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SILVER MEN IN SESSION

And a Many Silver Women Turn Out to Hear Mr. Bryan.

WORK AT STATE THE CONFERENCE

He Counsels a Division of Representation Between the Forces of Bimetallism.

Silver Conference in Session.

As heretofore promised in this Post, the delegates to the state bimetallism conference, which is now in session in this city, were given an opportunity to hear Mr. Bryan's speech at 11 o'clock this morning.

This unusual hour was fixed for Mr. Bryan's address owing to an engagement which he has to attend the Jackson day banquet at Chicago.

A considerable time before the hour fixed upon found the lower part of the Lansing and also the balcony well filled with people who had come out to hear the silver champion's address.

Judge W. L. Greene of Kearney was introduced as chairman, and after a short address, and a song by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Bryan began to speak.

As he arose he was greeted by tumultuous applause and a scene ensued which rivaled some of those occurring in this city while the speaker was making his memorable canvass for the presidency.

Mr. Bryan said that it was gratifying to him to retain in defeat the affection of his friends, and he paraphrased a familiar saying that "it is better to have run and lost than never to have run at all."

He said that he had been looking over the campaign of 1894 in Nebraska and had found that the bimetallism forces in this state had fought exactly the same battle then as was fought in the nation two years later; that as at that time they were defeated, managing only to elect a governor and their opponent having a two-thirds majority in the legislature, two years later they re-elected their governor and succeeded in getting two-thirds of the legislature.

In view of this fact the speaker was not surprised that the opposition in this state was opposed to agitation, and he suggested that what was possible of accomplishment in Nebraska in two years is possible in the nation in a campaign of four years.

Among the suggestions made to the conference with reference to organization and plans for future activity, he said that it must not be forgotten that the bimetallism forces in this state are composed of three different factors united upon one issue, that of bimetallism, after which point they began to differ in opinion, and that in view of this fact it was highly important that in all plans for future work each of these factors should be given equal representation and that none should appear to dominate over the others.

This suggestion met with a hearty response.

The speaker paid a tribute to the good services rendered by the women's clubs and took occasion to suggest to the conference that in its deliberations it should not fail to make provisions for organizations to be composed of women, and at the statement that when it comes to raising money one women's club is worth more than sixteen men's clubs, the audience broke into cheers and laughter and some of the lady auditors seemed highly pleased.

The bimetallism conference was called to order in the Lansing theatre at 2:30 p. m. by John J. Jeffcoat of Omaha, with about 500 delegates seated in the body of the house. There was quite a crowd of spectators in the balcony and the boxes were occupied by ladies.

The preliminary caucuses had selected George W. Berge of this city for temporary chairman and Douglas county was booming Judge Cunningham R. Gott for permanent chairman.

Among the subjects to be brought before the convention will be resolutions to be introduced by a delegate from Douglas county calling upon the United States senate to refuse to confirm the appointment of Judge McHugh. The resolution imputes to him responsibility for the placing of the bolting crockets upon the official ballot in this state, which is denounced as an assault upon the ballot box, and concludes that such a man is an unsafe man to be entrusted with the enforcement of the laws and the adjustment of the rights of citizens.