line of New York Biscuit and Diamond Match. The high price at which Match has been selling makes the sum involved extremely large. The capital stock of the Diamond Match Company is \$11,000,000, and of New York Biscuit \$9,000,000.

Fusion Effected in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 5.-A secret conference was held Sunday night between National Committeeman Walsh, Democratic, and the leaders of State Populists. Judge C. U. Cole, J. B. Weaver, Thomas Meredith and others represented the Populists. The conference was to arrange a basis for the two parties for the State and electoral ticket. Unofficially it is re-ported that the Populists will receive two places of importance on the State tickt, and three on the electoral ticket. These present felt no doubt of their ability to carry out the agree-

Gorman to Lend His Ald.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. - Senator Gorman has decided to aid Chairman Jones in the conduct of the Democratic campaign. He has stipulated, however, that he shall be a silent partner, giving his advice and the benefit of his experience as a political gen-eral, but not being known publicly as s member of the executive or any other committee.

SANTA FE COLLISION.

assenger Trains Come Together Near Bosworth, Mo .- - One Killed.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Aug. 5 .- A headead collission of passenger trains on the Santa Fe took place two miles east of Bosworth, a station fifteen miles east of here at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, resulting in the death of Engineer Fred Heady of Fort Madison, and the serious injury of Madison, and the serious injury of Express Messenger Leads Budway of Chicago, and the painful maiming of eight others. The company lost property in the wreck worth thousands of dollars. Considering the circumstances and the location of the collision, it is marvelous that the death list is not much larger. The wreck was caused by either lax orders boing given by the dispatcher, or the forgetfulness of the dead engineer.

STONE TO NOTIFY BRYAN.

Missouri's Governor Will Tell the Candidate of His Nomination.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 5.-Sendecided upon at a meeting held last evening at which were present the members of the stock exchange, governing committee and a number of prominent capitalists.

The speculative deal of which the failure is the culmination is by all City as soon as the nomination of the campaign.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 5. — A wreck this morning at North Indianapolis on the Big Four road caused a car containing trotting horses belongcar containing trotting horses belonging to J. E. Bush of Louisville to upset and every horse was so much injured that it is thought none will ever race again. The value of the animals is said to have been \$60,000. David Barnum, in charge, Dennis Porter of Louisville, George Fagan of Lexington and Charles Brock of Kentucky were injured, none fatally.

The wreck was caused by a hot journal. The horses were on their way from Freeport, Iil., to Louisville. Their names were May Queen, 3 years old, no record; Hal Corker, 2:12; Sally Bronson, 2:18½; King Henry, a green coit of great promise; Minnie Defoe, 2:16; Buster, 2:12½.

THE MARKETS.

Kanaas Cirr. Mo. Ang 5.—Low grades stitute the bulk of the wheat offerings, they sold slowly and lower in some of Choice samples were in fair demand and firmly seld. Hard Wheat-No. 2, 534e; No. 3, 14e; No.

82.50. No. 1, \$1. 0 24; No. 2, \$3 c 3.50; No. 3, \$2 82.50.

Eggs—Kansas and Missouri, strictly candled stock 8c dozen

Poultry—Hens, 5%c lb.; roosters, the early springs, 7c; turkeys, hens, 6c; gobblers, 5c; old, %c; spring ducks, 7c; old, 6c; gesse, spring, 6c; pigeons, \$1 dozou; squabs, scarce and wanted, \$1. 23 dozen.

Butter—Creamery, extra fancy separator, 12c; firsts. 1 c; dairy fancy, 12c; fair, 10c; store packed, fresh. 788c; packing stock, 7c.

Apples—Maiden Blush seem to form the bulk of the supply, and are selling at 10@ 0c a bushel. Other varieties, except fancy stand stock, sell from 20@40c a bushel. Fancy White Holly and Red Junes, for stand purposes sell from 6.690ca bushel.

Tomatoes—The market opened with little trading until the prices were put down to 15 and 20 cents.

Chicago Board of Trade. CHICAGO, Aug 5.—The following is the range of prices of the grain and provision market on the Board of Trade:

	High.	Low.		Aug. &
WHEAT— August September December	58% 61	N8 80%	18 18% 61	8814 6814 60%
August September May	25% 25%	24 % 27 %	7416 1516 1814	84% 24 X 28%
August September May	18%	17%	17% 18% 10%	17% 18% 20%
August September January	7 25 7 2	6 47% 7 07%	7 20 7 23 7 1734	6 30 6 85 7 0214
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KANSAS CITY, Mo , Aug. & - Cattle-Receipts