

New York Democrats Protest

New York democrats who are opposed to the nomination by democracy of a candidate friendly to the men who control the great trusts and corporations, and who are not in sympathy with a meaningless platform, such as was adopted by the New York state democratic convention at Albany, met in convention at Cooper Union Monday evening, June 20. It was not the purpose of the convention to question the regularity of the delegates selected by the Albany convention, or to name a contesting delegation. Its purpose was to appoint a committee to go to St. Louis and present to the convention a protest against the action of the Albany convention. The call for Monday night's convention was published in The Commoner last week.

The following report of the Cooper Union meeting Monday night was sent broadcast over the country by the Associated Press and appeared in the newspapers Tuesday morning:

New York, June 20.—Cooper Union was crowded tonight at the anti-Parker convention called by some of those who do not acquiesce in the Parker instructions given at the New York state convention.

William J. Bryan was the principal speaker and when he appeared on the platform he was enthusiastically applauded. Before making his address he said he would not name his favorite candidate for president, but he made a savage attack on the "reorganizers," and vigorously opposed the nomination of Judge Parker, who was held up as the candidate of the corporations and not of the people.

Judge Samuel Seabury of the city court, who presided, spoke of Parker as the candidate of the "plutocracy." He advised the meeting to repudiate Parker and urged the sending of a delegation to St. Louis to protest against his nomination, and to assure the convention that if nominated Parker could not carry the state of New York.

The platform adopted at the meeting opens by condemning the expansion

policy of the republican administration. In speaking of the recent democratic state convention, the platform recites that the convention instructed for Parker by a vote of 301 to 149 and that many of those who voted against this resolution of instruction represented the democratic districts of the state where enthusiastic support of the nominee is essential to party success.

The platform goes on to say that Parker's candidacy is discredited by the character of his sponsors and that neither he or those who speak for him have presented his candidacy so as even to deserve success. The platform continues:

"Judge Parker is silent. Senator Hill speaks for him. We know Senator Hill's record. As governor of the state of New York he blocked the secret ballot. As senator he opposed his party's position on the tariff and the income tax. The people of New York expressed their opinion of Senator Hill when he was beaten for the office of governor in 1894 by 156,000 votes. Neither harmony, confidence nor success can now follow his discredited leadership."

The platform adopted tonight denounces protection or monopoly by tariffs and concludes:

"Be it resolved, that a committee of twenty-one, of which the chair shall be one, shall be appointed by the chair to present this protest to the St. Louis convention.

In the course of the resolution this declaration is made as to a candidate:

"The candidate of the democratic party must be a man who has stated his principles and can be trusted to apply them with firmness and courage."

When Mr. Bryan arose he was given an ovation. In part he said:

"I want to say that until you have an election at which Judge Parker gets more votes than I did I shall insist on coming back here. I am entitled to say that the doctrines we cherish in the west are not so unpopular here.

"I believe that the national convention should not nominate the man whom your state convention has recommended. The great question this year is not the money question, but it is whether we are to have a plutocracy or a democracy. My own position has been and will be that I shall not attempt to decide upon the availability of Mr. Hearst or others. All I ask is that we have a man on whom there is not the taint of monopoly.

"I want to give some reasons to my opposing Mr. Parker. I believe that he would be a weak candidate in the campaign and if elected a great disappointment to the people. Mr. Parker goes before the country on a cowardly, straddling platform. The democrats of this country are brave men. It required brave men to stand up for democracy in 1896. I knew in that year men in every state who were threatened with bankruptcy for being democrats.

"Where does Parker stand on imperialism? We don't know.

"Where does he stand on the money question; is he for gold? We don't know. Is he for silver? We cannot tell. Maybe he is for radium—who can tell.

"I charge here that while Parker has concealed his views from the people he has made them known to men behind him.

"What is Mr. Belmont's consideration in the Parker candidacy? He is too shrewd a financier to invest his money without being sure of the goods. If Mr. Parker dealt honestly he would say to Mr. Belmont what he says to others, that his lips are sealed and if he did so he would not be Mr. Belmont's candidate.

"Parker is traveling as a negative

quantity. He stands for nothing positive. He reminds one of the story of the man in praise of a child who said that it looked and breathed. So Parker looks at the great financial lights and breathes."

Too Zealous a Scientist

Senator William A. Clark attended a banquet of scientists. In the course of this banquet the senator said: "Science is an admirable thing. In these latter days, indeed, it is a thing as interesting and marvelous as a fairy tale. I have but one fault to find with it. It imbues some of its votaries with too profound a zeal.

"I have in mind when I say a scientific zealot of Scotland, a professor whose especial delight was insects and bugs. There once visited this Scottish professor a younger scientist. The visitor remained over night, and in the morning his host said to him: 'And how did ye sicep the nacht?'

"Not very weil," the visitor answered. 'It was a strange bed, perhaps, but,' he ventured, 'I must confess—'

"Ah!" said the professor, encouragingly, 'ye were juist bitten by something, eh?'

"Well, to tell the truth, professor, I was," the visitor admitted.

"Juist think of that," cried the professor. 'Bitten, war ye? Noo, man, can ye say it was anything at all noteworthy that bit ye?'

"Fleas, I think," said the other. 'But such fleas for biting I never met in my life before.'

"I should think so, indeed," said the professor in great glee. "They're Sicilian fleas. I imported them myself."—Washington Post.

He Took Brooms

The old fellows in New Hampshire were the sharpest things in the way of bargaining, says the Columbian. Cy Pettingill made brooms at a living and Ezra Hoskins kept a store. One day Cy came in with a load of brooms and the dickering began.

Cy was a man who could see a bargain through a six-inch plank on a dark night, and Ezra could hear a dollar bill rattle in a bag of feathers a mile off. Well, they began, and their conversation was something like this: 'Ezra, I want to sell you these brooms.'

"All right, Cy, I'll take them."

Cy said: "I don't want any store bargains. I want cash for them."

They talked and gadded for a while and then Ezra said: "I tell you what I'll do, Cy, I'll give you half cash and half trade."

Cy took a fresh cnew of tobacco, pulled a straw out of one of the brooms and said: "That'll be all right, Ezra."

After he had put the brooms in the store, Ezra said: "Here's your money, Cy; now what do you want in trade."

Cy looked around for a spell, cocked his eye up to the ceiling, stuck his cud in his cheek and said:

"Well, if it is all the same to you, Ezra, I'll take brooms."

Makes Us All Tired

The Rev. Dr. James writes an article inquiring, "Do You Work too Hard?" We are "worked" too hard. But the No. What we complain of is different. Paper Trust doesn't seem to feel bad about it at all.—Johnstown Democrat.

Liberty Only for the Fit

Theodore Roosevelt's Gettysburg speech was a remarkable output. It is more remarkable than it otherwise would be from the fact that it is so different from that other Gettysburg speech delivered by Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln held and announced at Gettysburg and elsewhere that liberty is an inherent and inalienable right.

Mr. Roosevelt holds that liberty is only for "the fit." He tells us that "freedom is a gift which can be enjoyed save by those who show themselves worthy of it."

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tyrants under the shield of which the greatest crimes against liberty have been committed. There never was a usurper in the world who did not believe that some people should have perfect liberty. There never was a king who did not hold that he had the divine right to do as he saw fit. There never was a more dangerous doctrine than the one that some should be free and that those who are free should pass on the limitations of others.

But the speech of the president is very useful in that it points out, more clearly than has been done before, the fact that we are drifting rapidly towards imperialism.

"Liberty only for the fit," indeed.—Cleveland Recorder.

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